

1 COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

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3 CHAPTER 700

4 **ROADS, TRAILS AND ACCESS**

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60 **700 ACCESS CONTROL AND HISTORY**

61 Resource management, protection activities, recreational uses, and other public uses on the
62 Iron County Forest require several different types of access. Since the Forest is large and
63 diverse, a broad network of access routes have developed. A combination of geography,
64 soils, vegetation, surface waters, seasons of the year, presence/absence of roads or trails,
65 ownership of adjoining lands, and public regulations interact to control access to any part of
66 the Forest.

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68 Many of the existing roads and trails were originally developed as logging roads and
69 railroads, forest fire-lanes, or trails used to reach popular hunting and fishing areas. The
70 locations and standards for these earlier roads were not routinely established by county
71 personnel.

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73 Over the years, the road density and frequency of vehicle use on the Forest has increased in
74 response to an expanding number of motorized recreational vehicles and to an active timber
75 harvest program. Often times, different uses have occurred on the same trails with minimal
76 conflicts. But the diverse demands for, and uses of, the County Forest has reached the point
77 where an integrated access management plan is needed.

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79 User conflict between groups: e.g., snowmobiling versus cross-country skiing; hunting on
80 foot versus use of vehicles for access to game populations.

81 Safety: e.g., pleasure riding of horses on the same trail with ATV vehicle traffic, or
82 hiking.

83 Rutting: the pooling of water in wheel caused depressions on roads or trails.

84 Erosion: soils eroding due to use, or over-use by vehicles.

85 Damage to access: rutted or impassable roads requiring costly repair by the county or
86 other specific user groups (e.g., snowmobile club).

87 Litter: depositing garbage and waste on the Forest.

88 Over-utilization of a resource; e.g. reduced availability of trophy-sized deer, excessive

89 harvest of ruffed grouse along trails, over-harvest of bobcat.

90 Crowding: e.g. complaints from hunters about intensified competition for traditional
91 hunting areas as a result of better access.

92 Fires: e.g. increased exposure of the resource to forest fire occurrence.

93 Endangered species management: e.g. high road densities conflict with timber wolf
94 recovery, eagle and osprey nest disturbance.

95 Invasive species: e.g. introduction of invasive exotic species along travel routes.

96 Developmental trends: e.g. preservation of the County Forest solitude by limiting access
97 versus development of high intensity use by additional roads and unlimited access.

98 Road placement: e.g. some roads should be closed for improper location and evaluated
99 for replacement.

100 Clear and concise policy for the public.

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102 **705 CHAPTER OBJECTIVES:**

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104 1. Provide direction to the committee and resource managers in order to maintain a
105 network of roads and trails on the County Forest. This will meet the needs for
106 resource management and protection activities, as well as provide public access for
107 recreation opportunities.

108 2. Identify the distribution, density, and types of roads and uses of roads and trails
109 needed to establish a safe and efficient transportation and recreation system that
110 complements the economic, environmental, and social interest in the County Forest.

111 3. Identify the existing and future County Forest roads eligible for transportation aids
112 under s.86.315(1), Wis. Stats.

113 4. Identify areas on the County Forest where the access is limited or restricted.

114 5. Identify the provisions and criteria that will be policy when addressing management
115 issues on the County Forest.

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118 **710 ROADS**

119 Iron County Forest staff will oversee the construction and maintenance of all roads within
120 the County Forest. These roads may be constructed and maintained by the County, private
121 contractors working under contract, other public resource agencies or under cooperative
122 agreements with other organizations.* The specifications for road construction and
123 maintenance will vary with the frequency, duration, and planned use of each road. Three
124 major types of roads occur on the Forest: permanent primary roads; permanent secondary
125 roads, and temporary roads.

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127 New road establishment should consider information identifying areas with sensitive soils
128 or severe slopes that have the potential for adverse water quality impacts from land
129 management practices. County staff can work with local DNR water resources staff to
130 develop site-specific measures where appropriate.

