



Sawyer County

Agenda

Land, Water, & Forest Resources Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 @ 8:30 AM
Sawyer County Board Room

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. To view or participate in the **virtual meeting** from a computer, iPad, or Android device please go to <https://zoom.us/j/99719807086> You can also use the dial in at **1-312-626- 6799** with the Webinar ID: 997 1980 7086. Use *9 to Raise/lower hand and *6 to Unmute/mute. If additional assistance is needed please contact the Sawyer County Forestry Office at 715-634-4846 prior to the meeting. This meeting will be recorded and will be available on our website at: <https://sawyercountygov.org>. If you are on a computer, click the "Raise Hand" button and wait to be recognized. If you are on a telephone, dial *9 and wait to be recognized.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. At this time, members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Committee:
 - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less per individual.
 - Comments should be directed to the Committee as a whole and not directed to individual Committee members.
 - The Committee cannot respond to your comments during this time.
 - Please sign in and fill out a public comment sheet if you wish to speak on an item.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. [3.13.24 LWFRM Minutes DRAFT](#)

	7. REGISTER OF DEEDS UPDATE
6	a. ROD Monthly Report
	8. EVENTS (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
7 - 11	a. Seeley Lions PreFat Mountain Bike Race 8/17/24 (discussion and possible action) 1) Sawyer County Application form (002) 2) 2024 Expert Course 3) 2024 Start & Finish Labeled 4) 2024-Citizen-Course 5) 2024-Sport Course
	9. LAND RECORDS AND COUNTY SURVEYOR DEPARTMENT REPORT
12	a. County Surveyor Report April 2024
	10. SAWYER COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT
	a. Recreational Trails Report Motorized- Non-motorized-
13 - 16	b. County Forestry Report March 24 forestry report
17	c. Developing Shooting Sports Facilities on County Forest Land in Section 31 T41N-R8W (adjacent to Hayward Rod & Gun Club) (discussion and possible action) shooting sports map location
18 - 20	d. LCO Resolution for ATV/UTV Trail Aids Application (discussion and possible action) Res No 2024-36 Support for ATV _UTV SawCty Gvmt 240321 152356
21	e. Request for trail connection for proposed Mosquito Brook Flowage development to Birkie Trail (discussion and possible action) mosquito brook trail use map
22	f. DNR Forestry Report April 10th 2024
	11. ZONING/ CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
23	a. County Report Conservation Department Update April 2024

- b. USDA report
- c. LCO report

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

13. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

- a. [WI L+W 2024 Conference Report](#)

14. ADJOURNMENT

DISCLAIMER:

A quorum of the County Board of Supervisors or of any of its committees may be present at this meeting to listen and observe. Neither the Board nor any of the committees have established attendance at this meeting as an official function of the Board or committee(s) or otherwise made a determination that attendance at the meeting is necessary to carry out the Board or committee's function. The only purpose for other supervisors attending the meeting is to listen to the information presented. Neither the Board nor any committee (other than the committee providing this notice and agenda) will take any official action with respect to this noticed meeting.

Copy sent via email to: County Clerk and News Media. Note: Any person wishing to attend whom, because of a disability, requires accommodation should call the Sawyer County Clerk's office (715.634.4866) at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Mission Statement: "Develop, guide and implement policies that protect and ensure the sustainability of our bio-diverse community."

**Minutes of the March 13, 2024 meeting of the Sawyer County
Land, Water & Forest Resources Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

- ☒ Chair: **Ed Peters**
- ☒ Vice Chair – **Marc Helwig**
- ☒ **Kay Wilson**
- ☒ **Brian Bisonette - virtual**
- ☐ **Jason Weaver**

Lynn Fitch
Jay Kozlowski
Cathy LaReau
Brody Fischer
Greg Peterson

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Seth Sesker
Brian DeVries
Nicholas Besasie

Call to Order – Chair Ed Peters called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken; a quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments –

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: February 7, 2024

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Ms. Wilson
Motion carried without negative vote.

Register of Deeds Update -

A written report was provided detailing activity in the office of ROD.

Events - None

Land Records and County Surveyor Department Report -

Surveyor's Report – A written report was provided showing that they performed maintenance on several corners in the Towns of Winter, Round Lake, and Spider Lake last month; two CSMs were reviewed.

Real Property Lister Report – A written report was provided. Mr. DeVries advised that the department rolled over to the new year on February 9th and we have sent our parcel data and information on changes throughout the past year to the assessors; they are working on processing deeds and CSMs. Mr. DeVries attended recent training where he learned about what is happening at state level; a bill has been introduced to raise recording fees. However, this does not appear to be moving forward. He provided an update on Daniels' Law to establish privacy and protection laws for judicial officers in which they have a year to prepare our land records' systems. He also provided a review of other training sessions attended.

