

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

• **Committee on Parks & Forest** •

Monday, April 10, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Room AG 103 and 104

Join from the meeting link.

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Meeting number (access code): 2597 671 9830

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1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Roll Call
3. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes - **Discussion/Action**
 - a. March 13, 2023
4. Public Comment
5. 2023 Spring Timber Sales - **Discussion/Action**
6. 2023 Spring Extensions - **Discussion/Action**
7. Ski Sprites Request to waive park entrance fees at LAP June 17 and 18th- **Discussion/Action**
8. Presentation by Michele Skinner on Lake Altoona dredging - **Discussion**
9. Resolution 23-24/001- Approve entering into landowner agreement and certificate of inclusion into the lake states forest management bat habitat conservation plan; authorizing the county administrator to sign the agreement and submit this document to the WI DNR-
Discussion/Action
10. Update - Land Stewardship Sub-Committee on donated lands along Chippewa River - **Discussion**
11. Director's Report
12. Future Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion
Next Meeting – May 8, 2023, at 5 pm
13. Adjourn

Prepared by Winnie Parker, Parks & Forest

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MINUTES

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• Committee on Parks & Forest •

Monday, March 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Agricultural and Resource Center

227 1st Street West, Altoona – Room 103 and 104

Members Present: Joe Knight, Missy Christopherson, Jodi Lepsch, Tami Schraufnagel, Dane Zook

Others Present: Josh Pedersen – Director, Jody Gindt – Supervisor, Winnie Parker – Administrative Specialist III (Committee Clerk), Todd Johnson – Parks and Programs Manager, Sarah Christensen – LAP Ranger, Erika Gullerud – Finance Analyst, Kyle Johnson – DNR County Forest Liaison, Gary Gibson – Parks and Forest Advisory Committee Chair, Kevin Stelljes – Parks and Forest Advisory Committee Member, Rich LaFave – Ski Sprites President, Chris Silewski – Ayers Associates, Steve Betchkal

Call to Order Committee on Parks & Forest and confirmation of meeting notice.

Chairman Knight called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and confirmed public posting of the meeting.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comment.

Review of February 20, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Schraufnagel moved to approve the minutes from February 20, 2023. All in favor.

Ski Sprites Agreement for Use of Lake Altoona

Rich LaFave, President of the Ski Sprites outlined the main points of the agreement being presented for approval. Supervisor Lepsch moved to approve. All in favor.

Update from Advisory Committee on County Forest Access

Gary Gibson, Advisory Committee Chair, gave an update on the proposed changes being made to Chapter 700 of the 15 Year Plan. Supervisor Zook moved to postpone approval until the May meeting, when the map will be available. All in favor.

Presentation on Park Master Plan

Chris Silewski, from Ayers Associates, presented the Park Master Plan. Supervisor Christopherson moved to reactivate the survey reaching out to county partners, county employees, county board members, and the media. All in favor.

Resolution 22-23/093 Granting Utility Easements to Eau Claire Energy Cooperative in Section 34, T27H, R6W, in the Town of Ludington, Section 24, T27N, R6W, in the Town of Ludington and Section 3, T26N, R6W, Town of Bridge Creek

Supervisor Christopherson moved to approve File 22-23/093. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 22-23/094 Authorizing Submittal of Outdoor Recreation Grant Application and Agreement with the Wisconsin DNR; Directing the Parks and Forest Director to Take All Steps Necessary to Comply with Grant Requirements

Supervisor Lepsch moved to approve File 22-23/094. Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 22-23/095 Authorizing the Parks and Forest Director to Apply to the State of WI DNR for any Financial Aid that may be Available for Maintaining, Acquiring, Insuring or Developing Lands for Public Outdoor Motorized Trails

Supervisor Christopherson moved to approve File 22-23/095. Motion passed 4-0.

Sustainable Forestry Grant Application

Supervisor Zook moved to accept the Sustainable Forest Grant Application to help fund hiring a limited term forester to assist with forest reconnaissance, regeneration surveys, and timber sale establishment. Motion passed 4-0.

Director's Report

Director Pedersen introduced Todd Johnson and congratulated him on his promotion to Parks and Programs Manager, and introduced Sarah Christiansen and congratulated her on being hired as the new Lake Altoona Park Ranger. The Lake Altoona Park parking lot project has started and is expected to be completed before Memorial Day weekend. Ski Season, and thus grooming, is winding down.

Future Parks & Forest Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

Next Parks & Forest committee meeting date is set for April 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Committee on Parks & Forest Adjournment

The Committee on Parks & Forest adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Winnie Parker

Committee Clerk

Administrative Specialist III

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY FOREST

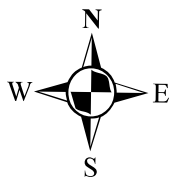
2023 SPRING TIMBER SALES

TRACT #	Pulp Ton	Bolt Ton	MBF	Even Age Acres	Selective Acres	Total Acres	Advertised Value	ACRES BY SPECIES								
								A	MR	O	PJ	PR	T	PW	TOTAL	
1-23	1605		22	35		35	\$22,832.50	35								35
2-23	1065	360	67	22	74	96	\$29,031.00			22		74				96
3-23	1440	95	16	42	5	47	\$15,982.00	25		8	9	2		3		47
4-23	1015		9		71	71	\$20,890.00					68		3		71
5-23	1400		164	41	15	56	\$45,198.00			41		15				56
7-23	910	65	3	30		30	\$13,041.50	30								30
8-23	3100	1145	354	82		82	\$96,243.00			82						82
3-20	148				16	16	\$2,070.00					16				16
TOTAL	10,683	1,665	635	252	181	433	\$245,288.00	90	0	153	9	175	0	6	433	
% OF TOTAL SALES				58%	42%	433.00	\$245,288.00	20.8%	0.0%	35.3%	2.1%	40.4%	0.0%	1.4%	100%	

