

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

• Committee On Parks & Forest •

Monday, October 11, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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For those wishing to make public comment, you must e-mail Winnie Parker at Winnie.Parker@co.eau-claire.wi.us at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. You will be called on during the public session to make your comments. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person and 30 minutes maximum for the public comment period.

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes - **Discussion/Action**
 - a. September 13, 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Fall timber sales (see attached PDF of Sales) - **Discussion/Action**
5. Friends of the Fair request to place storage/office building at Expo Center - **Discussion/Action**
6. Resolution 21-22.005 (See attached resolution and fact sheet) - **Discussion/Action**
7. County Forest Carbon Credits Update - **Discussion/Action**
8. Potential County Forest Land Acquisition Parcels for Sale - **Discussion/Action**
9. Director's Report
10. Future Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

Next Meeting – November 8, 2021, at 5 p.m.

11. Adjourn

Prepared by Winnie Parker, Parks & Forest

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MINUTES

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Monday, September 13, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Members: Kevin Stelljes, Joe Knight, Missy Christopherson, Gary Gibson, Tami Schraufnagel

Others Present: Josh Pedersen – Director, Jody Gindt – Supervisor, Winnie Parker – Administrative Specialist III (Committee Clerk), Erika Gullerud – Finance Analyst, Kathryn Schauf – County Administrator, Michelle Skinner – Lake Altoona District Board Chair, Glory Adams, Megan Haserodt - USGS, Laura Plummer – President of CORBA, Doug Brown – County Forest Land Specialist, DNR, Jared Choate

Chairman Kevin Stelljes called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. and confirmed public posting of the meeting.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the August 9, 2021, meeting. Kevin Stelljes moved to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

Public Comment – Michele Skinner, new Chair of the Lake Altoona District Board, introduced herself to everyone and presented some concerns regarding algae blooms and sand traps. Would like to address these concerns more formally at a future committee meeting.

Doug Brown presented the County Forest Loan process, which has been used primarily for land acquisition, project loans, and variable acreage loans. Project loan deadlines are August 15 and December 1, and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Loan programs are not heavily used, and this program can accommodate large request, keeping in mind there is a 50% local match. This means the county would need to match 50% of the loan. For certain projects, funds can be committed to and secured during the negotiation stage of the acquisition. The Committee has decided to defer action until closer to the time of the acquisition.

Megan Haserodt speaking on behalf of Rob Washbusch from USGS regarding placement of a climate response monitoring well on County Forest land in Eau Claire County. These wells monitor ground levels only and are placed in areas that are not affected by nearby pumping wells. Only one location of the three (3) proposed locations is requested. The County would give permission for USGS to access the well and is not liable for damage. Joe Knight motioned to enter into a 20-year agreement with USGS as written. All in favor, none opposed.

Laura Plummer, President of CORBA, presented to the Committee the different types and classes of bikes that are currently being used on the county trails. She wanted the Committee to be aware of these differing types of bikes in the event the Committee would like to create a use policy in the future. CORBA is not officially taking a stand on these various types of bikes. Because of the rural nature of our trails, the committee might like to have more knowledge of these bikes and their uses as they develop and change and might like to create policies based on the different classes of bikes being used in the future. The Committee will reconvene in 60 days on this issue.

Jared Choate requested a bench be placed at the Lions Youth Camp near Bullhead Pond in memory of his father, Mike Choate. Tami Schraufnagel moved to approve the bench as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

The Committee discussed the merits of closing Harstad Park Campground on September 15, which coincides with the closure of the county's regular camping season. Several issues like fee collection, extended stays of homeless groups, possible illegal drug activity, and disruptive behaviors have been escalating at Harstad over the course of the summer. The Committee decided to ask the Advisory Committee to come up with some possible solutions that would address the above-mentioned issues.

Clarification as to who is responsible for filing the DATCP Premise ID for the Eau Claire County Expo Center is needed. It is unclear as to who took care of this in the past but is speculated that the full-time person at the Expo Center was the one who oversaw this task. Missy Christopherson will investigate this and get back to Josh Pedersen once she has new information.

A grant has been awarded to cover 50% of the cost of the installation of the Harstad Park playground equipment. It was suggested to make the Advisory Committee aware of this as well as the renovation of the pavilion as this may impact their possible solutions to the issues being addressed at Harstad Park. Missy Christopherson motioned to proceed with Harstad Park playground equipment installation. All in favor, none opposed.

Josh Pedersen gave the following updates to the Committee. Seasonal staff are winding down for the season. The Park Kiosk will not be installed in 2022 because of a part back log. The sidewalk is being poured this week at the Lake Eau Claire accessible dock. WCFA strategic planning meeting is at the end of this month. This meeting happens every five (5) years. Blue Source has requested more information for the Forest Carbon Credit program which the staff is providing. Parks and Forest has been working alongside ADRC to provide an accessible dock to Lake Eau Claire Park. It is our hope this project will pave the way for other areas to collaborate on projects such as this for the good of the community. The annual committee tour was canceled due to the uptick in Covid cases in the county. We are waiting on an appraisal on the Sand Mine Lot. Kevin Stelljes will consult with Human Services regarding the process of providing park passes to those in need.