Sawyer County Forestry Department -

Recreational Trails Report – Ms. LaReau advised that trails have been closed down until the weather allows reopening due to frost. If conditions continue as they are, we will likely have an early reopening of recreation trails.

County Forestry – Mr. Peters advised he received a copy of the DNR audit report on our forestry department which received high marks. A written report was provided showing \$3,923,071.13 in timber sale value on file and reviewed by Mr. Peterson. Revenue for the month was just short of \$500,000, and sale inspections are on target. Staff attended annual training and were able to attend sessions with legislators.

Resolution for Outdoor Recreation Aids – The annual resolution was presented for review; this allows us to submit to the DNR for financial aid and reimbursement claims. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the resolution; second by Ms. Wilson and forward to County Board. Motion carried without negative vote.

DNR Forestry –

Zoning/Conservation Department -

County Report – A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Kozlowski. There are 7 farmers signed up for the nutrient management farmer education training in March, the tree sale inventory is sold out, and all dam inspection, operation and maintenance plans have been updated except Deer Lake. We have submitted our grant application to the DNR for replacement of the Fishtrap Lake dam and are awaiting response on this approval.

USDA Report – A verbal update was provided by Mr. Besasie. Sawyer County is moving under the purview of the Ladysmith field office going forward. He provided a review of 2023 fiscal year projects.

LCO Report – Mr. Bisonette reported that the tribe has been working with the Alliance on ATV issues. They've started preparing for the upcoming fish hatchery operations which will start up about a month earlier than usual.

Release of Reserved Rights for Flowage Easements & Gravel Pits on a Parcel in the Town of Winter -

A Quit Claim Deed for property in the Town of Winter, SW ¼ of SW ¼, section 12, township 38N, Range 4W was presented by Mr. Albarado. A pending sale on the property is underway. This Deed will release rights to the owners to release any and all flowage rights and rights to gravel pits. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the Quit Claim Deed and forward to County Board; second by Mr. Bisonette. Motion carried without negative vote.

Tax Deed Foreclosure Update -

Mr. Albarado provided an update from the Treasurer regarding lands within tribal boundaries that go back to tribal ownership; the Appeals Court made these properties non-taxable. We have returned one property to the tribal owner, and the list of remaining properties has been reviewed by the Tribe to ensure others are not affected.

Future Agenda Items –

Other Topics for Discussion Only -

Adjournment – 9:12 am

Next Meeting: April 10, 2024 Time: 8:30 am Location: Board Room
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

ROD Monthly Report

March, 2024

Activity	Number of Copies	Total Revenue including amounts to State
Emailed Copies		947.00
Counter Copies		139.75
Birth	51	866.00
Death	37	773.00
Marriage	2	23.00
Divorce	4	66.00
Recorded Documents	317	6,535.92
Transfer Fees		30,453.30
Laredo		3,951.90

General:

Sawyer County Application
For Use of County Forest Lands

Date of Application: March 18, 2024 Date of Event: August 17, 2024

Name of Event: Seeley Lions PreFat Mountain Bike Race

Type Of Event: 28th Annual Mountain bike race involving 250+ participants in four race categories; Expert, Sport, Citizen Adult and Citizen Junior in distances from 25, 17 and 10 miles. The event is the largest annual fundraiser for the Seeley Lions, with every dollar distributed by the club to local community organizations and programs in the Seeley, Cable and Hayward area.

Responsible Person: Ned Zuelsdorff, Seeley Lions Race Director Phone: 715-558-3611