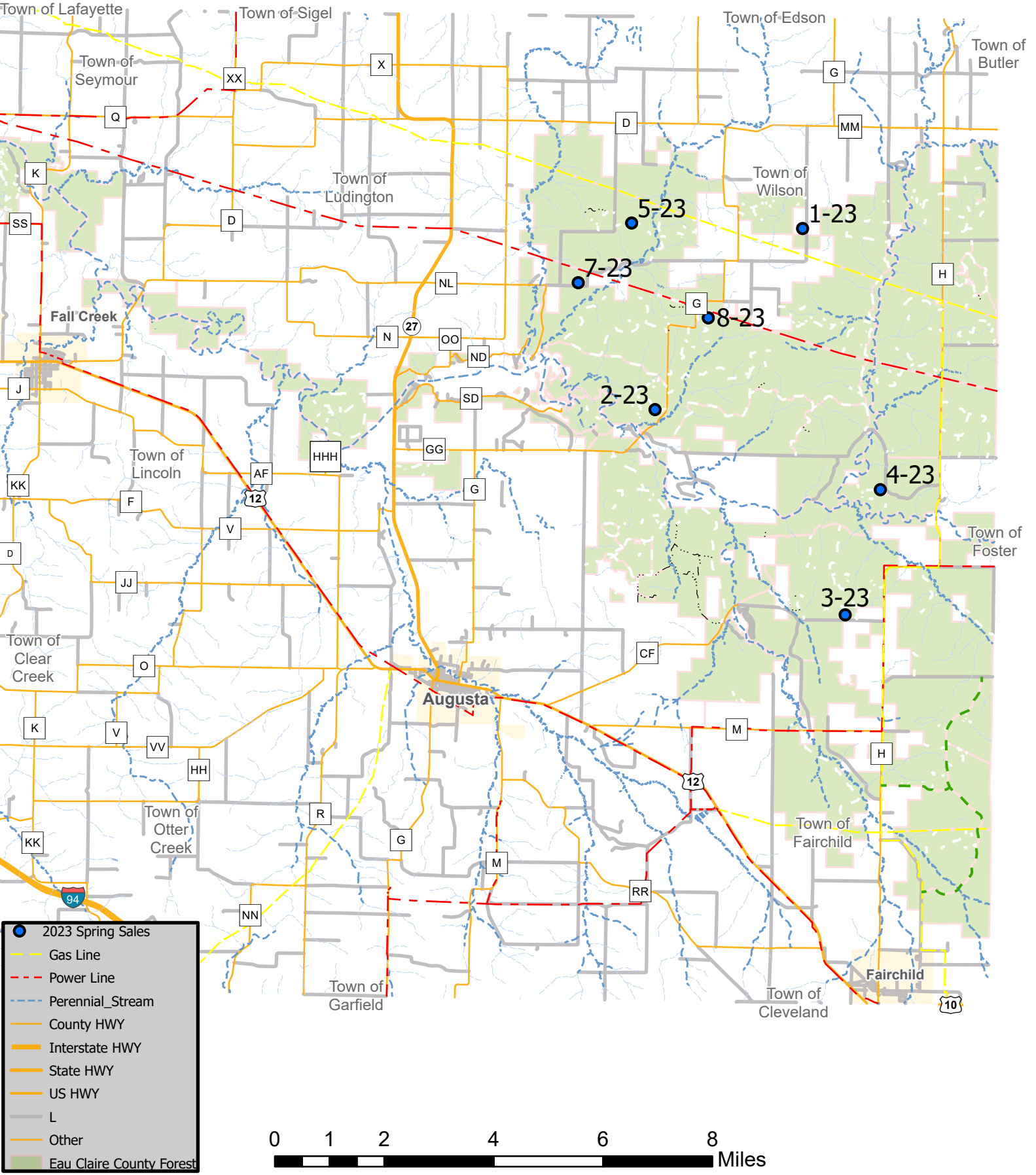
SUMMARY

Total Ac	433
Total Tons	10,683
Total Cords	1,665
Total MBF	635
# of sales	8
Tons	
Aspen	2,375
Mx Hwd	1,420
Oak	4,171
J Pine	200
Red Pine	2,147
Wht Pine	370
Total Tons	10,683
Bolt(ton)	
Aspen	55
Mx Hwd	55
Red Pine	280
Oak	1,275
Total Bolts	1,665
MBF	
Mx Hwd	16
Oak	591
White Pine	28
Total MBF	635

TRACT #	Pulp Ton	Bolt Ton	MBF	Tons						Bolts (ton)				MBF		
				A	MX	O	PR	PJ	PW	A	MX	PR	O	O	MX	PW
1-23	1605	0	22	1200	310	95								15	7	
2-23	1065	360	67	55		330	550		130			280	80	60	0	7
3-23	1440	95	16	470	270	290	90	200	120				95	10	2	4
4-23	1015	0	9				975		40							9
5-23	1400	0	164		160	850	390	0	0					156	3	5
7-23	910	65	3	650	130	50			80	55	10					3
8-23	3100	1145	354		550	2550					45		1100	350	4	
3-20	148	0	0			6	142									
TOTAL	10,683	1,665	635	2,375	1,420	4,171	2,147	200	370	55	55	280	1,275	591.00	16.0	28
% OF TOTAL Tons/ MBF				22.2%	13.3%	39.0%	20.1%	1.9%	3.5%	3.3%	3.3%	16.8%	76.6%	93.1%	2.5%	4.4%
Cord Eqv				1,056	617	1,517	954	94	176	55	55	280	1,275	1300	35	68

