

## County Forest Report 2013

TO: THE HONORABLE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

I. This is to convey to you a report of the operations and accomplishments of the Rusk County Forestry Department for the calendar year of 2013.

II. Parks and Recreation

1. Parks and boat landings were supervised and maintained by the Forestry Department staff.

A. Boat landing improvements and repairs were done in cooperation with:

- i. Wildlife Restoration Association
- ii. Rusk County Land and Water Conservation Dept.
- iii. Rusk County Highway Dept.
- iv. Wisconsin DNR

B. Boat landing improvements included the following.

- i. County D Bridge Boat Landing
  1. Installed new boat dock.
- ii. Audie Lake Boat Landing
  1. Addition to concrete approach ramp.

C. Funding Sources

i. Recreational Boating Funds (50/50 RBF Grant)	\$ 2,810.44
ii. Power line Funds (RBF match from parks budget)	\$ 2,810.44
iii. County Conservation Aids (50/50 CC grant)	\$ 2,475.00
iv. County Conservation Aids match from Levy	\$ <u>2,475.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,570.87</b>

2. Aerators at Audie Lake and Lea Lake were maintained by the Forestry Department Staff.

### 3. CAMPGROUND REVENUE

CAMPGROUND/PARK	2010	2011	2012	2013
Non-Designated Camping Permits	\$ 511.85	\$ 336.49	\$ 483.48	\$ 668.93
Remote Sites	\$ 588.63	\$ 360.19	\$ 613.25	\$ 673.00
Audie Lake Campground	\$12,818.97	\$13,384.83	\$13,005.69	\$14,546.21
Josie Creek Park	\$11,725.12	\$11,163.98	\$13,631.37	\$15,704.31
Murphy Dam Campground	\$ 5,159.24	\$ 6,926.05	\$ 6,199.00	\$ 6,912.89
Perch Lake Campground	\$ 1,747.87	\$ 1,373.46	\$ 2,188.48	\$ 2,076.42
Murphy/Community Pavilion Rent		\$ 118.48	\$ 236.95	\$ 300.00
Dump Station			\$ 112.32	\$ 114.66
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$32,551.68</b>	<b>\$33,663.48</b>	<b>\$36,470.50</b>	<b>\$40,993.42</b>

**4. Non-Designated Camping Permits Issued: (Regular Camping Season and Gun-Deer Season)**

YEAR	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b># OF PERMITS ISSUED</b>	Regular 6 Deer Season 32	Regular 4 Deer Season 31	Regular 5 Deer Season 32	Regular 4 Deer Season 32

5. The cross-country trail system in the Blue Hills was again maintained by the Rusk County Trails Association, mowing was done by the Forestry Department.
6. State Funded Rusk County ATV/UTV Trails.  
\*24 miles in the Blue Hills were maintained by the Rusk Riders ATV Club and the Rusk County Forestry Department.

**2012-2013 Trail Maintenance Cost:** \$5,266.35  
Reimbursed by the State ATV Funds: \$5,266.35

7. State Funded Rusk County Snowmobile Trails.  
\*329.2 miles of Rusk County Snowmobile Trails were maintained by Rusk County Snowmobile Clubs in the **2012-2013** Season.

**THE BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:**

<u>SNOWMOBILE-CLUB NAME</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Maintenance Cost</u>
Bruce Trailblazers	98.2	\$ 24,550.00
Hawkins Sno-Hawks	55.0	13,750.00
Ladysmith Driftbusters	85.0	21,250.00
Sheldon Rough Riders	27.2	6,800.00
Weyerhaeuser	<u>63.8</u>	<u>15,950.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>329.2</b>	<b>\$ 82,300.00</b>

**Supplemental Maintenance 78.99%**

Bruce Trailblazers	\$ 1,325.29
Hawkins Sno-Hawks	13,023.83
Ladysmith Driftbusters	14,915.85
Sheldon Rough Riders	3,339.72
Weyerhaeuser	13,694.19
Salary/Benefits	1,100.57
Liability Insurance	<u>481.84</u>
<b>TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL</b>	<b>\$47,881.29</b>

**TOTAL PAYMENT FOR SNOWMOBILE 2012-2013 MAINTENANCE: \$130,181.29**

## III. Timber Sales

1. 21 timber sales were established in 2013 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	16	\$ 649,392.50	1,701	1,327.0	10,030	505	60	1,100	200
ASPEN	7	\$ 162,950.50	355	10.0	1,490	4,465	0	75	70
Red Pine	1	\$ 10,465.00	17	0	0	0	230	0	0
SALVAGE	1	\$ 5,592.00	5	2.0	15	0	120	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$ 828,400.00</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>1,339.0</b>	<b>11,535</b>	<b>4,970</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>270</b>

**TOTAL = 18,360 Cords Established**

2. 22 timber sales were sold in 2013 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	17	\$1,083,715.25	1,923	1,694.0	11,730	435	60	1,400	200
ASPEN	7	\$ 184,046.00	453	10.0	2,240	4,765	0	75	370
Red Pine	1	\$ 10,865.00	17	0	0	0	230	0	0
SALVAGE	1	\$ 6,312.00	5	2.0	15	0	120	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>\$ 1,284,938.25</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>1,706.0</b>	<b>13,985</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>570</b>

**TOTAL = 21,640 Cords Sold**

3. 30 Timber Sales Contracts were closed out in 2013 consisting of the following totals:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	25	\$1,508,033.48	2,653	1,829.6	25,688.18	3,646.45	0	3,173.43	24.37
ASPEN	8	\$ 233,259.03	335	30.46	3,357.98	4,076.23	118.01	3.0	0
Red Pine	3	\$ 20,259.08	33	1.28	87.59	100.00	340.02	0	0
SALVAGE	1	\$ 8,094.40	10	2.35	19.47	0	154.24	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>\$1,769,645.99</b>	<b>3,031</b>	<b>1,863.6</b>	<b>29,153.22</b>	<b>7,822.68</b>	<b>612.27</b>	<b>3,176.02</b>	<b>24.37</b>