Address: PO Box 861, Hayward, WI 54843

Number of Entrants: 250+ Entry Fee: Varies from \$35-\$80

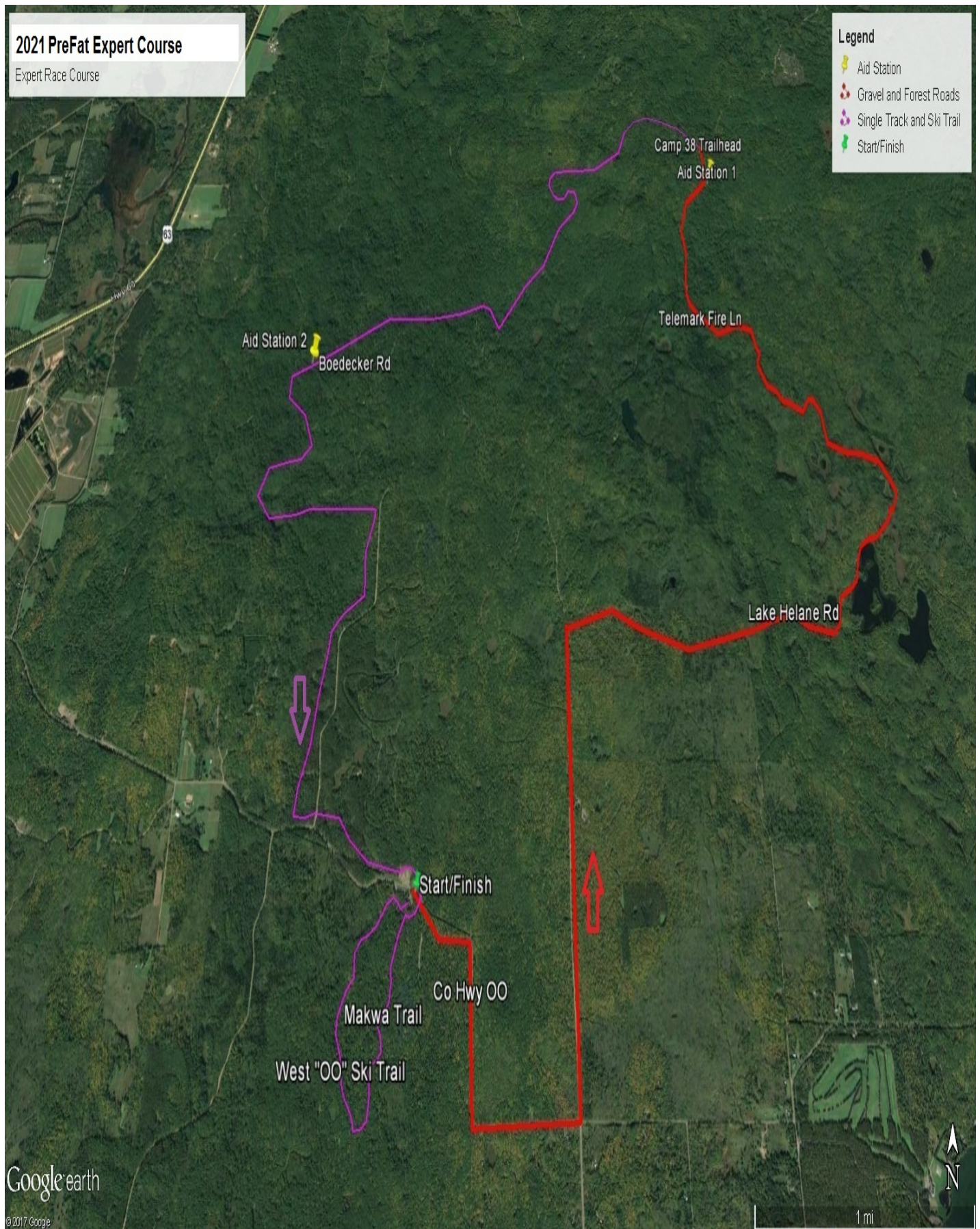
Proof of Insurance naming Sawyer County as co-insured is attached