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132 Since March 10, 2003, federal law has required that landowners of non-silviculturally
133 related construction sites with one acre or more of land disturbance obtain construction
134 site storm water permit coverage to address erosion control and storm water management.
135 Except within Indian Country, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been
136 delegated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to implement
137 the federal storm water program in Wisconsin. On August 1, 2004, the DNR received
138 authority under revised ch. NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code, to require landowners of
139 construction sites with one acre or more of land disturbance to obtain permit coverage.
140 Landowners need to submit an application called a Notice of Intent (NOI) to request
141 coverage under the Construction Site Storm Water Runoff General Permit No.
142 WIS067831. As stated, roads and landings built for silvicultural purposes are considered
143 exempt from storm water permitting and must be properly abandoned through the use of
144 berms or gates; however, all recreational infrastructure projects (trails, parking lots, etc.)
145 will require storm water permits and plans.

*as approved by Iron County Board of Supervisors 3/27/07

147 710.1 PERMANENT PRIMARY FOREST ROADS

148 These roads are the primary roads accessing the County Forest. They are designed,
 149 constructed, and maintained for year-round use. These roads serve essential access corridors
 150 for multiple use management. Some of these roads are graveled and routinely graded.
 151 Vehicle use may be restricted at various times of the year to minimize physical damage to
 152 the road or to accommodate a groomed snowmobile trail.

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 154 Some forest roads in this category qualify for the County Forest Road Aids program.
 155 Qualifying roads must meet minimum design standards of a 16-foot surface width and a 20-
 156 foot roadway width. A yearly aid payment is used to maintain and improve these certified
 157 public roads. The following table lists the roads currently certified under s. 86.31(1), Wis.
 158 Stats. Also included are roads proposed for addition once improvements meet statute
 159 requirements.

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 161 IRON COUNTY CURRENT AND FUTURE WDOT CERTIFIED

TOWNSHIP	SECTION	LENGTH (MI)	ROAD NAME/COMMENTS
Anderson	4,9,16,21	3.25	Bull Gus Rd.
	32	1.32	W. end Norman Ck. Rd.
	29	1.25	W. end Apple Ck. Rd.
	4,5,9	1.03	Wren's Falls Rd.
Cary	14,15	1.30	Lake One Rd.
	23,25,26	1.01	Obadash Lk. Rd.
Gurney	19,20	1.60	N. Birch Hill Loop
Knight	21,22	2.30	E. end Apple Ck. Rd.
	21,22	0.65	Buck's Pit Rd.
	27,28	1.55	E. end Norman Ck. Rd

	27,34,35	3.73	Snake Track Rd.
	30,31,6	3.05	Shirley Lk. Rd.
	6,7,18,19	5.50	Augustine Ck. Rd.
	2-4,8,9	3.80	Crawford Rd.
	5	0.80	Crawford Pit Rd.
	2,12,14,23, 26,35	7.0	Game Road
Oma	21,28	1.00	Pine Lake Pit Rd.
Pence	44, 2E	6.48	Hog's Back Rd.
Saxon	10,15,22	1.60	Boomer Ck. Rd.
	10,15	2.27	Proposed Road
TOTALS		48.22 MI	

162 These permanent primary roads will be maintained and remain open to public use.
163 Forestry roads will receive winter maintenance when necessary for *silvicultural purposes*
164 (fire and insect protection, timber sales, planting and site preparation).

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166 710.2 PERMANENT SECONDARY ROADS

167 These roads often serve a variety of uses including forest management, fire protection, and
168 recreation. These roads are maintained as part of a permanent road system but are often
169 narrower than permanent primary roads and are built and maintained to lower standards.
170 Some of these roads are designed for use only when the ground is frozen or firm.