**TOTAL = 40,788.56 Cords Closed Out**

4. Timber products reported cut on 40 sales were:

	2010	2011	2012	2013
MBF OF LOGS	1,790.45	1,921.12	1,936	1,314.89
CORDS OF MISC. HDWD PULP	27,145	24,765	25,126	19,743
CORDS OF ASPEN	10,840	6,781	6,755	5,954
CORDS OF WHITE BIRCH	2,045	331	299	29
CORDS OF BASSWOOD	3,579	3,264	3,461	2199
CORDS OF RED PINE/Softwoods	507	184	873	550
<b>TOTAL CORDS</b>	<b>44,116</b>	<b>35,325</b>	<b>36,514</b>	<b>28,475</b>
NUMBER OF SALES	58	50	55	40

5. Timber products paid for

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Timber Products Paid for	\$1,509,176.78	\$ 1,613,191.58	\$ 1,574,078.35	\$ 1,329,557.71
Non Co. Forest Timber Sales Rev	00	00	00	00
Bonds Conf./Transferred for Stumpage	00	\$ 3,372.56	\$ 1,100.00	00
Bonds Conf. For Non-Performance	00	00	\$ 35,843.25	\$ 5,931.25
<b>GROSS STUMPAGE REVENUE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,509,176.78</b>	<b>\$ 1,616,564.14</b>	<b>\$ 1,611,021.60</b>	<b>\$ 1,335,488.96</b>
10% payment to Towns	-\$ 150,917.75	-\$ 161,656.47	-\$ 157,517.91	-\$ 132,955.82
20% payment to State	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,382.82
<b>TOTALS AFTER PAYMENT TO TOWNS/STATE</b>	<b>\$1,313,857.72</b>	<b>\$ 1,410,506.36</b>	<b>\$1,409,102.37</b>	<b>\$ 1,158,150.33</b>
1% Land Acquisition Account	00	00	-\$ 16,110.22	-\$ 13,355.00
Wood Permits Issued	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 970.00	\$ 910.00
Other County Forest Revenue	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 0.00	00	-\$ 30,070.00
50% Admin Salary Grant	\$ 37,849.14	\$ 38,986.71	\$ 41,329.07	\$ 41,820.24
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,361,596.86</b>	<b>\$ 1,410,506.36</b>	<b>\$ 1,435,291.22</b>	<b>\$ 1,217,595.96</b>
<b>Total County Forest Expenses</b>	<b>-\$369,839.30</b>	<b>-\$ 384,554.23</b>	<b>- \$ 395,417.13</b>	<b>\$ 392,186.89*</b>
<b>Levy Reduction (To General Fund)</b>	<b>\$ 991,757.56</b>	<b>\$ 1,022,072.54</b>	<b>\$ 1,039,874.09</b>	<b>\$ 825,408.67</b>

\*INDICATES 2013 YEAR EXPENSES ARE AN ESTIMATE

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Timber Stumpage due Rusk County @ 12/31	\$ 109,770.57	\$ 17,563.76	\$ 50,895.74	\$ 13,192.93
Timber Sales cash bonds on hand @ 12/31	\$ 186,529.25	\$ 168,421.32	\$ 152,0101.82	\$ 230,068.76
Irrevocable Letters of Credit on Hand at 12/31	\$ 737,320.82	\$ 726,569.21	\$578,085.14	\$ 677,807.23
Land Acquisition Fund Bal 12/31	00	00	\$ 16,033.28	\$ 17,465.00
Est. Timber Value Under Cont @ 12/31	\$1,800,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 1,700,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
Timber Value scaled by Co Forestry Staff	\$1,341,300.83	\$ 1,468,840.45	\$ 1,365,126.43	\$ 968,437.62
50¢/Acre Loan Acct Balance Balance as of 12/31	00	00	00	00

**2013 Annual Payments to Townships with County Forest Lands for 10% Severance on timber stumpage revenue.**

<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>TOWN ACREAGE</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>2013 PAYMENT</u>
Atlanta	4,922.84	5.5309	\$ 7,353.65
Big Bend	1,320.00	1.4831	\$ 1,971.87
Cedar Rapids	9,998.65	11.2337	\$ 14,935.86
Dewey	240.00	0.2696	\$ 358.45
Hubbard	8,545.16	9.6007	\$ 12,764.69
Murry	18,969.59	21.3128	\$ 28,336.74
South Fork	6,715.73	7.5453	\$ 10,031.92
Strickland	3,859.23	4.3359	\$ 5,764.83
True	669.14	0.7518	\$ 999.56
Wilkinson	17,731.53	19.9218	\$ 26,487.19
Wilson	16,033.75	18.0143	\$ 23,951.06
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>89,005.62</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>\$ 132,955.82</b>

Timber Sales Under Contract:	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>
- Marked Hardwood	55	4,779
- Aspen	12	772
- Pine/Spruce	4	98
- Salvage Sales	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	55	5,680

**IV. County Forest Land Acquisition**

1. County Land Acquisition Account # 100-61-57030/48306  
12-31-13 Account Balance \$ 17,465.00

**V. Wildlife Department on County Forest.**

1. 25 Miles of secondary roads and 20 acres of wildlife openings were mowed.
2. Game surveys were conducted by D.N.R.
3. No Trail Development Occurred in 2013.

**VI. County Forest Roads and Trails Gravel Crushing Account. \$47,244.00**

1. 2013 Gravel Crushing Cost \$47,244.00

Respectfully Submitted,

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