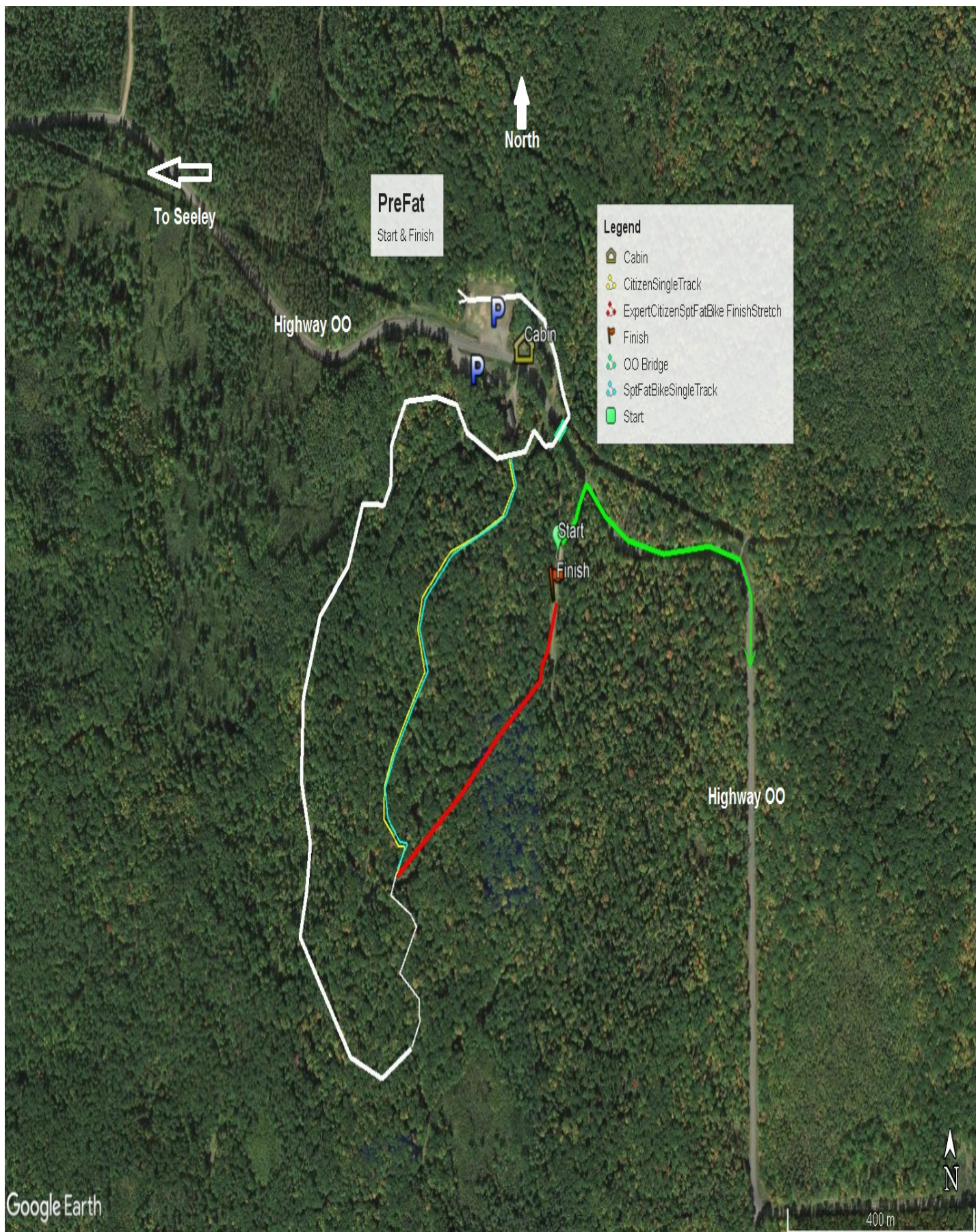
2021 PreFat Expert Course

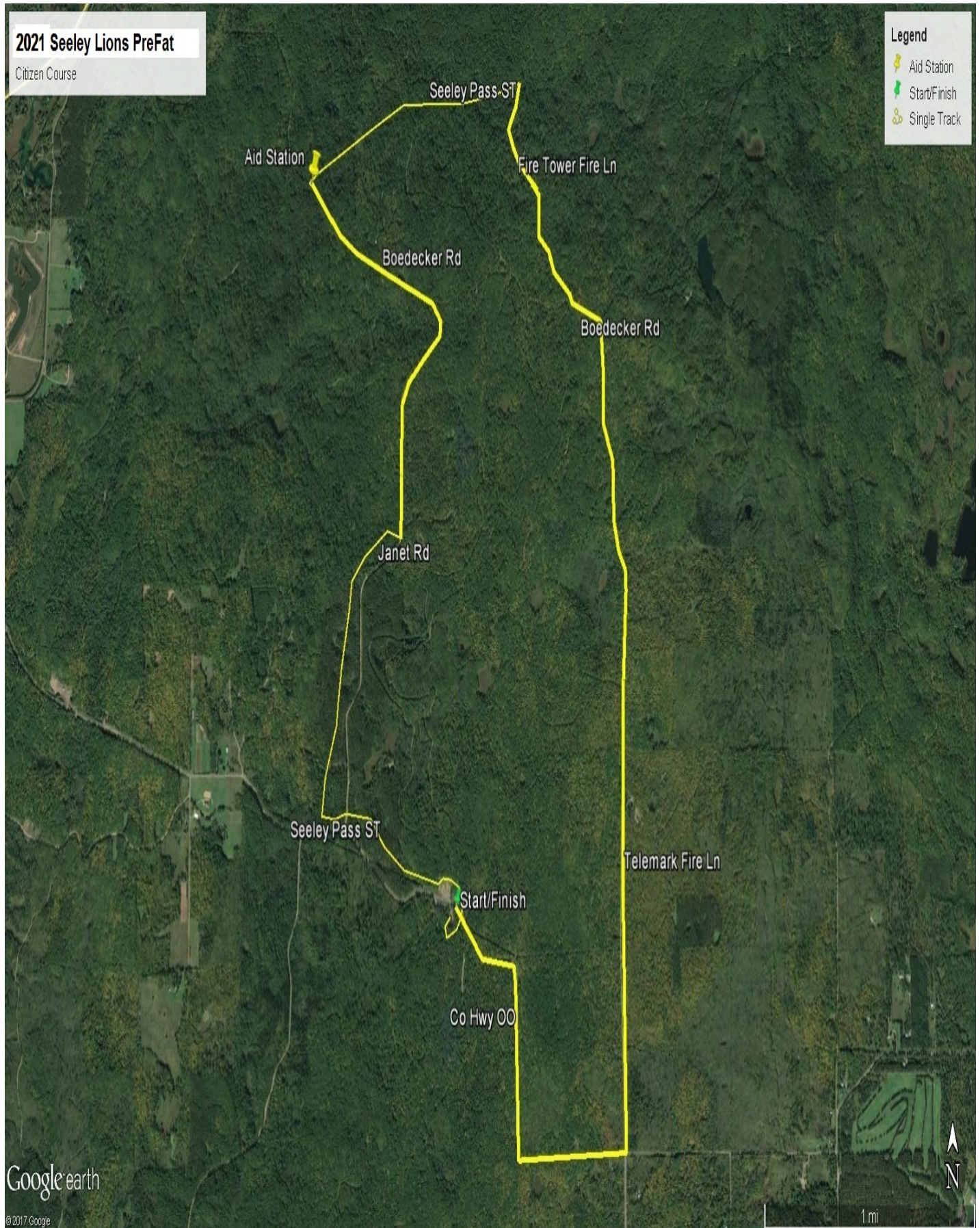
Expert Race Course

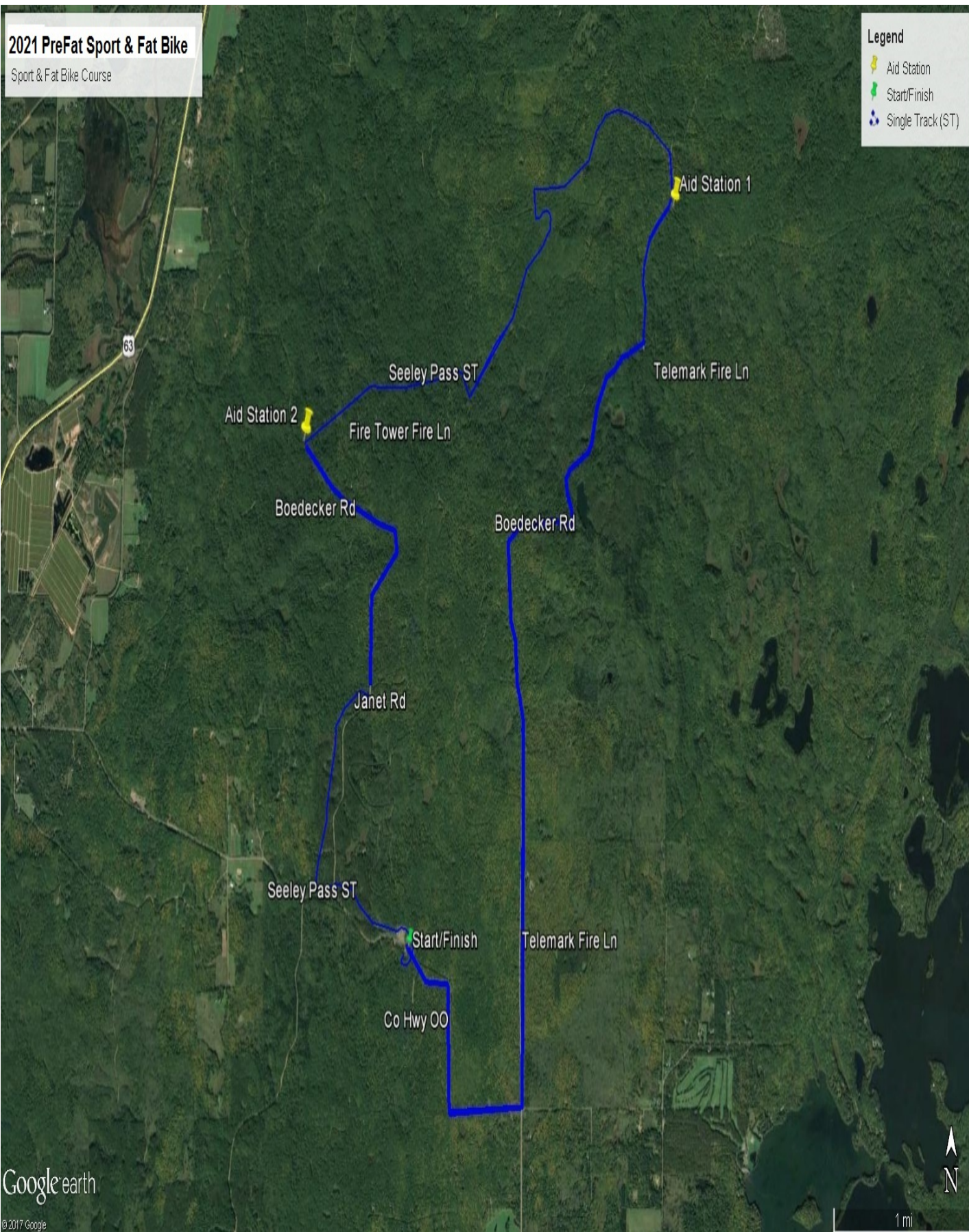
Legend

- Aid Station
- Gravel and Forest Roads
- Single Track and Ski Trail
- Start/Finish











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County Surveyor's Report 4/10/24

We worked on corners in the Towns of Winter and Round Lake last month. Our re-monumentation project in Township 37 North, Range 5 West is very nearly complete.

We will be sending out our annual letters to the Towns this month, requesting to be notified prior to starting road construction projects.

I reviewed 13 Certified Survey Maps in March.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Gregory
Sawyer County Surveyor

Forestry Report March 2024

Active Sales

Eight sales listed as active in month of March

Sale Date	# of Sales	Acres	Bid Value	Received	Est. Remaining
11/2/18	2	102	\$54,751.75	\$65,411.27	\$16,633.31*
5/3/19	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11/1/19	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5/5/20	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11/3/20	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5/7/21	1	92	\$63,140.00	\$34,819.28	\$28,320.72
10/22/21	2	127	\$119,616.00	\$66,896.72	\$52,719.28