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172 Some roads in this category are located in areas on the Forest where motor vehicle use is
173 limited or restricted. In these instances, the roads will be blocked and/or signed as restricted
174 from use. In instances where motorized traffic is restricted, vehicle access will only be
175 authorized for planned management activities or fire protection. Foot traffic is allowed on
176 all roads.

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<p>*as approved by Iron County Board of Supervisors 3/27/07 ** does not include proposed road</p>
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178 710.3 TEMPORARY ROADS

179 Many of the roads on the Forest fall into this classification. These roads are designed and
180 constructed for short-term use for a specific project; often for timber harvest access. These
181 roads are used only for a short duration and when the activity is done, the temporary road
182 may be closed. These roads can be naturally or artificially revegetated and closed by use of
183 earthen berms/bunkers or other physical barriers. Reasons for closure will include
184 protection of perpetually wet soils, human safety, and prevention of illegal dumping.

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186 The need for new temporary roads will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Road
187 locations will be included in designing timber harvests. Consideration will be given to the
188 objectives within each County Forest unit, existing road density, potential use, and soil type.
189 See Iron County Off-Road Vehicle Ordinance 12-XX in Chapter 900.

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191 As of January 2006, an interim rutting and soil disturbance policy is in affect for two years.
192 A copy of this interim policy is located in Chapter 900.

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194 **720 RECREATIONAL TRAIL ACCESS**

195 This trail network provides access for many recreational opportunities on the Forest. An
196 important role of the Forest is to provide sustainable recreational trails that do not cause
197 long-term natural resource damage, and that are compatible with other uses. Management
198 activities adjacent to recreational trails will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Where
199 deemed necessary; alterations will be made to accommodate the recreational use. The
200 committee has the authority to open, close or relocate trails.

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202 All of the recreational uses of the Forest have corresponding maps in Chapter 900-
203 Appendix.

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205 **720.1 TRAIL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE**

206 Requests for recreational trails will be reviewed by the Committee. Groups requesting

207 specific trail development or use must present a plan for the long term funding and
208 maintenance of proposed trails. Organized trail uses and group-sponsored activities must
209 protect Iron County with \$100,000 liability insurance coverage and provide a certificate of
210 insurance as proof of coverage.

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212 Construction or maintenance of any recreational trail in which the activity would increase
213 the erosion potential of one acre or more of land is subject to state and federal storm-water
214 runoff requirements (NR216, Wis. Adm. Code and s. 283.33, Wis. Stats). Construction or
215 development for silvicultural purposes is presently exempt from these requirements if
216 properly abandoned (bermed or gated). Recreational trail development in Iron County that
217 meets these parameters will employ best management practices for water quality (PUB-FR-
218 093-95) to mitigate any adverse impacts. In addition, an erosion control plan will be
219 prepared for each project depicting the location of the project and surrounding wetlands and
220 what erosion control measures will be employed.

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222 **725 NON-MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAILS**

223 725.1 HIKING TRAILS

224 725.1.1 Undesignated Hiking Trails

225 All portions of the County Forest are open to hiking or foot travel unless marked with signs
226 closing an area. From April 1st through November 30th, both the MECCA ski trails and the
227 Uller ski trails are open for hiking.

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229 725.1.2 Designated Hiking Trails

230 National Scenic Trails

231 One National Scenic Trail is present on the Iron County Forest.

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233 North Country Trail

234 The North Country Trail is a 3200-mile trail planned to traverse the United States
235 from New York to North Dakota. In Iron County, the trail corridor follows the

236 Penokee Range from the Michigan line just north of Hurley to the Ashland County
237 line west of Wren Falls. Two sections of the corridor in Iron County have been
238 certified: a 6 mile section from Smith's Creek to Weber Lake, and a 3 mile section
239 from Upson Lake to the Gold Mine fault. Major bridges are being designed for the
240 Potato River crossing at Upson Lake outfall and the Tyler's Fork crossing at Wren
241 Falls. Additional trail sections are being improved for certification and plans
242 include the improvement of more sections in the future. One of the Forest's major
243 non-motorized recreation goals is to have complete certification of all sections of
244 the North Country Trail through the county forest by 2010. Trail design
245 construction and maintenance will conform to *Wisconsin Forestry's Best*
246 *Management Practices for Water Quality* (pub. FR-093-95).

