



# Executive Director's Report

By Tracy Beckman

## ***Funding***

- FIA/CFI Contract was awarded for another five years. The contract began on 10/1/19 and ends on 9/30/2024.
- Continue to research grants within Instrumental Grant research site
- Drummer Grant – On behalf of WHIP/Lumberjack, Tracy applied for and was awarded \$2,500 from the Ruffed-Grouse Society under their Drummer Grant program. The funds will be used to fully incorporate Lincoln County into WHIP's service area.
- NACD Grant - Tracy applied for and was awarded an NACD Grant for \$15,600 that will be used to help NRCS EQIP programs by marketing the various ways private forest landowners can access public cost-share programs. A plan for education & outreach is being developed by current Lumberjack staff.
- WYFP/Lumberjack was awarded a Sustainable Forestry Initiative grant for \$7,150 to continue supporting outreach materials and coordination under the partnership.

## ***Diversification***

- Ashland & Bayfield Counties are now using L.J. to do some of their forest inventory.
- Lumberjack/FIA is currently under contract to provide two forest management plans.
- Lumberjack/TIP is currently under contract for invasive species control services with City of Antigo
- Anticipate more contracts for control work
- Under consideration: Timber marking, invasive species consultations, native seed bank

## ***Fiscal Sponsorship Growth***

- WHIP has expanded their service area to include Lincoln County – now they serve Oneida, Vilas and Lincoln.
- TIP is finishing their first round of contract work and is working under several control grants that continue to support the partnership. With Tracy's guidance, the group will update their Strategic Management Plan.
- WYFP has entered their second year with Lumberjack. The partnership is now five years old and with Tracy's guidance, has begun planning strategically for their future.

## ***Still to come in Governance***

- Updated Lumberjack Website
- Updated policies
- Charities Review Membership
- Updating 2020-2024 Plan of Work