5/11/22	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11/1/22	1	50	\$68,840.00	\$10,326.00	\$58,514.00
5/10/23	1	70	\$165,237.90	\$24,783.75	\$140,454.15
11/3/23	1	78	\$28,852.84	\$0	\$28,852.84
Totals	8	519	\$500,438.49	\$202,237.02	\$325,494.30

Inactive Sales

Sale Date	# of Sales	Acres	Bid Value	Received	Est. Remaining
11/2/18	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5/3/19	2	106	\$46,520.00	\$0	\$46,520.00
11/1/19	1	83	\$83,319.14	\$56,223.74	\$27,095.40
5/5/20	2	232	\$217,813.50	\$266,125.00	\$30,375.00*
11/3/20	2	113	\$54,230.00	\$9,000.00	\$45,230.00
5/7/21	8	751	\$454,926.00	\$116,746.62	\$338,179.38
10/22/21	7	598	\$593,308.20	\$305,404.90	\$287,903.30
5/11/22	15	933	\$1,030,522.22	\$716,579.28	\$398,556.18*
11/1/22	12	1078	\$599,784.20	\$142,309.65	\$457,474.55
5/10/23	12	827	\$1,265,593.40	\$221,153.77	\$1,044,439.63
11/3/23	15	1339	\$664,958.11	\$0	\$664,958.11
Totals	76	6060	\$5,010,974.77	\$1,833,542.96	\$3,340,731.55

* Sales having overruns

** Sales having underruns

Eleven sales closed out in March.

Timber Sale Value (sold contracts-uncut) on file = **\$3,666,225.85**

<u>Timber Revenue</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Timber Sales	\$280,218.36	\$1,017,252.25
<u>Christmas Trees/Boughs</u>	\$0	\$0
<u>Performance Bond Cashed</u>	\$0	\$0
<u>Other Revenue</u>		