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248 Management practices on, and adjacent to, these designated trails will be designed
249 to minimize disruption to the trail and its users. Temporarily rerouting the trail to
250 avoid conflict and safety concerns may be necessary. Tree blazes and signing
251 identifying the trail will be maintained and protected by inclusion into timber sale
252 contracts. Trails bisecting timber sales will be cleared of trees and logging debris
253 daily.

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255 **725.2 BICYCLE TRAILS**

256 **725.2.1 Undesignated Bicycle Trails**
257 All trails, roads, and fire lanes are open for recreational bicycle use. Off-trail mountain bike
258 use may be restricted in specific areas if use causes erosion or other environmental
259 damages.

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261 **725.2.2 Designated Bicycle Trails**

262 Portions of the MECCA ski trail system are signed for the use of off-trail
263 mountain bikes.

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265 725.3 HORSEBACK RIDING TRAILS

266 725.3.1 Undesignated Horseback Riding Trails

267 All trails, roads, and fire lanes are open for horseback trail riding. Off- trail riding
268 within the riparian zone of rivers, streams, or lakes is not permitted except when
269 watering horses. Equestrian access may be limited or restricted due to erosion
270 concerns.

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272 725.3.2 Designated Horseback Riding Trails

273 None

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275 725.4 CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

276 725.4.1 Undesignated Cross-Country Ski Trails

277 All Iron County Forest property, trails, roads, and fire lanes are open for cross-country
278 skiing. Cross- country skiing on groomed snowmobile trails is not permitted due to safety
279 concerns.

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281 725.4.2 Designated Cross-Country Ski Trails

282 Two regularly groomed ski trails are available for public use on the Forest and are
283 maintained for public skiing under agreements with local ski clubs. The MECCA Ski Club
284 has agreed to maintain the Mecca Ski Trails west of Mercer, and the Penokee Rangers will
285 continue to maintain the Uller Trail from Montreal to Weber Lake. See location maps in
286 Chapter 900.

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288 725.5 OTHER NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL USE

289 Other non-motorized recreational trail uses including, but not limited to, snow-shoeing, dog
290 sledding, geo-caching, orienteering and, hunting on foot are permitted on all trails except
291 where otherwise posted as closed.

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294 **730 MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAILS**

295 The use of motorized vehicles on the Forest continues to grow. The design and
296 maneuverability have improved and power of the vehicles has increased. This has led to
297 greater use; increased trail use conflicts, unnecessary environmental damage, and increased
298 expenses for trail maintenance. Additional regulation on these types of recreational vehicles
299 was needed to protect the Forest. The Iron County ORV Ordinance #12-5-xx sets policy and
300 enforcement guidelines for the management of motorized recreation on the Forest. See
301 Chapter 900 for this ordinance.

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303 **730.1 SNOWMOBILE TRAILS**

304 **730.1.1 Undesignated Snowmobile Trails**

305 Snowmobile use is permitted on all logging roads, and fire lanes during big game hunting
306 seasons when the ground is snow-covered.

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308 **730.1.2 Designated Snowmobile Trails**

309 Two types of groomed snowmobile trails are authorized on the Forest: state-funded trails
310 and local club trails. Annual agreements outline the operation, maintenance, and insurance
311 obligations between Iron County and local snowmobile clubs.

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313 State trails: A system of state approved and funded snowmobile trails is authorized
314 on designated trails, logging roads, and fire lanes. This system is part of the
315 statewide network of snowmobile trails, which link Iron County with adjoining
316 counties as well as the rest of the state. Snowmobile registration, gas tax and out-of-
317 state user fees are used to support trail development, signing, maintenance,
318 grooming and bridge construction.