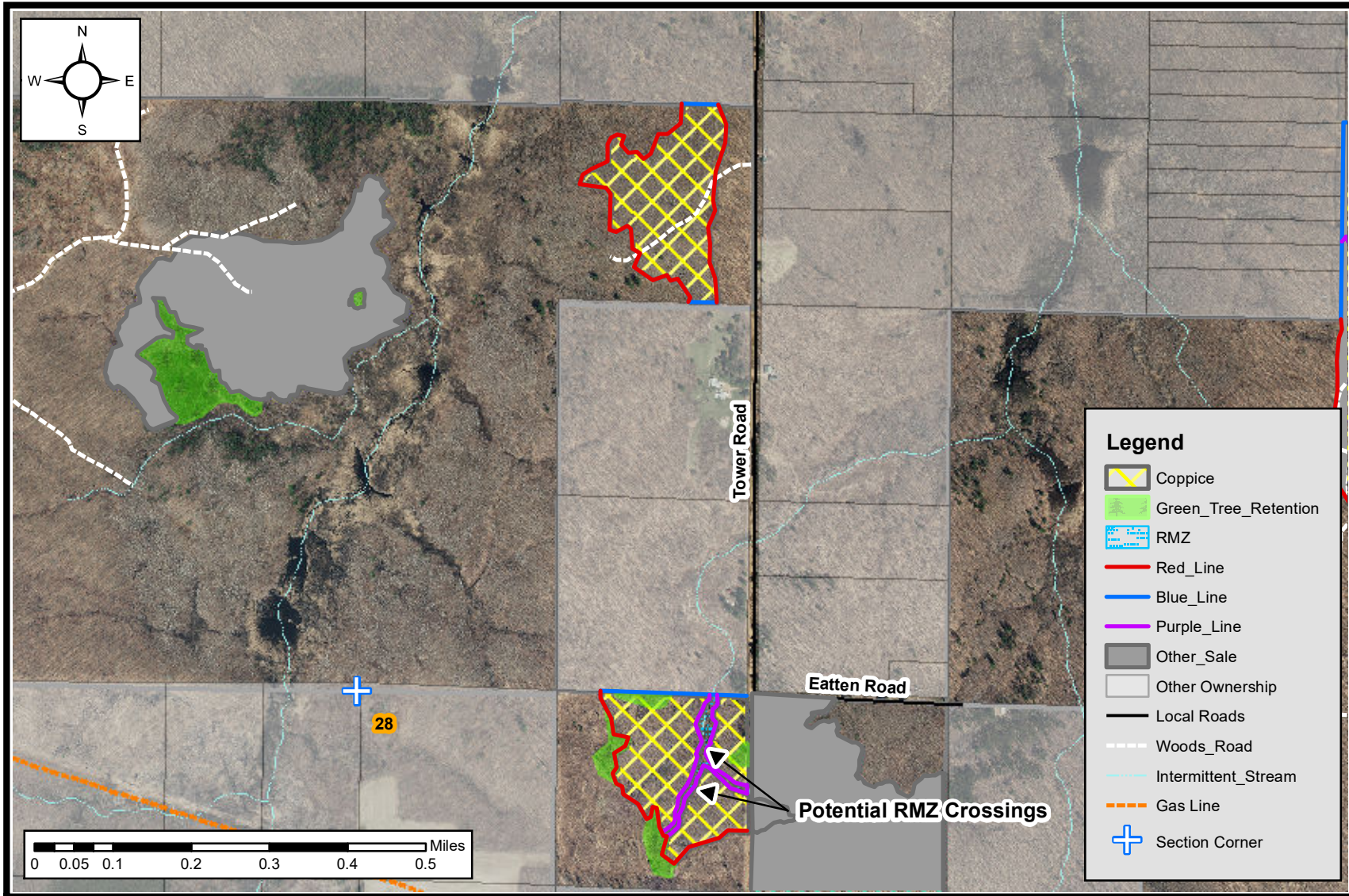


Eau Claire County Forest 2023 Spring Timbersales



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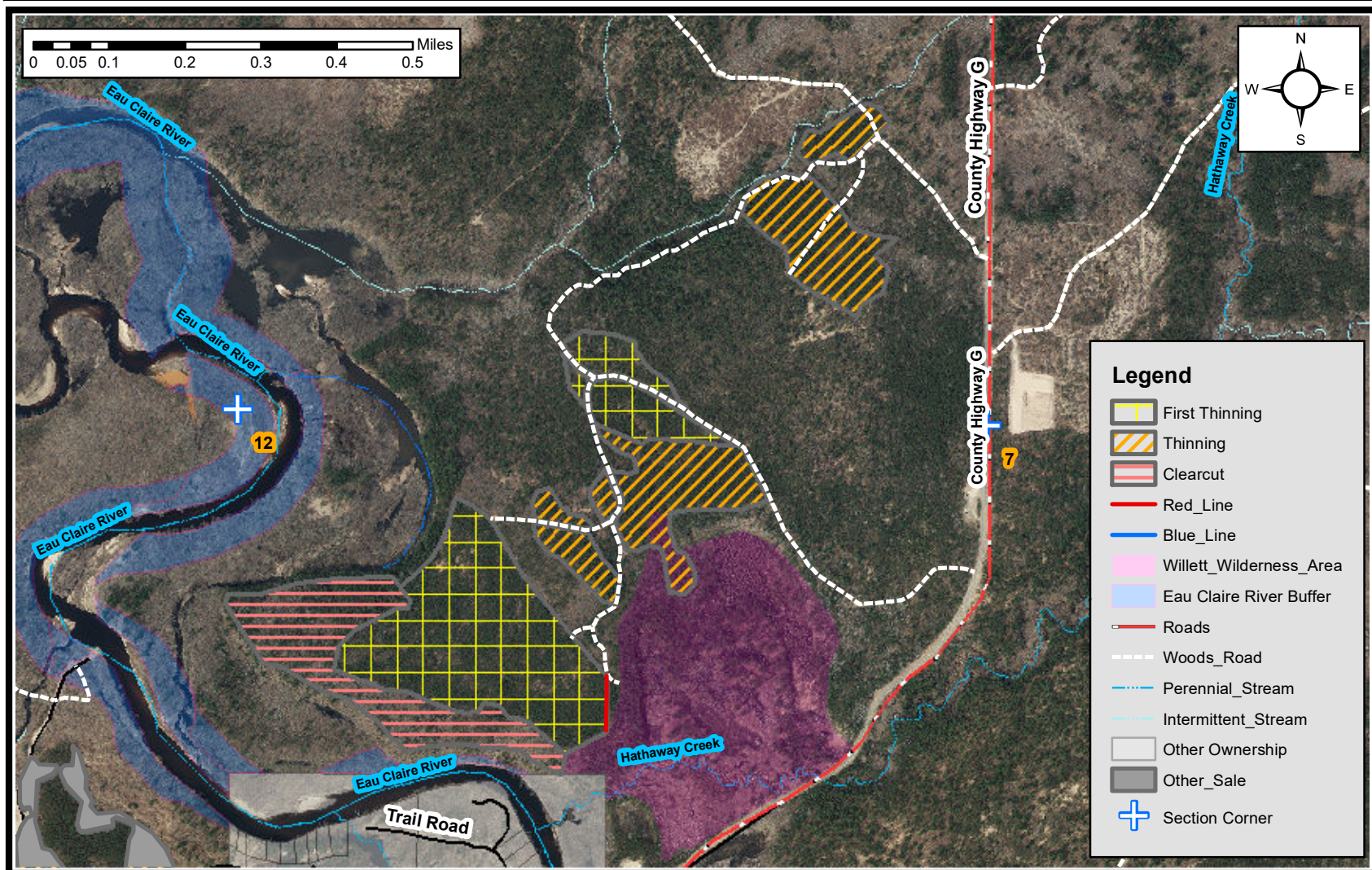
Sale Name: Big Stones			Tract Number: 1-23		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 27N	Range: 5W	Section: 21, 28	Township: Wilson		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 55		Stand: 7		Aspen	1200	-	-	
Soil: Loam/Sandy Loam		Topography: Level		Mx Hwd	310	-	7	
Acres: 35		Timber Sale #:		Oak	95	-	15	
Notes:					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$22,832.50	



