

**County Forest Report**  
**2014**

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 2014.

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 concrete approach ramp.
  2. Installed new Dock
- ii. Island Lake Boat Landing
  1. Addition to concrete approach ramp.
  2. Installed new Dock.
- iii. Josie Creek Boat Landing
  1. Installed new Dock
- iv. Big Falls Boat Landing ( West Side)
  1. Installed new Dock

C. Josie Creek Rifle Range Improvements

- i. Installed new shooting cover

D. Funding Sources

i. Recreational Boating Funds (50/50 RBF Grant)	\$ 13,521.49
ii. Rifle Range Grant	\$ 14,886.58
iii. Power line Funds (RBF match from parks budget)	\$ 18,483.68
iv. County Conservation Aids (50/50 CC grant)	\$ 2,490.76
v. County Conservation Aids match from Levy	\$ <u>2,490.77</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 51,873.28</b>

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

### 3. CAMPGROUND REVENUE

CAMPGROUND/PARK	2011	2012	2013	2014
Non-Designated Camping Permits	\$ 336.49	\$ 483.48	\$ 668.93	\$ 670.11
Remote Sites	\$ 360.19	\$ 613.25	\$ 673.00	\$ 406.38
Audie Lake Campground	\$13,384.83	\$13,005.69	\$14,546.21	\$16,284.24
Josie Creek Park	\$11,163.98	\$13,631.37	\$15,704.31	\$15,880.73
Murphy Dam Campground	\$ 6,926.05	\$ 6,199.00	\$ 6,912.89	\$ 5,776.79
Perch Lake Campground	\$ 1,373.46	\$ 2,188.48	\$ 2,076.42	\$ 1,907.01
Murphy/Community Pavilion Rent	\$ 118.48	\$ 236.95	\$ 300.00	\$ 189.56
Dump Station		\$ 112.32	\$ 114.66	\$ 138.37
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$33,663.48</b>	<b>\$36,470.50</b>	<b>\$40,993.42</b>	<b>\$41,253.19</b>

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

YEAR	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b># OF PERMITS ISSUED</b>	Regular 4 Deer Season 31	Regular 5 Deer Season 32	Regular 4 Deer Season 32	Regular 9 Deer Season 28

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.

2013-2014 Trail Maintenance Cost: \$17,666.00

Reimbursed by the State ATV Funds: \$17,666.00

7. State Funded Rusk County Snowmobile Trails.

\*331.92 miles of Rusk County Snowmobile Trails were maintained by Rusk County Snowmobile Clubs in the 2013-2014 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>16,630.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>329.2</b>	<b>\$ 82,980.00</b>

### Supplemental Maintenance 67.2%

Bruce Trailblazers	\$ 6,971.39
Hawkins Sno-Hawks	7,183.01
Ladysmith Driftbusters	16,668.22
Sheldon Rough Riders	5,260.48
Weyerhaeuser	19,293.29
Salary/Benefits	815.29
Liability Insurance	<u>413.37</u>
<b>TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL</b>	<b>\$56,605.04</b>

**TOTAL PAYMENT FOR SNOWMOBILE 2013-2014 MAINTENANCE: \$139,585.04**

### III. Timber Sales

1. 25 timber sales were established in 2014 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	20	\$ 629,894.00	1,772	1,165.0	11,684	325	0	1,550	0
ASPEN	7	\$ 225,633.00	400	99.0	1,923	5,365	185	75	250
Conifer Swamp	2	\$ 8,250.00	46	0	0	0	550	0	0
Ash Swamp	2	\$ 10,843.00	34	10.0	323	0	0	0	0
Red Pine	0	\$ 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SALVAGE	1	\$ 5,246.10	12	2.0	35	0	110	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>\$ 879,866.10</b>	<b>2,264</b>	<b>1,276.0</b>	<b>13,965</b>	<b>5,690</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>250</b>

TOTAL = 22,375 Cords Established

2. 26 timber sales were sold in 2014 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRE S	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	20	\$1,141,072.55	1,895	1,356.0	12,584	295	0	1,650	0
ASPEN	6	\$ 379,566.34	378	99.0	1,848	5,215	185	25	250
Conifer Swamp	2	\$ 17,423.97	46	0	0	0	550	0	0
Ash Swamp	1	\$ 7,387.65	26	10.0	273	0	0	0	0
Red Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SALVAGE	1	\$ 5,700.00	12	2.0	35	0	110	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>\$ 1,551,150.51</b>	<b>2,357</b>	<b>1,467.0</b>	<b>14,740</b>	<b>5,510</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>250</b>

TOTAL = 23,020 Cords Sold

3. 17 Timber Sales Contracts were closed out in 2014 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	13	\$ 781,358.73	1,240	1,076.3	11,138.59	2,124.58	0	1,451.26	4.44
ASPEN	2	\$ 168,920.74	187	46.82	2,669.81	2,189.26	0	60.74	0
Red Pine	2	\$ 31,462.05	60	0	248.44	322.05	326.45	0	0
SALVAGE	1	\$ 5,392.95	4	2.16	34.30	0	103.83	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$ 987,134.47</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>1,125.3</b>	<b>14,091.14</b>	<b>4,635.89</b>	<b>430.28</b>	<b>1,512.00</b>	<b>4.44</b>