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320 Local trails: A smaller network of local club-sponsored snowmobile trails is also
321 permitted on designated trails, logging roads, and fire lanes. Maintenance of these
322 trails is supported by club membership fees and fund raising activities.

323 All groomed snowmobile trails are closed to all cars and trucks from December 1st through
324 March 31st unless vehicle use is authorized by Iron County. When vehicle use is authorized,
325 contractors must maintain the trail in a safe condition, free from debris and equipment, and
326 with a minimum of 3 inches of snow-pack. Trail width shall not exceed 16 feet.

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328 DNR's Trail Signing Handbook will be used as the guide for posting standardized signs and
329 will assist in promoting uniformity for trail signing throughout the county. Only trail signs
330 that provide information for safety, regulations, or trail directions will be permitted. Private
331 and business signs are not authorized on the Forest. All trail signs must be mounted on
332 wooden or metal posts.

333 334 730.2 ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV) TRAILS

335 336 730.2.1 Undesignated ATV Trails

337 No cross-country use is permitted; however, existing snowmobile trails, logging roads on
338 County Forest lands and County Forest roads are open to ATV use during the big game
339 hunting season while in the process of hunting or preparing to hunt. ATVs may not be
340 operated in any wetland area, or behind any gated, bermed, blocked or signed trail. Trail
341 use may be temporarily closed for protection against forest fires during dry periods.

342 343 730.2.2 Designated ATV Trails

344 Two types of designated ATV trails exist on the Iron County Forest; state funded and club
345 trails. State funded trails run both in the summer and winter months. Summer trails are
346 open from June 1st through the gun deer opener and winter trails are open from December
347 1st through March 31st when snow depth is 4 inches or greater. The county has contracts
348 with local clubs and organizations for the grooming, brushing, signing and maintenance of
349 these trails.

352 **730.3 OTHER MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TRAILS**

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354 **730.3.1 Undesignated Motorized Trails**

355 Other motorized recreational use of the County Forest is prohibited on those trails
356 designated for other recreational uses or where trails are rocked, bermed, gated or otherwise
357 blocked. .

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359 **730.3.2 Designated Motorized Trails**

360 The long-term goal on the Forest is to develop and maintain both winter and summer use
361 off- road vehicle (ORV), motorcycle (MC) or intensive use (IU) trail systems. This trail
362 network would permit ORV or MC use only on this designated trail system. The Forest will
363 be closed to ORV/MC use except on designated trails. State funds may be available to
364 support trail maintenance. The Forestry Committee may enter into agreements with clubs or
365 organizations for the responsibility of signing and maintenance of these trails. This trail
366 network may involve a combination of both public and private lands

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368 **735 RESTRICTED ACCESS AREAS**

369 In addition to providing trails for motorized vehicle use, the Forest may also provide and
370 designate areas where motorized equipment is not permitted unless authorized by the
371 Committee. The principal intent of these areas is to prevent environmental damage to
372 sensitive areas, protect historical or archeological sites, protect endangered and threatened
373 species, provide for human safety and provide areas for quiet, secluded recreation.

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375 **740 WATER ACCESS**

376 As a result of the wide distribution of lakes, streams, rivers, and other surface waters on the
377 Forest, water access may be planned, developed, or restricted as a component of the overall
378 Forest access management plan. Several boat landings, canoe landings, and adjacent roads
379 currently provide water access on the Forest primarily for recreational activities. In
380 addition, these water access points also provide water supply points for fire apparatus

381 working to suppress forest fires or nearby structural fires.

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383 The existing water access points will be maintained to provide a place to launch a small
384 fishing boat or canoe. Not all watercraft will be able to use these access points. These
385 landings are built for public use and not for private boat mooring sites. Mooring or storing
386 boats for longer than 24 hours is prohibited.

