

COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

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CHAPTER 2000

ANNUAL PLANNING

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1 **2000 OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

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3 **OBJECTIVE**

4 To develop an annual work plan and budget that will satisfy the needs specified in Chapter
5 1000 to the greatest extent feasible, consistent with program priorities established in the
6 Mission Statement.

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8 **POLICY**

9 The County Forest program will sustain a level of operation that considers the needs of the
10 forest and the public in accordance with the goals identified in Chapter 100.

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12 **2100 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET**

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14 Each year an Annual Work Plan and Budget shall be prepared by the forest administrator
15 with assistance from the Committee and the DNR liaison forester. This plan shall be based
16 upon the detailed annual needs contained in Section 1100 of the Plan. Annual work plans
17 are approved by the County Board and forwarded to the DNR as required by Wisconsin
18 statutes s. 28.11(5)(b) and s. 28.11(5m)(b). Following County Board approval, a copy is
19 provided to official holders of the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan for
20 inclusion as an amendment in this chapter.

2006 ICF Work Plan

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Forestry

- Prepare 1200 acres of Timber Sales. 1000 NH, 200 A/F/S. GG 600 ac, NM 200, CZ 200 Josh will prepare 300 acres. AA will assist with 300 acres. **Priority stands:** over-stocked NH pole stands. All sale will follow DNR Silviculture Guidelines. All sales will be field checked by County and DNR supervisors prior to approval.
- Scale, bill and administer all active sales (~40 sales)
- Prepare, advertise and sell two timber sale auctions. (Spring and Fall Auction Value: >~ \$800,000).
- Site prep and re-plant stand 20, Compartment 250. 33 acres ~38,000 3-0 PR 7X6' spacing. (~\$59/M seedlings) (~40 hrs site prep 'dozer time). Planting done by contract planters. Estimated time to plant: 4 days max.
- County Foresters will update Reconnaissance Files for their field work using "Raven" program.
- *Continue accelerated recon updating. ICF foresters will update 2160 acres in compartments designated as 'Priority A'.*
- *Run at least two, two-tiered stands, through LS-TWIGS FVS model prior to harvest.*
- *Collect field data on at least 5 NH stands and run data through LS-TWIGS FVS Model. Use a variety of cutting cycle and density removal variables.*
- Continue research on canopy light dynamics.
- Continue research on basal area recovery (locate 25+ permanent plots). *Collect field data to calculate annual growth increment for NH stands in various zones of ICF.*
- Continue to research and refine NH management policy and guidelines as to be applied to ICF.

GIS

- Update and maintain ICF reconnaissance files with GIS.
- Continue collection of field data on all ICF roads, trails, parks and structures, including all section and quarter section pipes that relate to the Forest. Add these data to ICF GIS.
- Begin adding all sales under contract into GIS and maintain records.
- Using ICFGIS data and LS-TWIGS FVS model, project future forest conditions, volumes and species availability 15, and 30 years from now.
- Develop and print Iron County Forest User's Map. (1,000 copies)
- Maintain and update ICF web-page, including interactive trail condition portals and WX information.
- Update ArcView to Arc 9.x if feasible and logical with Raven needs.
- Work with other County Departments on map requests as needed.

84 **Forest Roads**

- 85 • Finish Norman Ck. Road. Contractor gravel haul.
- 86 • Finish Apple Ck. Road. Contractor gravel haul.
- 87 • Begin work on Boomer Ck road. Goal: 2.5 miles prepped for gravel or graveled.
- 88 • Crush ~10,000 cu. Yd. Gravel in the Bull Gus/Apple Ck neighborhood.
- 89 (~\$21,000).
- 90 • Construct free spans at perennial culvert washout sites (Big Lake and Hogsback bridge approaches).
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- 92 • Complete annual maintenance on all forestry roads.
- 93 • Sell D-7 and Case 'dozers... purchase mid-sized (Cat 4, JD 550/650) dozer w/6-
- 94 way blade.
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97 **Parks**

- 98 • Upgrade and add electrical service at Saxon Harbor lower camp.
- 99 • Remove Haven By the Falls by sale or demolition.
- 100 • Upgrade and add electrical service at Lake of the Falls.
- 101 • Weber Lake: assess caretakers shack. Up-grade two tent sites. Or
- 102 decommission all campsites and convert park to day use. Black top pavilion.
- 103 • Tables, fire rings, tent site, pit toilet renovation at Wren's Falls, Foster Falls, and
- 104 Potato River Falls. Develop primitive canoe site on Spider Lake with public
- 105 service workers. (Estimated cost: ~ \$500).
- 106 • Replace boat launch ramps at Wilson Lk and Weber Lk. (Estimated cost:
- 107 ~\$4500 for both ramps, installed).
- 108 • Complete rustic campsite on Spider Lake.
- 109 • Approve Parks and Recreation Plan.
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112 **Harbor**

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- 114 • *Continue to write grants for Recreational Boating Facilities Program and/or*
- 115 *Wisconsin Waterways monies to cover ICF financial responsibilities for Saxon*
- 116 *Harbor Expansion.*
- 117 • *Administer Harbor Expansion construction.*
- 118 • *Drill two wells at Harbor to support improved facilities: South trailer park and*
- 119 *North Camp ground/marina. (~\$3500)*
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122 **Trails**

- 123 • Administer and enforce ORV ordinance.
- 124 • Finish rehabilitation of 3 miles of Trail 6. Contract rehabilitation for another 3
- 125 miles.
- 126 • Write grants (ATV & Snowmo) for general maintenance of all trails for the year.
- 127 • Construct new trail as a mandatory re-route from City of Montreal, through
- 128 shooting range to east end of trail 6.
- 129 • Work with Town of Carey to re-route traffic on Gerry Rd, and trail 11.
- 130 • Call for proposals on construction of 4 season trail from Moose Lk area to

- 131 Russell Bros. Rd (Dollar Ck area).
132 • Complete general annual trail maintenance on all ATV and Snowmobile trails.
133 • Utilize 10' trail drag as much as possible on ICF trails. (Make \$\$)
134 • Begin final evolution of North Country National Scenic Trail to Ashland Co. line
135 (Apply for NRT grants for two suspension bridges, pioneer 2 mi. trail, sign and
136 brush existing route).

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138 **Signs**

- 139 • Construct 3 'Entering Iron County Forest' Highway ROW signs for Hwys 51,2,
140 and 77.
141 • Install Highway ROW signs.
142 • Construct 'Iron County Forestry Dept.' sign for 4th & Bernard.
143 • Construct new signs for Saxon Harbor as needed.
144 • Maintain all county forest signs as needed.

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146 **Wildlife**

- 147 • Continue implementation of Penokee Range No-Management Zone Important
148 Bird Area agreement with State.
149 • Mow 33% of constructed wildlife openings on Forest.
150 • Seed 90% of all closed timber sale roads and landings.
151 • Produce annual Sportsman's Map.
152 • Assist with annual winter deer mortality survey if needed.

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155 **Endangered Resources/ Special Areas/ High Conservation Value Forests**

- 156 • Continue to work with DNR ER to locate and define two additional HCVF areas
157 on ICF.

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160 **Buildings and Grounds**

- 161 • Remove underground gas tank at Upson F.S. Do not replace tank (save \$\$).
162 • Assess roof at Forestry Shop.
163 • Organize and design rack system for Boneyard. 101005

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