Cutting Specifications:	
1.	Sale is delineated by red or blue paint lines, obvious roads
2.	Equipment must stay outside the purple boundary line of the RMZ except at designated crossing(s). Harvesting of Aspen, Ash, and Birch is allowed within the RMZ.
3.	RMZ crossings must be approved by the sale administrator
4.	North Coppice area: harvest all stems 1 inch and larger EXCEPT leave all Oak over 6 inches DBH
5.	South Coppice area: harvest all stems 1 inch and larger EXCEPT White Oak over 12 inches DBH
6.	No equipment or slash is allowed within the Green Tree Retention areas
8.	Sale is limited to dry or frozen conditions.
9.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
10.	All slash must be lopped and scattered within 2' of the ground

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Sale Name: Backwater Pines			Tract Number: 2-23		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 26N	Range: 6W	Section: 1 & 12	Township: Bridge Creek		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 71		Stand: 2, 4, 7, and 8			Oak	330	80	60
Soil: Sand		Topography: Rolling			Red Pine	550	280	-
Acres: 96		Timber Sale #:			White Pine	130	-	7
Notes: -Clearcut may not be harvested from April 1 st to July 15 th due to Oak Wilt restrictions					Aspen	55	-	-
					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$29,031.00	

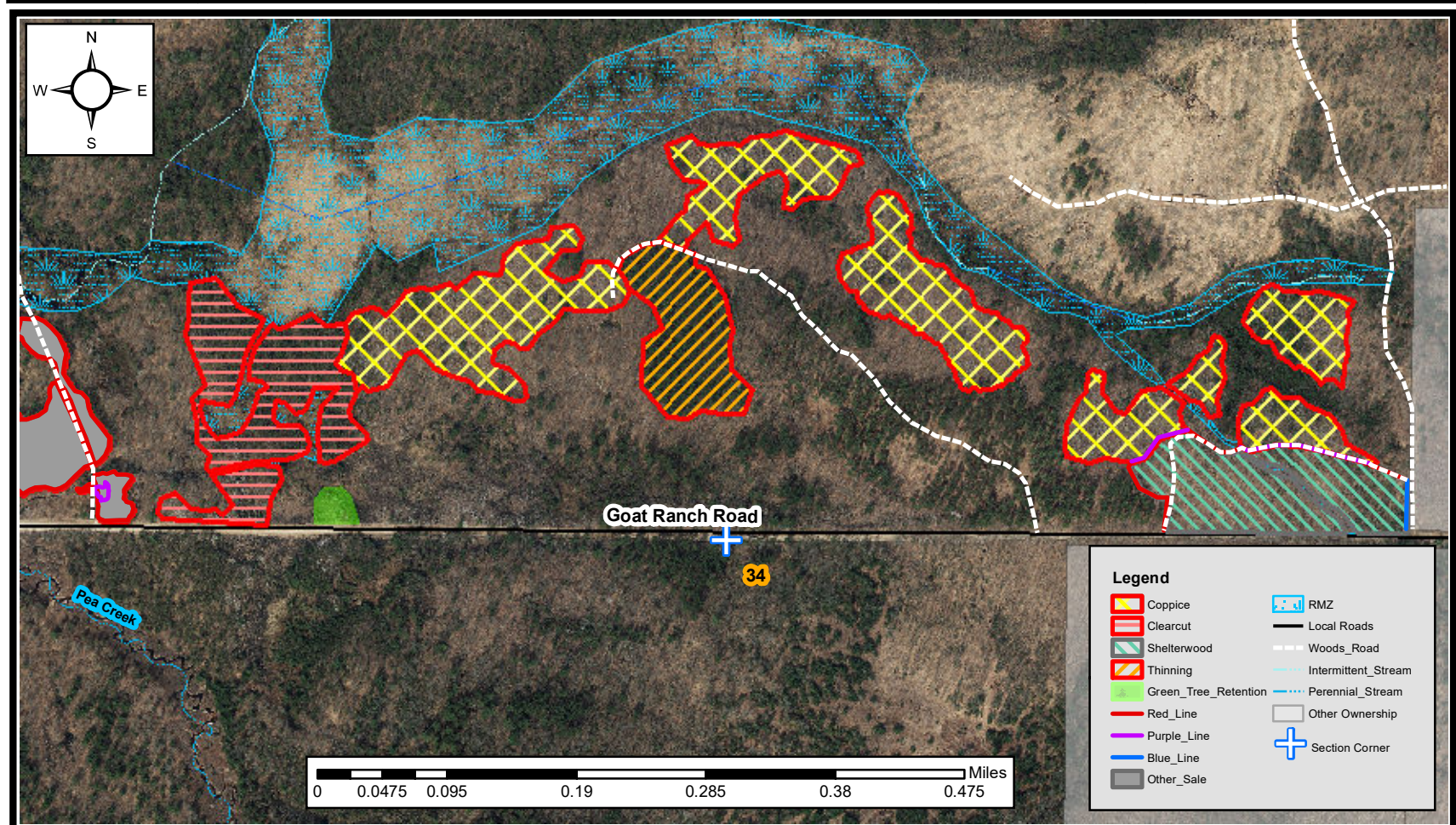


Cutting Specifications:

1.	Sale is delineated by red or blue paint lines, obvious roads, or changes in timber type
2.	No equipment or slash is allowed within the RMZ's
3.	Possible Spring/Summer Harvest Opportunity
4.	First Thinning: harvest every third row
5.	Thinning: harvest all trees marked with orange paint
6.	Clearcut: harvest all oak, hardwood, aspen, and jack pine except bur/white oak over 14" dbh and harvest all orange marked red and white pine.
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 roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
10.	All slash must be lopped and scattered within 2' of the ground

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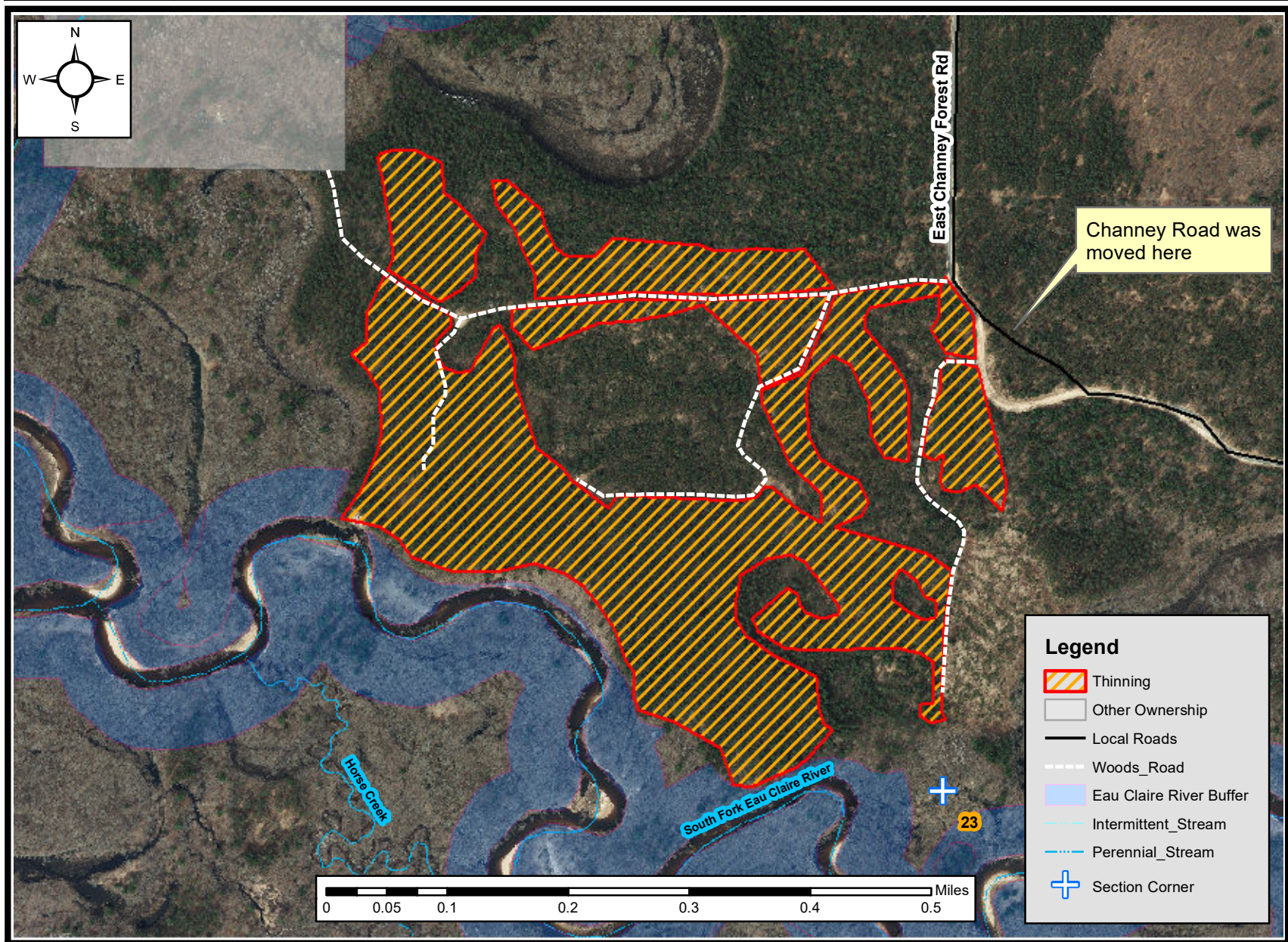
Sale Name: Jack in the Box			Tract Number: 3-23		Estimated Volumes				
Twp: 26N	Range: 5W	Section: 27, 28	Township: Bridge Creek		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)	
Compartment: 17, 18		Stand: 6, 37, 5, 6, 7, 30			Aspen	470	-	-	
Soil: Loamy Sand		Topography: Slightly rolling			White Oak	-	-	7	
Acres: 44		Timber Sale #:			Oak	290	95	3	
Notes:	<p>*Sale operations are limited to dry or frozen conditions between the dates of November 1st to March 14th Due to a species of special concern.</p> <p>-Aspen is approximately 10% Bolts</p> <p>-Oak contains White Oak pulp and bolts</p> <p>-Red Pine is approximately 56% Saw material</p>				White Pine	120	-	4	
					Red Pine	90	-	-	
					Jack Pine	200	-	-	
					Red Maple	270	-	2	
					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$15,982.00		