The next meeting date was set for October 11, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. virtually.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

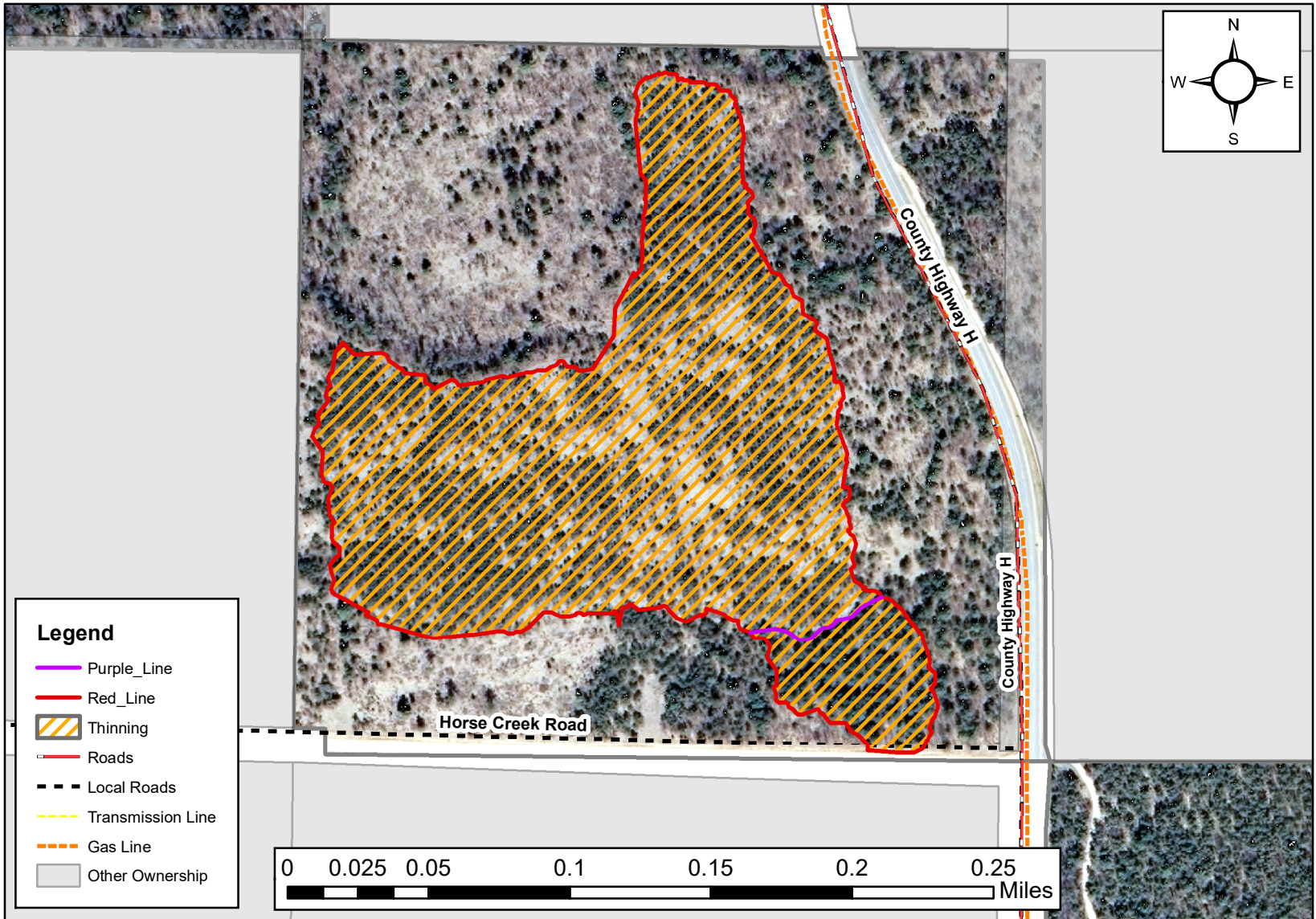
Respectfully Submitted by,



Winnie Parker
Committee Clerk
Administrative Specialist III – Parks & Forest

Eau Claire County Forest

Sale Name: Yote Trail			Tract Number: 3-20		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 26N	Range: 5W	Section: 23	Township: Fairchild		SPECIES	TONS	MBF	
Compartment: 24		Stand: 16 & 17			*Red Pine	142		
Soil: Sand		Topography: Mostly Flat			Black Oak	6		
Acres: 15		Timber Sale #:						
Notes:		*Red Pine contains approximately 16 tons of Jack Pine						
							Sale Minimum Bid:	\$2,953.80

