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16.02.020 Restrictions on timber and pulp cutting-Eau Claire County Forest. No clearcutting of timber, pulpwood or firewood shall be allowed from a zone extending for three hundred feet of the ordinary high water mark, except for the purpose of insect/disease control, salvage operations, and conifer stands that will be regenerated by seeding or planting following the harvest. The zone shall be measured along the lay of the land (the linear distance along the ground). Thinning of timber, pulpwood, or firewood within this zone shall be allowed only pursuant to 16.30.520 D. and 20.07.002 of the Shoreland Zoning Code. This prohibition shall apply to the Eau Claire River, as well as its north and south forks. (Ord. 167-12, Sec. 1, 2023; Ord. 160-23, Sec. 3, 2017; Ord. 154-2, Sec. 30, 2010; Ord.140-34, Sec.1, 1996; Ord. 132-71 Sec.1, 1988, Ord.79-80/75 Sec.2, 1979).

16.02.030 Designation of Wilderness Areas.

A. Wilderness Areas described. The following areas within the boundaries of the Eau Claire County Forest shall be established as Wilderness Areas as referenced in the Eau Claire County Forest 10-Year Plan.

1. "Wilson Wilderness Area", 160 acres more or less including the NENW, SWNW, SENW, and SWNE, all in Section 14, T27N, R6W in the Town of Wilson.

2. "Horse Creek Wilderness Area", 232 acres more or less including SWNW, SENW, SWNE and the SENE all lying South of Horse Creek Road and the NWSW, the NESW, the NWSE, and the NESE, all in Section 21, T26N, R5W in the Town of Bridge Creek.

3. "Bruce Willett Wilderness Area", 98 acres more or less including the SWNE and the NWSE lying North of County Road G, and the S1/2 of the NWNE, the SW1/4 of the NENE, and the W1/2 of the SENE lying North of County Road G, all in Section 12, T26N, R6W in the town of Bridge Creek.

B. Restrictions. The following restrictions shall apply to Wilderness Areas.

1. No timber harvesting or other manipulation of vegetation shall be permitted.

2. Only such protective activities as are necessary to protect the values to be preserved shall be permitted.

3. No motors of any type or mountain bikes shall be permitted at any time, except as needed for necessary restoration and maintenance by the parks and forest department, or for protection as mentioned in 2.

4. There shall be no permanent roads or structures.

5. No utility or other easements, or mineral exploration or extraction shall be permitted.

6. Any requests for walking paths for educational and recreational purposes shall be referred to the committee on parks and forest for its recommendation, with final approval or disapproval being granted by the county board.

7. The minimum recommended size of 3,000 acres for designation of Wilson, Horse Creek and Bruce Willett Wilderness Areas is hereby waived. (Ord.140-121, 1997)

(Ord. 165-3, Sec. 1, 2021; Ord. 161-30, Sec. 1, 2017; Ord. 154-2, Sec. 31, 2010; Ord.131-03, Sec.1, 1997; Ord. 133-22 Sec.2, 1989; Ord.141-85, 1998; Res. (part) and Sec.7(A)(4) of Ord. dated July 28, 1958).