Cutting Specifications:	
1.	Sale is delineated by red paint or roads. Purple line denotes change in prescription
2.	RMZ Crossing must be approved by sale administrator.
3.	No harvesting or road building in Shelterwood area between April 1 st and July 15 th due to Oak Wilt.
4.	Coppice: Harvest all stems 1 inch and larger except leave all oak over 8 inches DBH
5.	Shelterwood: Harvest all stems 1 inch and larger except those marked with green paint
6.	Thinning: Harvest all stems marked with orange paint
7.	Clearcut: Harvest all stems 1 inch and larger
8.	All pine stumps must be sprayed according to contract from April 1 st to November 30th
9.	All cut Pine and Spruce products must be removed from the sale area within 2 weeks from May 15 th to August 15th
10.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
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Sale Name: Tomah Red Pine			Tract Number: 4-23		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 26N	Range: 5W	Section: 15	Township: Bridge Creek		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 28		Stand: 10 and 18			Red Pine*	975	-	-
Soil: Sand		Topography: Gently rolling			White Pine	40	-	9
Acres: 71		Timber Sale #:						
Notes: *Red Pine is approximately 43% saw material -Access to private land must remain open and passable					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$20,890.00	

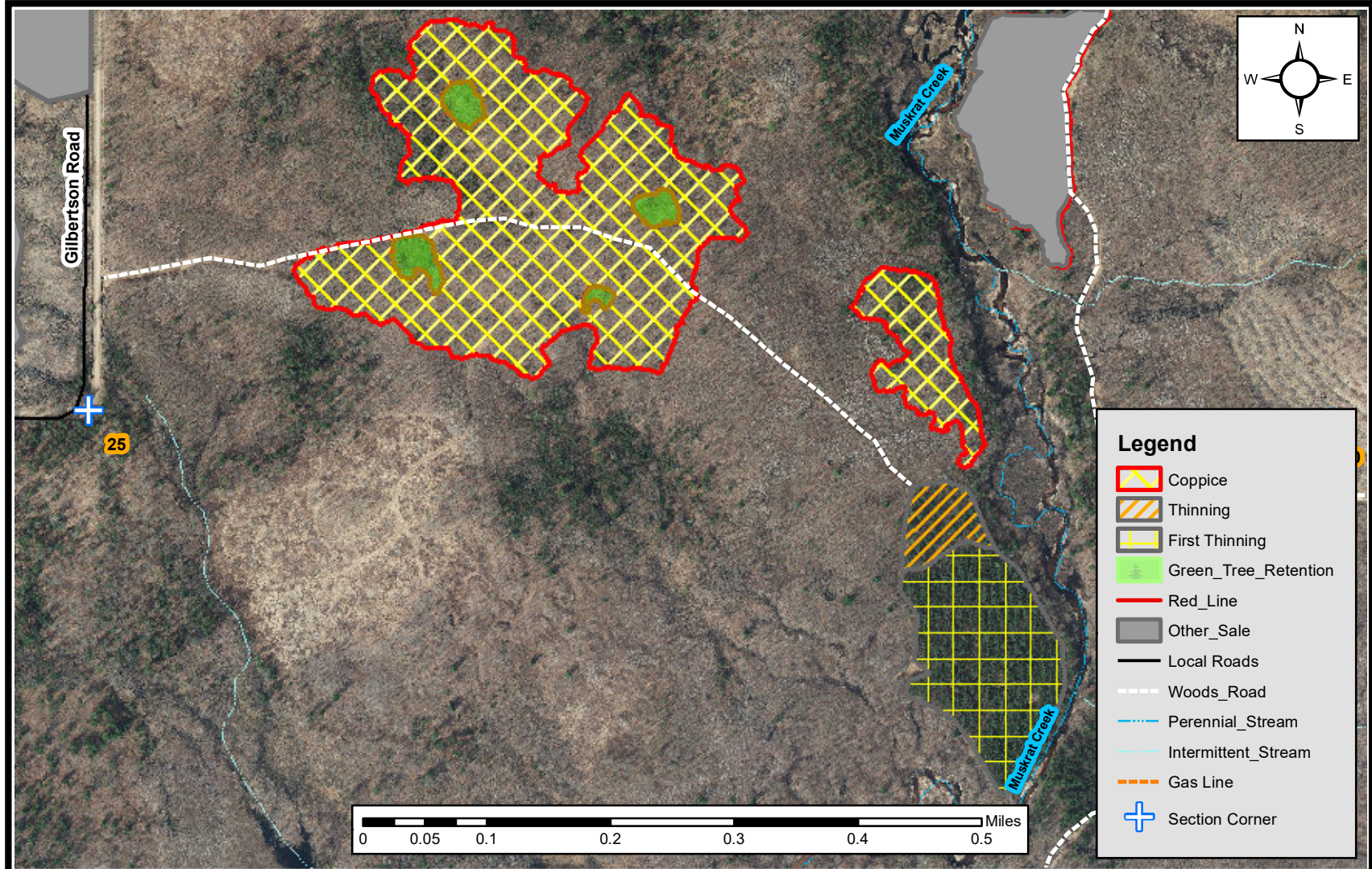


Cutting Specifications:

1.	Sale is delineated by changes in cover type
2.	Possible Spring/Summer Harvest Opportunity
3.	All stumps must be sprayed according to contract from April 1 st to November 30 th
4.	Thinning: Harvest all trees marked with orange paint
5.	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
6.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
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Sale Name: Earth Giants			Tract Number: 5-23	Estimated Volumes				
Twp: 27N	Range: 6W	Section: 24	Township: Wilson		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 62 & 63		Stand: 7, 11, 32, 5, 8		Oak	850	-	140	
Soil: Loamy Sand		Topography: gently rolling		White Oak	-	-	16	
Acres: 56		Timber Sale #:		Red Pine	390*	-	-	
Notes:	*Red Pine is approximately 20% saw bolts, which is about 15 MBF and includes 20 ton of White Pine pulp			White Pine	-	-	5	
				Red Maple	160	-	3	
				Sale Minimum Bid:		\$45,198.00		