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388 The following public boat access sites have been developed on the Iron County Forest and
389 are open to public use:

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391 740.1 PUBLIC BOAT ACCESS SITES MAINTAINED BY IRON COUNTY FOREST

392 1. LAKE SUPERIOR - SAXON HARBOR (EAST, WEST)

393 2. WEBER LAKE

394 3. UPSON LAKE

395 4. OBRIEN LAKE

396 5. CAROLINE LAKE

397 6. FISHER LAKE

398 7. TURTLE RIVER - SHAY'S DAM

399 8. OXBOW LAKE

400 9. DEER LAKE

401 10. BASS LAKE

402 11. ONE MAN LAKE

403 12. BEAVER LAKE

404 13. SPIDER LAKE

405 14. BRANDT LAKE

406 15. SHAY LAKE

407 16. TURTLE FLAMBEAU – LAKE OF THE FALLS

408 17. WILSON LAKE

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410 740.2 PUBLIC BOAT ACCESS SITES MAINTAINED BY TOWNS.

- 411 1. ECHO LAKE
- 412 2. GILE FLOWAGE
- 413 3. GRAND PORTAGE
- 414 4. ISLAND LAKE
- 415 5. LAKE OF THE FALLS
- 416 6. LONG LAKE
- 417 7. MCDERMOTT
- 418 8. MERCER LAKE
- 419 9. OWL LAKE
- 420 10. PINE LAKE

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422 740.3 PUBLIC BOAT ACCESS SITES MAINTAINED BY DNR.

- 423 1. BEARSKULL
- 424 2. CEDAR LAKE
- 425 3. HAY CREEK FLOWAGE
- 426 4. NORTH BASS LAKE
- 427 5. NORTH FORK FLAMBEAU RIVER
- 428 6. RANDALL LAKE
- 429 7. SANDY BEACH
- 430 8. TAMARACK LAKE
- 431 9. TRUDE LAKE
- 432 10. TURTLE FLAMBEAU FLOWAGE (4)

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434 740.4 UNDEVELOPED WATER ACCESS POINTS ON COUNTY FOREST

435 Other undeveloped water access points for canoes and boats currently exist on the Forest.
436 These are used routinely to hand launch boats or canoes but have not been developed for
437 boat trailer launching. All new sites for developed water access must be reviewed and
438 approved by the Committee.

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440 **745 WILD LAKES**

441 The surface waters encompassed under the wild lakes designation include those restricted
442 use areas that are not open to any gasoline-powered vehicles, water-craft, or snowmobiles
443 except when snow covered. In general, all or most of the shorelines of these lakes and
444 streams would be owned by Iron County. Counties may request that townships establish
445 regulations restricting motorized use on these surface waters. Canoes, kayaks, and boats
446 propelled by wind, oars, or electric motors are permitted. Gasoline or diesel powered
447 equipment is not permitted. The intent of these restrictions is to protect the aquatic
448 resources of these lakes but still allow human access. Several lakes, listed in internal
449 DNR documents, designated as "Wild Lakes" include shoreline, which is part of the Iron
450 County Forest:

- 451 1. Dorthy Lake
- 452 2. Saxon Falls Flowage
- 453 3. Beaver Lake (Sec. 10 T43R4E)
- 454 4. Beaver Lake (Sec. 26 T44R3E)
- 455 5. Maki Lake

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457 **750 WETLANDS**

458 In addition to surface waters, all wetlands on the Forest are closed to motorized recreational
459 vehicle use when soils are not frozen. Vehicle use during non-frozen seasons causes soil
460 rutting, compaction and damage to vegetation. The wetlands are not listed individually here
461 but include all areas where soils, groundwater or surface waters support the growth of
462 vegetation commonly associated with wetland plant communities.

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464 **755 ACCESS TO PRIVATE LANDS**

465 Applications by private parties to build or improve access roads through County Forest land
466 will be considered by the Committee on a case-by-case basis. The following stipulations
467 will be adhered to before an "Access Permit" is granted.