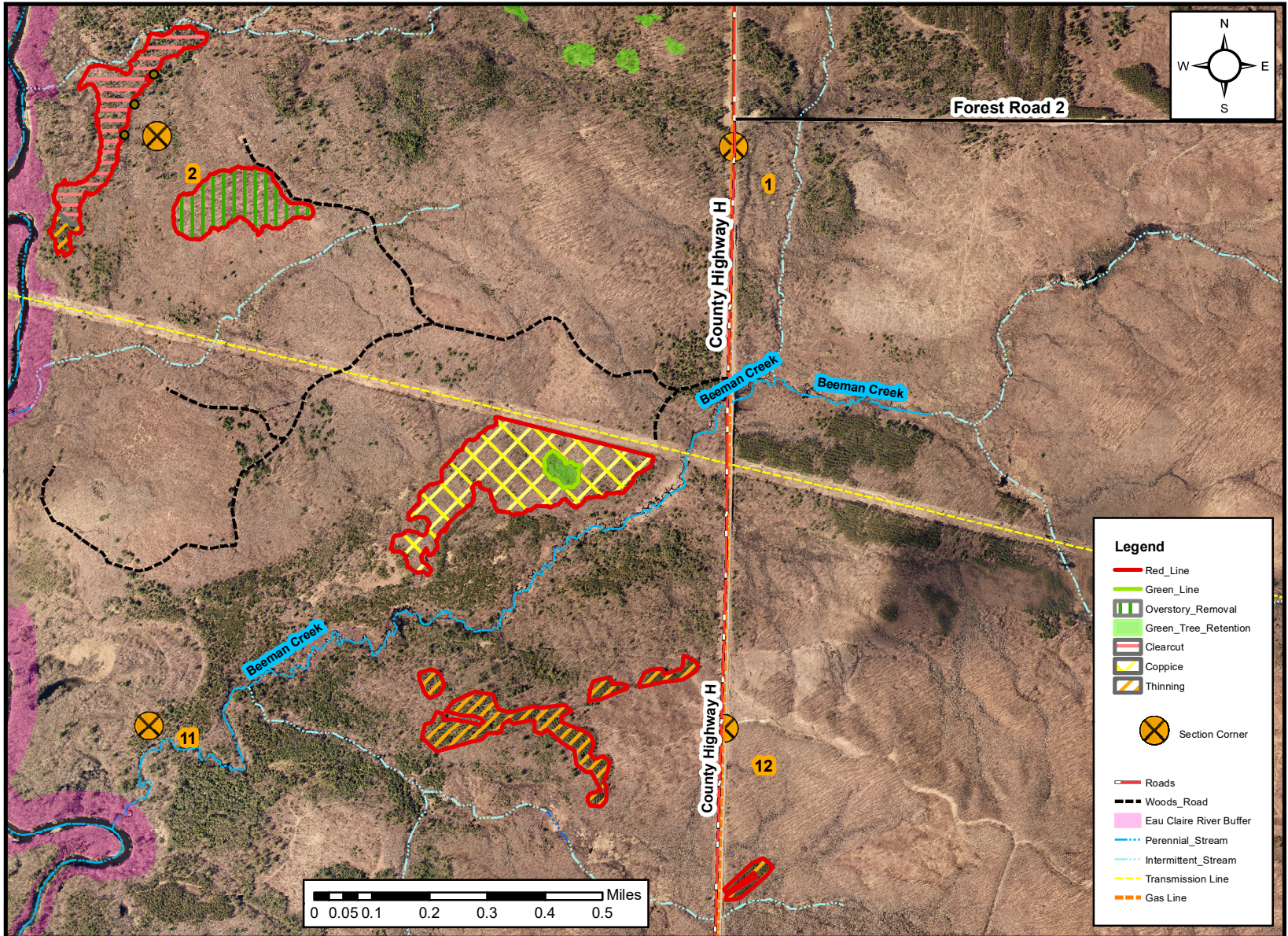


Cutting Specifications:

1. Sale boundaries are marked in Red Paint or are bounded by obvious roads.
2. Spring/Summer harvest opportunity
3. **Harvest every third row in the First thinning area. Harvest all Orange marked trees in thinning area.**
4. All skid trails and landings must be approved by the sale administrator.
5. All cut pine and spruce products must be removed from the sale area within two weeks during the period of May 15th through August 15th.
6. Stumps must be sprayed April 1st through November 30th.
7. All slash must be lopped and scattered within two feet of the ground
8. Purple line denotes a change in thinning. North of the line is 3rd row and south is a marked thinning.

Eau Claire County Forest

Sale Name: Little Italy Extension			Tract Number: 10-20		Estimated Volumes				
Twp: 26N	Range: 5W	Section: 2, 11	Township: Bridge Creek		SPECIES	TONS	MBF		
Compartment: 36, 37, 39			Stand: 7, 14, 16, 18, 25		Aspen	665			
Soil: Sandy Loam and Muck			Topography: Low ground		Oak*	625	46		
Acres: 68.7			Timber Sale #:		Mixed Hardwood	210			
Notes:	Aspen stand with Oak, White Pine, and Mixed Hardwood. MX Hwd is Maple, Birch, Cherry, and Elm. Landing cannot be in powerline ROW Pin Oak is 56% Oak Saw Volume. Black Oak is 44% **Southmost thinning areas don't have Red line like the map depicts. Red was used to make boundaries stand out.					White Pine	100	32	
						Red Pine	250		
						Jack Pine	80		
						Red Maple		2	
						Sale Minimum Bid:		\$19,644.00	