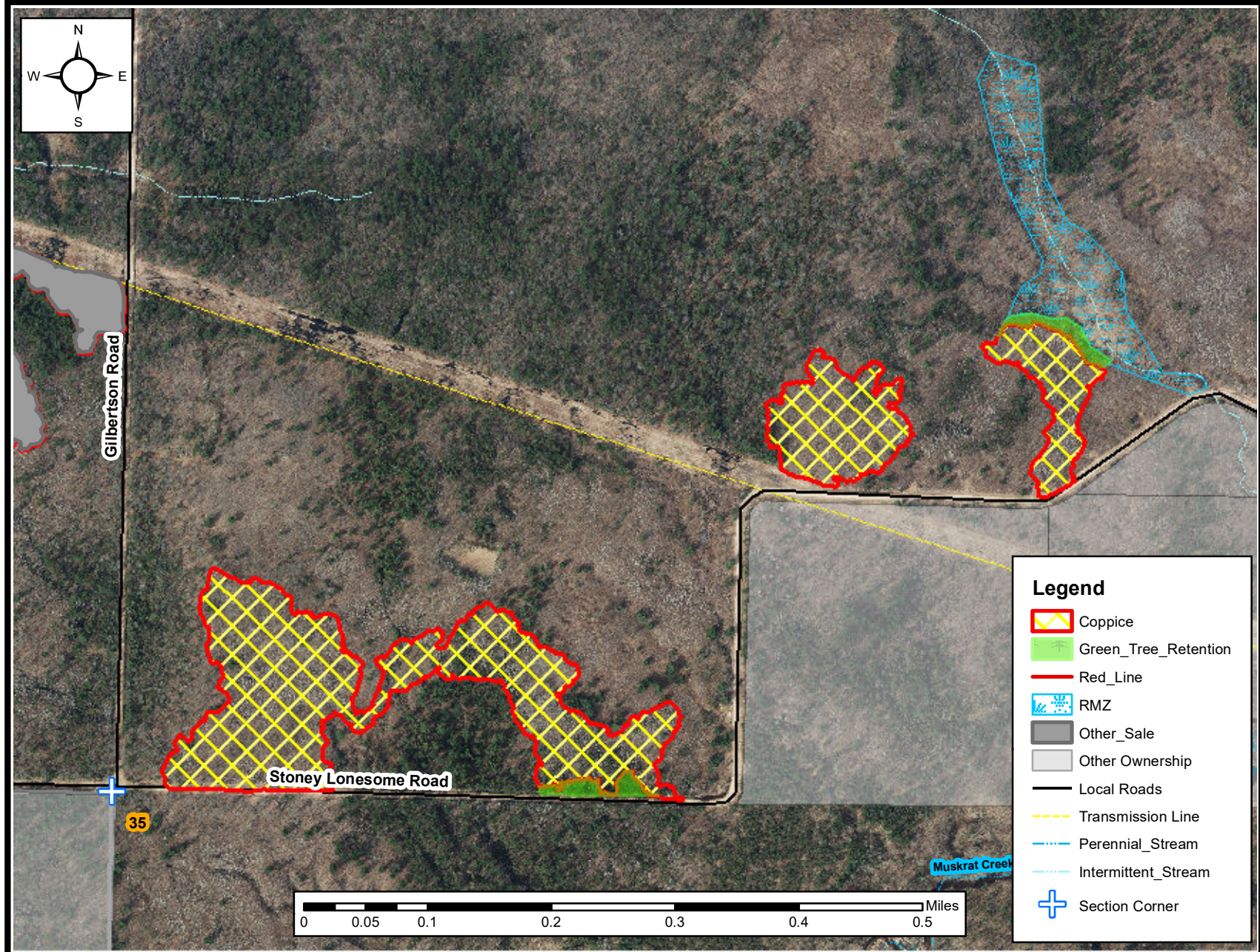


Cutting Specifications:

1. Sale is delineated by red paint or changes in cover type
2. No equipment or slash is allowed within the Green Tree Retention areas
3. Sale is limited to dry or frozen conditions. No harvesting or road building in the Coppice area from April 1st to July 15th due to Oak Wilt
4. **Coppice: Harvest all stems 1 inch and larger**
5. **Thinning: Harvest all trees marked with Orange paint**
6. **First Thinning: Harvest every third row**
7. All cut Pine and Spruce products must be removed from the sale area within 2 weeks during the period of May 15th to August 15th
8. All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
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Sale Name: Stoney Lonesome Aspen			Tract Number: 7-23		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 27N	Range: 6W	Section: 26	Township: Wilson		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 64		Stand: 12			Aspen	650	55	-
Soil: Loamy Sand		Topography: Level			MX Hwd	130	10	-
Acres: 29.5		Timber Sale #:			White Pine	80	-	3
Notes: *No decking allowed on the Powerline ROW					Oak	50	-	-
					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$13,041.50	