TOTAL = 20,673.75 Cords Closed Out

4. Timber products reported cut on 36 sales were:

	2011	2012	2013	2014
MBF OF LOGS	1,921.12	1,936	1,314.89	1,048.06
CORDS OF MISC. HDWD PULP	24,765	25,126	19,743	15,367
CORDS OF ASPEN	6,781	6,755	5,954	5,719
CORDS OF WHITE BIRCH	331	299	29	0
CORDS OF BASSWOOD	3,264	3,461	2199	1,294
CORDS OF RED PINE/Softwoods	184	873	550	382
<b>TOTAL CORDS</b>	<b>35,325</b>	<b>36,514</b>	<b>28,475</b>	<b>22,762</b>
NUMBER OF SALES	50	55	40	36

5. Timber products paid for

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Timber Products Paid for	\$ 1,613,191.58	\$ 1,574,078.35	\$ 1,329,557.71	\$ 1,046,469.89
Non Co. Forest Timber Sales Rev	00	00	00	\$ 14,504.28
Bonds Conf/Transferred for Stumpage	\$ 3,372.56	\$ 1,100.00	00	\$ 5,637.50
Bonds Conf. For Non-Performance	00	\$ 35,843.25	\$ 5,931.25	\$ 1,000.00
<b>GROSS STUMPAGE REVENUE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,616,564.14</b>	<b>\$ 1,611,021.60</b>	<b>\$ 1,335,488.96</b>	<b>\$1,066,611.67</b>
10% payment to Towns	-\$ 161,656.47	-\$ 157,517.91	-\$ 132,955.82	-\$ 105,210.39
20% payment to State	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,382.82	-\$ 44,382.81
<b>TOTALS AFTER PAYMENT TO TOWNS/STATE</b>	<b>\$ 1,410,506.36</b>	<b>\$ 1,409,102.37</b>	<b>\$ 1,158,150.33</b>	<b>\$ 917,018.47</b>
1% Land Acquisition Account	00	-\$ 16,110.22	-\$ 13,355.00	-\$ 10,666.67
Wood Permits Issued	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 970.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 1,020.00
Other County Forest Revenue	\$ 0.00	00	\$ 30,070.00	\$ 382.24
50% Admin Salary Grant	\$ 38,986.71	\$ 41,329.07	\$ 41,820.24	\$ 47,530.47
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,410,506.36</b>	<b>\$ 1,435,291.22</b>	<b>\$ 1,217,595.96</b>	<b>\$ 955,284.51</b>
<b>Total County Forest Expenses</b>	<b>-\$ 384,554.23</b>	<b>- \$ 395,417.13</b>	<b>-\$ 399,946.00</b>	<b>-\$ 423,125.89*</b>
<b>Levy Reduction (To General Fund)</b>	<b>\$ 1,022,072.54</b>	<b>\$ 1,039,874.09</b>	<b>\$ 825,408.67</b>	<b>\$ 532,158.62</b>

\*INDICATES 2014 YEAR EXPENSES ARE AN ESTIMATE

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Timber Stumpage due Rusk County @ 12/31	\$ 17,563.76	\$ 50,895.74	\$ 13,192.93	\$ 12,139.13
Timber Sales cash bonds on hand @ 12/31	\$ 168,421.32	\$ 152,0101.82	\$ 230,068.76	\$ 299,000.13
Irrevocable Letters of Credit on Hand at 12/31	\$ 726,569.21	\$ 578,085.14	\$ 677,807.23	\$ 635,565.83
Finance Charges for 2014	00	0	0	\$ 1,008.94
Land Acquisition Fund Bal 12/31	00	\$ 16,033.28	\$ 17,465.00	\$ 24,181.11
Est. Timber Value Under Cont @ 12/31	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 1,700,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,700,000.00
Timber Value scaled by Co Forestry Staff	\$ 1,468,840.45	\$ 1,365,126.43	\$ 968,437.62	\$ 919,601.03
50¢/Acre Loan Acct Balance Balance as of 12/31	00	00	00	00

**2014 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>2014 PAYMENT</u>
Atlanta	4,922.84	5.5309	\$ 5,819.08
Big Bend	1,320.00	1.4831	\$ 1,560.38
Cedar Rapids	9,998.65	11.2337	\$ 11,819.02
Dewey	240.00	0.2696	\$ 283.65
Hubbard	8,545.16	9.6007	\$ 10,100.93
Murry	18,969.59	21.3128	\$ 22,423.39
South Fork	6,715.73	7.5453	\$ 7,938.44
Strickland	3,859.23	4.3359	\$ 4,561.82
True	669.14	0.7518	\$ 790.97
Wilkinson	17,731.53	19.9218	\$ 20,959.80
Wilson	16,033.75	18.0143	\$ 18,952.92
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>89,005.62</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>\$ 105,210.39</b>

<b>Timber Sales Under Contract:</b>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>
- Marked Hardwood	54	5,551
- Aspen	13	830
- Pine/Spruce	2	20
- Swamp Hardwood	3	40
- Swamp Conifer	1	37
- Salvage Sales	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>60</b>	<b>6,478</b>

**IV. County Forest Land Acquisition**

1. County Land Acquisition Account # 100-61-57030/48306  
 12-31-13 Account Balance \$ **24,181.11**

**V. County Forest Roads and Trails Gravel Crushing Account \$ 0.00**

Respectfully Submitted,

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 County Forest Administrator