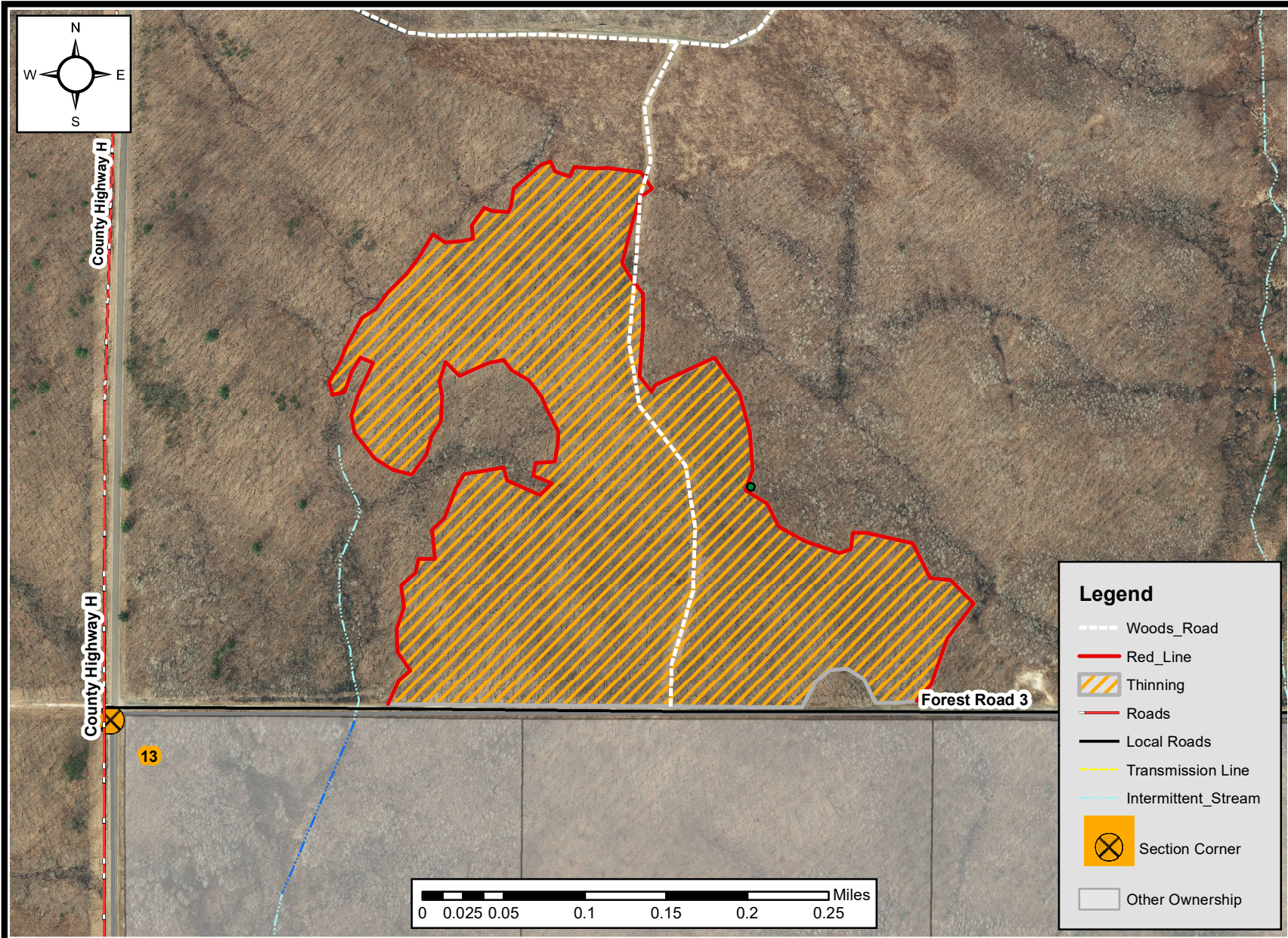


Cutting Specifications:

1.	Coppice: Harvest all trees over 1" DBH except designated reserve trees/islands
2.	Overstory Removal: Harvest all stems over 4" in DBH and Leave all Green Marked Trees
3.	Clearcut: Harvest all stems over 1" DBH except Red/White Pine and Basswood, unless marked with orange paint.
4.	Thinning: Cut all trees marked with orange paint.
5.	Sale is bounded by Red Paint or Timber type change
6.	FROZEN CONDITIONS ONLY
7.	No equipment allowed within the Green tree Retention areas.

Eau Claire County Forest

Sale Name: 9 Point Shed			Tract Number: 11-21		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 26	Range: 05W	Section: 12	Township: Bridge Creek		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 37		Stand: 30		Red Oak	-	-	60	
Soil: Loamy Sand		Topography: Rolling		White Oak	-	-	2	
Acres: 43		Timber Sale #:		Mixed Hwd.	40	6	5	
Notes: Sale will be pre-sale scarified				Oak	835	310		
				Aspen	10	7		
				Sale Minimum Bid:		\$31,848.80		

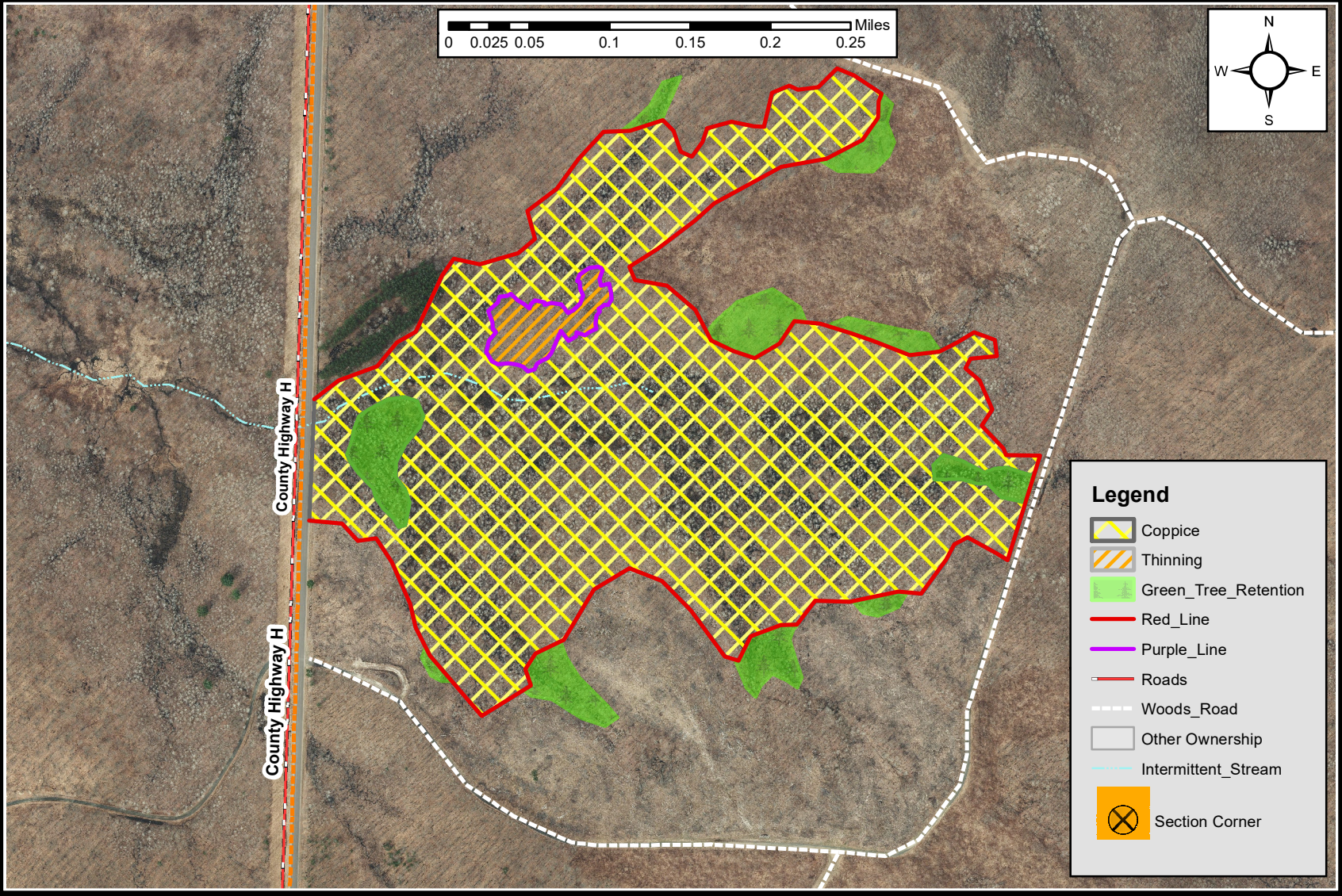


Cutting Specifications:

1.	Sale is delineated by a Red Paint Line and Forest Road 3
2.	Sale is limited to Dry or Frozen Conditions
3.	Thinning: Harvest all trees marked with orange paint
4.	No harvesting will be allowed from April 1 st to July 15 th due to Oak Wilt Restrictions
5.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
6.	Slash must be lopped and scattered within two feet of the ground

Eau Claire County Forest

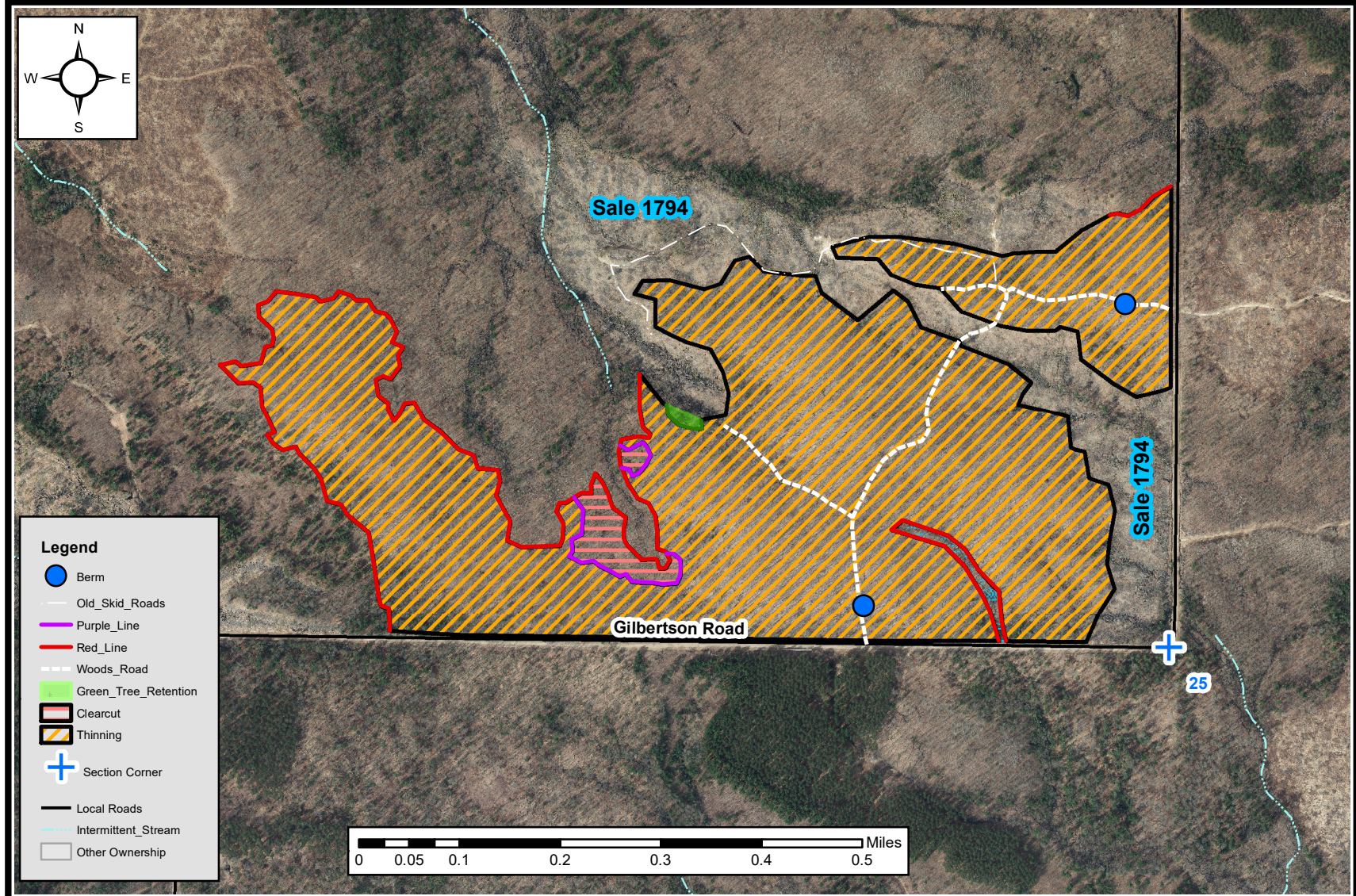
Sale Name: Whitetail Ridge Aspen			Tract Number: 12-21		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 26	Range: 05W	Section: 12	Township: Bridge Creek		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 37			Stand: 22		Aspen	1700	360	-
Soil: Sandy Loam			Topography: rolling		Mixed Hwd.	715	70	-
Acres: 59			Timber Sale #:					
Notes:								
					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$25,849.00	



Cutting Specifications:	
1.	Sale is delineated by Red Paint Lines and obvious roads. Purple line denotes change in cutting prescription.
2.	Sale is limited to Dry or Frozen Conditions
3.	Coppice area: Harvest all trees 1" DBH and Larger
4.	Thinning area: harvest all trees marked with orange paint
5.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
6.	Slash must be lopped and scattered within two feet of the ground
7.	No equipment is allowed within the Green Tree Retention areas
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Eau Claire County Forest

Sale Name: Gilbertson Oak Thinning			Tract Number: 13-21		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 27N	Range: 06W	Section: 23	Township: Wilson		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 61		Stand: 1,2,15,19,24,25		White Oak	-	-	70	
Soil: Loamy Sand		Topography: Rolling		Red Oak*	-	-	150	
Acres: 145		Timber Sale #:		Oak, Other	1750	250	-	
Notes:	*Red Oak Saw Volume is approximately 50% Black Oak **Red Maple Pulp contains a small amount of White Birch			Red Maple**	320	30	15	
				Red Pine	8	-	-	
				White Pine	30	-	-	
				Sale Minimum Bid:		\$77,934.97		