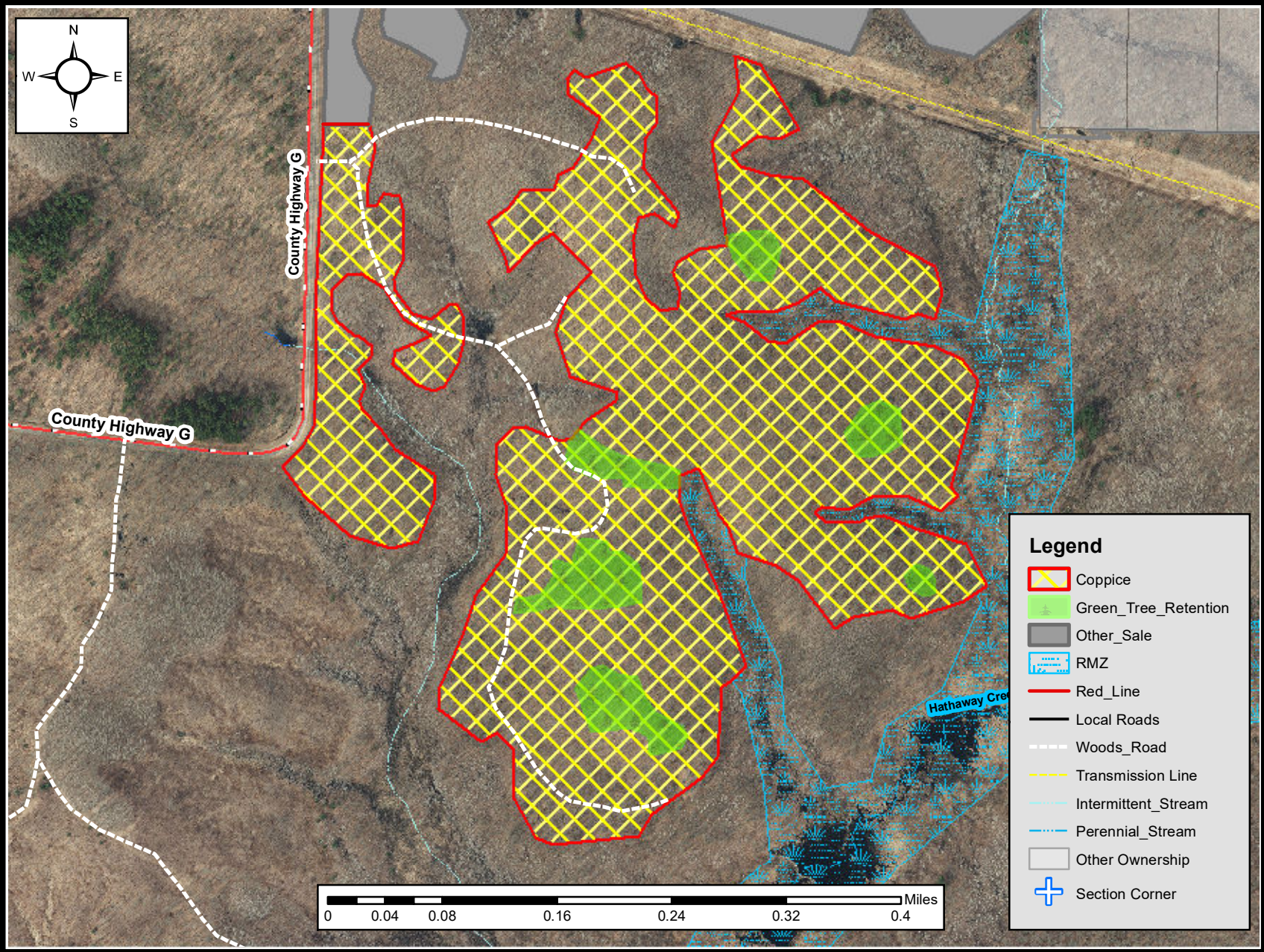


Cutting Specifications:

1.	Sale is delineated by red paint or roads
2.	No equipment or slash is allowed within the Green Tree Retention areas or RMZ
3.	Sale is limited to dry or frozen conditions
4.	Coppice: Harvest all stems 1 inch and larger except leave all oak over 8" DBH
5.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
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Sale Name: Half Marathon			Tract Number: 8-23		Estimated Volumes			
Twp: 27N	Range: 5W	Section: 31	Township: Wilson		SPECIES	Pulp (tons)	Bolts (tons)	Logs (MBF)
Compartment: 42		Stand: 21			Oak*	2550	1100	290
Soil: Loamy Sand		Topography: Rolling			White Oak	-	-	60
Acres: 78		Timber Sale #:			Red Maple	550	45	4
Notes: *Oak MBF is approximately 28% Red Oak -White Oak pulp and bolts are included with Oak -No decking of Wood within the Powerline ROW					Sale Minimum Bid:		\$96,243.00	



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2.	No equipment or slash is allowed within the Green Tree Retention areas or RMZ
3.	Sale is limited to dry or frozen conditions. No harvesting or road building from April 1 st to July 15 th due to Oak Wilt
4.	Coppice: Harvest all stems 1 inch and larger except trees marked with green paint and islands
5.	All roads and landings must be approved by the sale administrator
6.	All slash must be lopped and scattered within 2' of the ground

July 1, 2023 Extensions

<i>SALE NUMBER</i>	<i>TRACT #</i>	<i>CONTRACTOR</i>	<i>EXTENSION</i>	<i>INCREASE</i>	<i>STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS</i>
1814	7-19	Theodore Strzok Logging	Yes	10%	Increase
1828	2-20	Tlusty Logging	Yes	10%	Increase
1829	4-20	Tlusty Logging	Yes	10%	Increase
1830	5-20	Theodore Strzok Logging	Yes	10%	Increase
1850	1-21	Walters Logging	Yes	5%	Increase
1856	7-21	Tlusty Logging	Yes	5%	Increase
1852	3-21	Northwest Hardwoods	Yes	0%	No Increase

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APPROVING ENTERING INTO A LANDOWNER AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATE OF INCLUSION INTO THE LAKES STATES FOREST MANAGEMENT BAT HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND SUBMIT THIS DOCUMENT TO THE WI DNR

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County manages approximately 52,712 acres of County Forest Lands with numerous recreational trails and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Long-eared Bat and Tri-colored Bat are expected to be listed as federally endangered in 2023 and the Little Brown Bat is under review for listing; and

WHEREAS, the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan have jointly developed the Lakes States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan in order to receive an incidental take permit for forest management activities issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County plans to engage in activities that could result in the incidental take of the bats and seeks to be included in under the Incidental Take Permit issued to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, Eau Claire County will comply with the terms of the Species and Habitat Conservation Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors in consideration of the needs to conserve the bat populations in Wisconsin while continuing multiple use management consistent with the Eau Claire County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, hereby agree to enter into a Landowner Agreement and Certificate of Inclusion into the Lakes States Forest management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Forest Administrator be authorized to sign the agreement and submit this document to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

ADOPTED

Committee on Parks and Forest

VOTE: _____ AYE _____ NAY