<u>Camping/Firewood/Access/Hay</u>	\$20	\$70
<u>Park Reservations</u>	\$50	\$200
		<u>Budget</u>
Gross Timber Sale Revenue	\$ 1,017,252.25	\$1,850,000
10% Payment to Towns	\$ 101,725.23	
Net Timber Sale Revenue	\$ 915,527.03	
Performance Bonds Drawn	\$ 0.00	
Total Other Revenue	\$ 270.00	
Timber Sale Revenue Billed Out	\$ 232,244.29	

Timber Sale Inspections	<u># month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	12	64

Comments: Goal for timber sale inspections is one inspection per week while sale is actively being harvested or wood is being hauled.

Tract Establishment	<u># sales month/ YTD</u>	<u>acres month/YTD</u>	<u>Goal</u>
	11/17	964/1499	3600

Comments: Prepared spring timber sale bid prospectus, advertising 26 tracts totaling 2,113 acres. Bid opening scheduled for 4/26 at 10:00 am.

Recon Acres Updated	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Annual Goal</u>
	794	1933	6,000 acres

Comments: Recon is the assessment of geographic, structure and compositional attributes of forest stands. Field information is stored in the Wisconsin Forest Inventory & Reporting System (WisFIRS). Basic resource information is collected, stored, and updated systematically and continuously. Database is used to analyze existing resources, evaluate management alternatives, and assist in the development and implementation of management plans.

Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Hours

March

73

FY25 Contract

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Received reimbursement request of \$21,055.24 for FY24 contract.

Current Contract: FY25: Approximately 595 hours of timber sale establishment/admin. \$39,647.87

Comments: Under the federal Good Neighbor Authority, the USDA Forest Service is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with states to perform forest management activities on national forest lands. WDNR has entered into a GNA agreement with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF). WDNR is authorized to contract with counties to assist with forest management activities on national forest lands. The focus of the GNA program is to assist in the implementation of the CNNF Forest Plan, which will provide:

- Forest products to the local economy
- Collaboration between federal, state and county forest managers
- Improved health and resiliency of forestlands and watersheds within Wisconsin

Oak Wilt:

Nothing new to report.

Mountain Bike Trails:

Nothing new to report.

Birkie Trail:

Nothing new to report.

ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Trails:

Trail 5 rehab project on hold until road bans lifted. 7.27 miles from FR 784 to 2.35 miles west of FR 174. Grant funded, \$188,250 project cost.

Preparing grant applications for April 15th trail aids grants.

Parks:

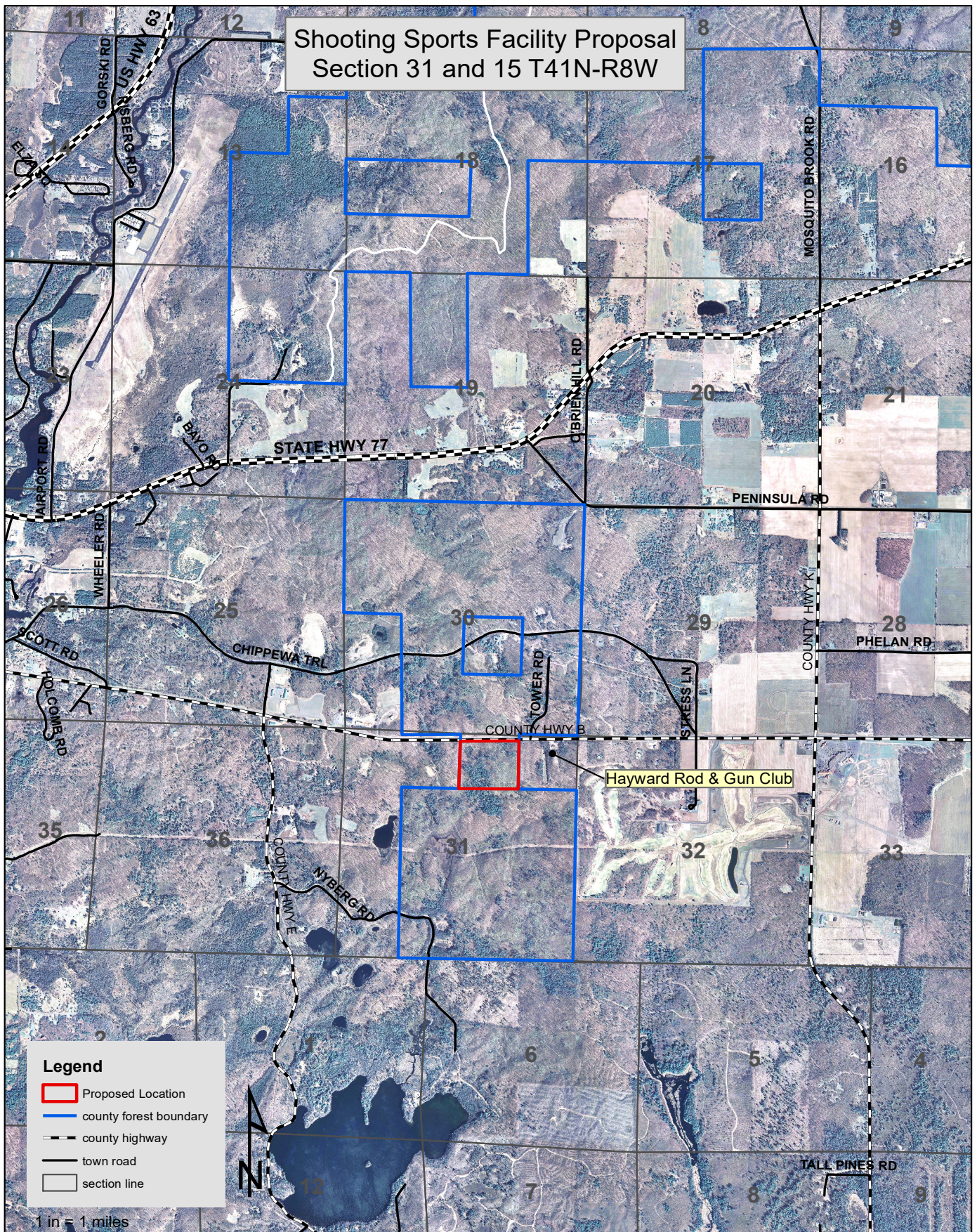
Hatchery Park: Nothing new to report.