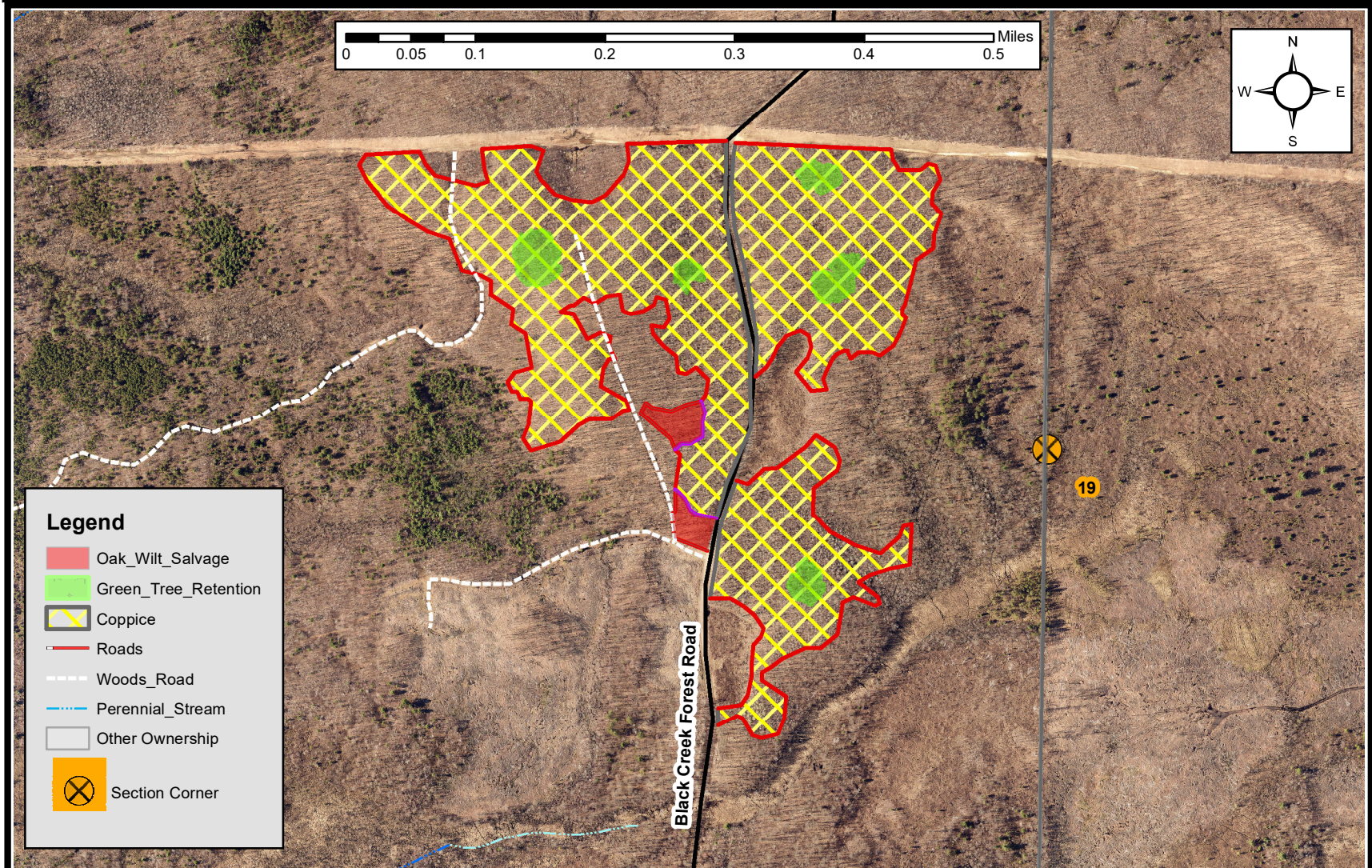


Cutting Specifications:

1. Sale is delineated by Red Paint lines, obvious roads, or obvious changes in timber type
2. Purple Paint lines denote a change in cutting prescription
3. Sale is limited to Dry or Frozen conditions. No harvesting will be allowed from April 1st to July 15th due to Oak Wilt
4. **Thinning: Harvest all trees marked with orange paint**
5. **Clearcut: Harvest all trees 1 inch in diameter and larger**
6. No equipment or slash is allowed within the RMZ. All slash must be lopped and scattered within two feet of the ground
7. All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
8. No equipment is allowed within the Green Tree Retention area

Eau Claire County Forest

Sale Name: Hidden Pocket			Tract Number: 14-21		Estimated Volumes				
Twp: 25	Range: 5W	Section: 13, 24	Township: Fairchild			SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 2			Stand: 5		Aspen	1850	875	-	
Soil: Sandy Loam			Topography: Slightly Rolling			Red Maple*	725	25	1
Acres: 49			Timber Sale #:			Red Oak**	310	70	8
Notes:	*Red Maple pulp contains 3% White Birch **Red Oak pulp and bolts contain White Oak				White Oak	-	-	4	
					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$40,073.50		