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1. Access across County Forest lands must be demonstrated by the applicant as the route of last resort. Proposed uses must be documented by the applicant.
2. No legal easement will be granted, only permission to cross county lands.
3. The permit is non-transferable. New landowners must apply to continue the land use agreement.
4. Road improvements and upgrading must be approved and will be supervised by the Forestry Department staff. Prior notification of three (3) working days is required before work starts.
5. All wood cut shall remain the property of Iron County.
6. Roadway must be opened to the public through county land. No gate may be erected on county land.
7. The County continues full ownership of the improved roadway; however, it shall not be liable for maintenance or upkeep of the road.
8. Permittee waives any rights to any declaration of ownership or interest in the road on county land for administrative costs as a result of this "Access Permit". The access permit is granted upon the signature and any fees being received by the Iron County Forestry Department.
9. The Land Use Agreement is cooperative. Iron County Forest will seek to gain permitted access on to County Forest lands from the permittee if applicable. If the permittee is not agreeable to reciprocal use for timber management purposes, a land use agreement will not be issued.
10. The fee schedule for a one-time payment is set at \$25.00 subject to Committee review.
11. The standard Land Use Agreement Access permit is included as an exhibit in Chapter 900-17.

760 PUBLIC UTILITY ACCESS

497 Access of the County Forest for utility reasons is covered under Chapter 500-515.5, Special
498 Uses.

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500 **765 BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

501 The layout and construction of any new road or trail situated on the County Forest shall
502 adhere to *Wisconsin's Best Management Practices for Water Quality* (PUB-FR-093-95).
503 This access management plan addresses the need and diversity level of forest roads and
504 trails within the County Forest. Chapter 6 of the BMP Manual provides guidelines for road
505 construction. Areas with highly erodable soil types, close proximity to streams or lakes, or
506 steep slopes are identified on the erosion susceptibility map included in Chapter 900-
507 appendix. Soil disturbance activities in these areas may require mitigating measures in
508 excess of those currently listed in the Best Management Practices manual PUB-FR-093-95.
509 Wider buffers, sediment control structures and water diversion techniques will be used as
510 appropriate in these sensitive areas.

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512 **770 SIGNS**

513 Signs on the County Forest will be used discreetly to perform and function with minimal
514 disruption to the multiple uses of the Forest. Private signs promoting personal, commercial
515 or political objectives will not be permitted without authorization from Iron County. Signs
516 erected by the county for management purposes or by non-profit recreational trail groups
517 will be as follows:

- 518 1. Informational Type Signs
 - 519 A. Interpretive Signs - to educate the general public about forest
520 management practices.
 - 521 B. Public Land Signs - to identify the land as Iron County Forest
522 property.
 - 523 C. Trail Markers - to provide direction and safety to trail users.
 - 524 D. Scientific, Historical or Geological Markers - to identify points of
525 interest.

- 526 E. Recreational Facility Markers - to identify park entrances, etc.
- 527 F. Directional Markers.
- 528 2. Regulatory Type Signs - to regulate the use of the Forest in specific areas.

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530 770.1 SIGNING STANDARDS

531 To assure that signs will serve a purpose without damaging aesthetics, the following
532 standards will be maintained:

- 533 1. All signs will be mounted on treated wood posts or steel backed wooden
534 posts no closer than 10 feet from drivable road edge.
- 535 2. Routed wood signs will be used wherever practical. Fiberboard or painted
536 metal signs, when used, will be of neat appearance.
- 537 3. Signs placed on motorized recreational trails must conform to state
538 standards and be approved by the committee.
- 539 4. All authorized signs shall be protected by ordinance from being damaged,
540 defaced, obstructed, removed, or possessed by unauthorized persons.
- 541 5. All unauthorized signs will be removed by the Forestry staff. No
542 compensation will be afforded for loss or damage to signs during removal.
543 Individuals erecting unauthorized signs may be prosecuted under s.
544 943.13(3), Wis. Stats.