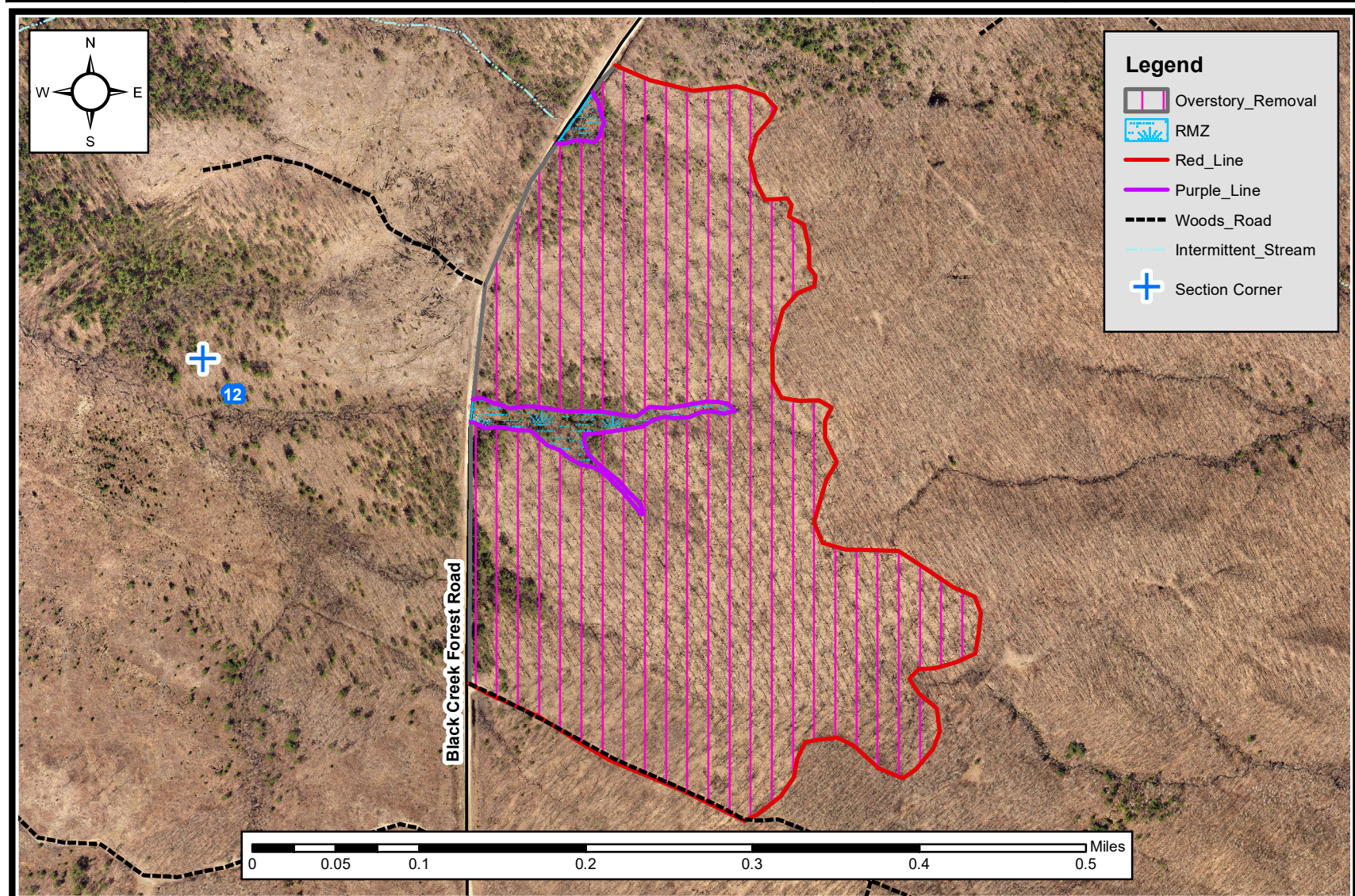


Cutting Specifications:

1.	Sale area is delineated by Red Paint Lines, Black Creek Forest Road and a Utility ROW
2.	Sale operations are limited to dry or frozen conditions
3.	Coppice area: Harvest all trees greater than 1" DBH EXCEPT Oak that is between 10"-14" in DBH
4.	Salvage area: Harvest all trees greater than 1" DBH
5.	Changes in Cutting prescription are denoted by a Purple paint line
6.	No equipment is allowed within the Green Tree Retention Areas
7.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
8.	All slash must be lopped and scattered within two feet of the ground

Eau Claire County Forest

Sale Name: Black Creek Salvage			Tract Number: 15-21		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 25N	Range: 05W	Section: 12	Township: Fairchild		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 7		Stand: 4, 7, 14			Red Oak	-	-	190
Soil: Loamy Sand		Topography: Slightly Rolling			White Oak	-	-	25
Acres: 47		Timber Sale #:			Oak, Other*	675	450	-
Notes:	IMPORTANT: Salvage from prescribed burn. SALE WILL BE LIMITED TO A 1 YEAR CONTRACT WITH NO EXTENSIONS *Oak, Other contains Red, White, and Pin oak pulp and bolts				Red Maple	45	-	-
					White Pine	6	-	-
					Aspen	7	-	-
					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$76,467.52	

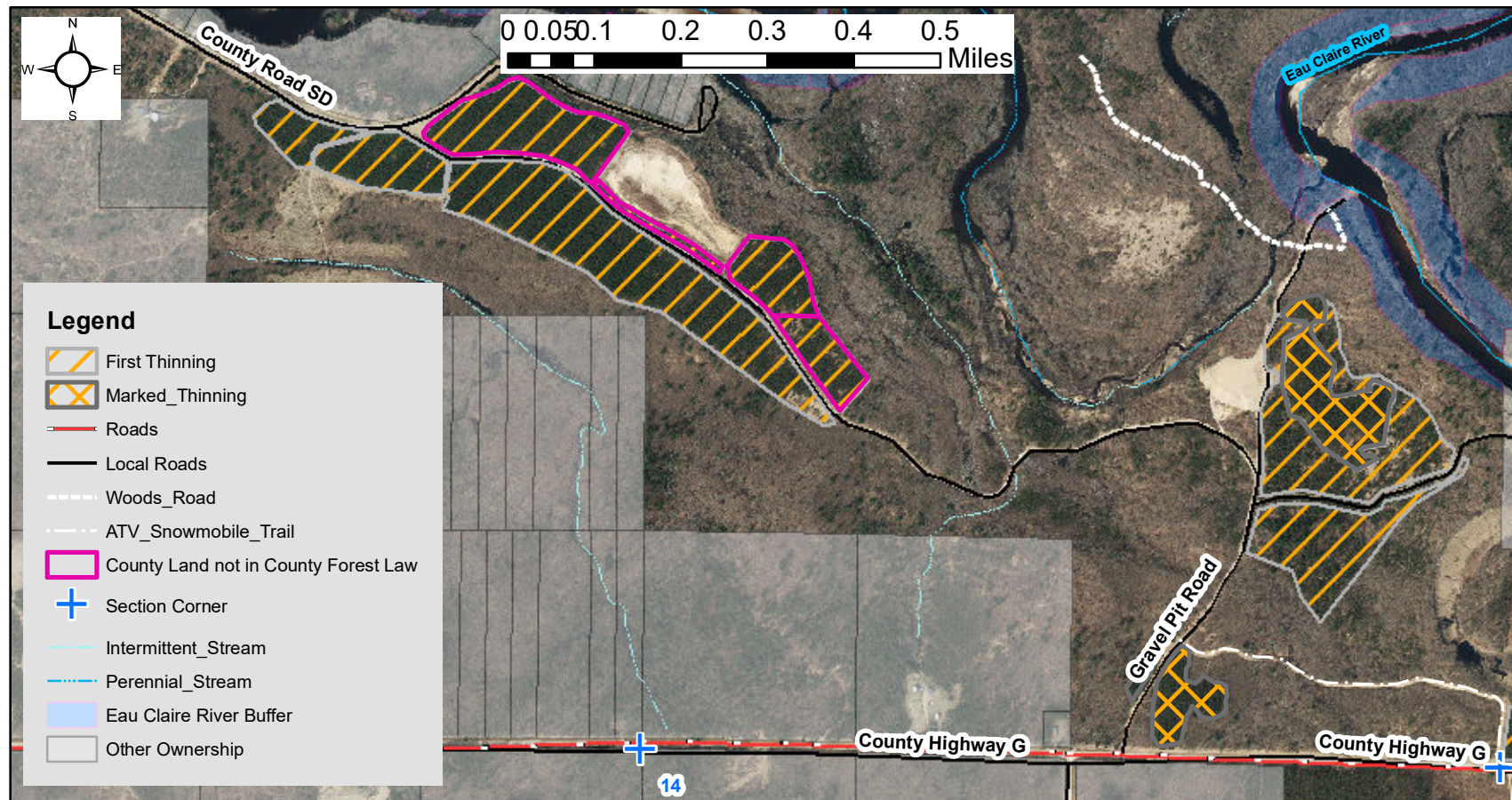


Cutting Specifications:

1.	Sale is delineated by Red Paint Lines and obvious roads. Ignore all old red and green paint marks from previous sale
2.	RMZ's defined by purple paint, with no equipment allowed inside the line. Leave individual purple marked trees within the Overstory Removal area.
3.	Sale is limited to dry or frozen conditions. No harvesting will be allowed from April 1 st to July 15 th due to Oak Wilt
4.	Overstory Removal: Harvest all trees 2 inches in diameter and larger except those marked with purple paint
5.	No equipment or slash is allowed within the RMZ's
6.	All slash must be lopped and scattered within two feet of the ground
7.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
8.	Utilize all recently dead trees to greatest extent possible

Eau Claire County Forest

Sale Name: Cut Across Pine			Tract Number: 16-21		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 26N	Range: 6W	Section: 10&11	Township: Bridge Creek		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 32			Stand: 3, 4, 11		Red Pine			
Soil: Sand			Topography: Slightly Rolling		White Pine			
Acres: 82			Timber Sale #:		Red Pine (Non-CFL)*			
Notes:	*Wood from non-county forest law (CFL) land is not certified wood				White Pine (Non-CFL)*			
					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$	



Cutting Specifications:

1.	Sale boundaries are denoted by obvious roads or changes in cover type
2.	Possible Spring/Summer Harvest Opportunity
3.	First Thinning: Harvest Every Third Row
4.	Marked Thinning: Harvest all trees marked with orange paint
5.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
6.	Slash must be lopped and scattered within two feet of the ground
7.	All stumps must be sprayed according to contract from April 1 st to November 30 th
8.	All cut Pine and Spruce products must be removed from the sale area within 2 weeks during the period of May 15 th to August 15 th
9.	All wood from County Land not in County Forest Law will be scaled separately on the landing

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3 TO AMEND SECTION 16.30.140 G. OF THE CODE: VEHICULAR TRAFFIC; TO AMEND
4 SECTION 16.30.300 A. OF THE CODE: CAMPGROUND REGULATIONS; TO AMEND
5 SECTION 16.30.520 E. OF THE CODE: COUNTY FOREST USE REGULATIONS

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7 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Eau Claire does ordain as follows:

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9 SECTION 1. That Subsection G. of Section 16.30.140 of the code be amended to read:

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11 G. That all state-funded ATV trails/~~routes~~ hybrid trails in the county shall be closed
12 annually from March 15 to May 15, and all state-funded UTV trails/~~routes~~ hybrid trails in the
13 county shall be closed from December 1 to May 15.

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15 SECTION 2. That Subsection A. of Section 16.30.300 be amended to read:

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17 A. Permitted Camping. During the camping season, permitted camping shall be
18 allowed ~~only~~ at designated campsites ~~in the campgrounds~~ at the Expo Center, Coon Fork Lake and
19 Harstad County Parks, and a dispersed camping permit shall be purchased to camp in the county
20 forest.

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22 SECTION 3. That Subsection E. of Section 16.30.520 be amended to read:

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24 E. Access to landlocked private land. It is unlawful for any person to cross county
25 forest land on a motorized vehicle to access landlocked private land without a county forest
26 access permit. The permit fee is \$500 for 10 years.

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28 SECTION 6. That Subsections D. and E. be re-lettered to B. and E. of Section 16.30.520.

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43 Dated this _____ day of _____, 2021.
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FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 21-22/055

This resolution will help to clean up sections of the county code relating to a recent departmental review of Chapter 16.

The first change is a wording change that will eliminate the word “routes” and replace it with an accurate description of the intent of this statement, hybrid trails. Eau Claire County recognizes one section of hybrid trail within the county forest, the Hamilton Falls River Trail.

The second change is in relation to our dispersed camping permit system for county forest camping. In the past, dispersed camping was not allowed during the summer camping season. This practice was changed in 2017 and dispersed camping has been allowed year-round since then. This portion of the code was not changed in 2017 and should be changed to reflect current practices.

The final change is regarding public access to landlocked parcels. Previous wording in the code forbid access to landlocked parcels by all means, including foot traffic. This wording is in violation of Wisconsin Statutes 28.11. The suggested changes clarifies that wording to specify that use of a motor vehicle is unlawful without a County Forest access permit.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Respectfully Submitted,



Josh Pedersen
Parks and Forest Director