Nelson Lake Park: Nothing new to report.

Carbon Credit Project:

Continued working with Anew through the carbon credit verification process. Field checked 11 carbon plots in recent harvest areas.

Anew has scheduled site verification visits for the week of 5/6/24.





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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-36

SUPPORT FOR SAWYER COUNTY GOVERNMENT ATV/UTV TRAILS AIDS APPLICATION

TRAIL #29, TRAIL #3, TRAIL #9, TRAIL #777 , TRAIL #30, TRAIL #33, and Blueberry Fire Lane

WHEREAS, the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian tribe ("Tribe") organized pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. §5101, et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the Tribal Governing Board serves as the governing body of Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians pursuant to Article III, § 1 of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Section 1(c), the Tribal Governing Board has the authority to "negotiate, make and perform contracts and agreements of every description, not inconsistent with law or with provisions of this Constitution, with any person, association, or corporation, with any county, or with the State of Wisconsin or the United States"; and

WHEREAS, the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe acknowledges ATV/UTV travel presents tremendous opportunities for tourism to the Lac Courte Oreilles and Sawyer County area; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe Governing Board recognizes the Tribal and Sawyer County economic benefits of maintaining a trail system that facilitates safe ATV/UTV travel experiences; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Governing Board supports Sawyer County Forestry Departments ATV/UTV Trails Aids application and submission to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the following trails and measurements are described as:

ATV Only Trail 777- Total 2.4 miles

(Challenging trail from Green Lake Rd. to Gurno Lake Rd., excluding route on Indian Lake Rd.)

Gurno Lake Rd. to Indian Lake Rd. is 1.3 miles, Indian Lake Rd. (black top) to the trail (.8 miles), Trail 777 at Indian Lake Rd. to Green Lake Rd., Intersection #88 (1.1 Miles).

ATV/SNOW Trail 3 - Total 3.6 miles

(Dual use trail from Green Lk Rd/Trail 3 to CR K at Little Casino) Green Lake Rd. intersection #88, to Trail 3 to intersection of trails #3 and #30 for .6 miles, proceed left on trail #3 to Schoolhouse Road (1.6 miles) cross over to CR K at the Little Casino (1.4 miles). Does not include distance on Green Lake Rd.

ATV/SNOW Trail 30 - 4.8 miles

(Dual use trail from Casino to intersection of trails #30 & #3) From intersection of trails #3 and #30, towards Casino: At W Indian Trail .2 miles cross over, at School house road (1.2 miles) cross over, At intersection of trails #30 & #29 (1.5 miles), at Casino parking lot (1.9 Miles).

ATV Portion of Trail 29 - 2.8 miles

(Dual ATV/Snow. Snow trail continues beyond ATV trail and those measurements are not recorded here)

Intersection of trails #30 & #29 head towards Round Lake. At CR NN intersection (2.6 miles), at Frogg Rd intersection (.2 miles).

ATV Portion of Trail 9 - 4.2 miles

(From Hideout Rd to CR CC/Devil's Lake Rd.)

(Dual ATV/Snow. Snow trail continues beyond ATV trail and those measurements not recorded here)

Hideout (Trail #9 south) to the junction at trail #33/Boundry Rd. (.9 miles) at Ashegon Firelane (1.6 miles), Ashegon Fire Lane (.7 miles) to the trail Ashegon Firelane to CC (across from Devils Lake Road) 1 mile.

ATV Portion of Trail #33 - .9 miles

(From Little Lake Rd. to Lake Shore Drive/Johnny B's)

(Dual ATV/Snow. Snow trail continues beyond ATV trail and those measurements not recorded here)

ATV Only Trail - Blueberry Fire Lane - 3.4 miles

(from CR H to Helsing Rd.)

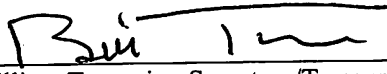
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Governing Board hereby supports the Sawyer County Government submission of the FY 2024 ATV/UTV Trails Aids application for trail maintenance funding on Trail #29, Trail #3, Trail #9, Trail #777, Trail#30, Trail #33, and Blueberry Fire Lane to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-36

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer of the Tribal Governing Board are hereby authorized to sign any relative documents for and on behalf of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

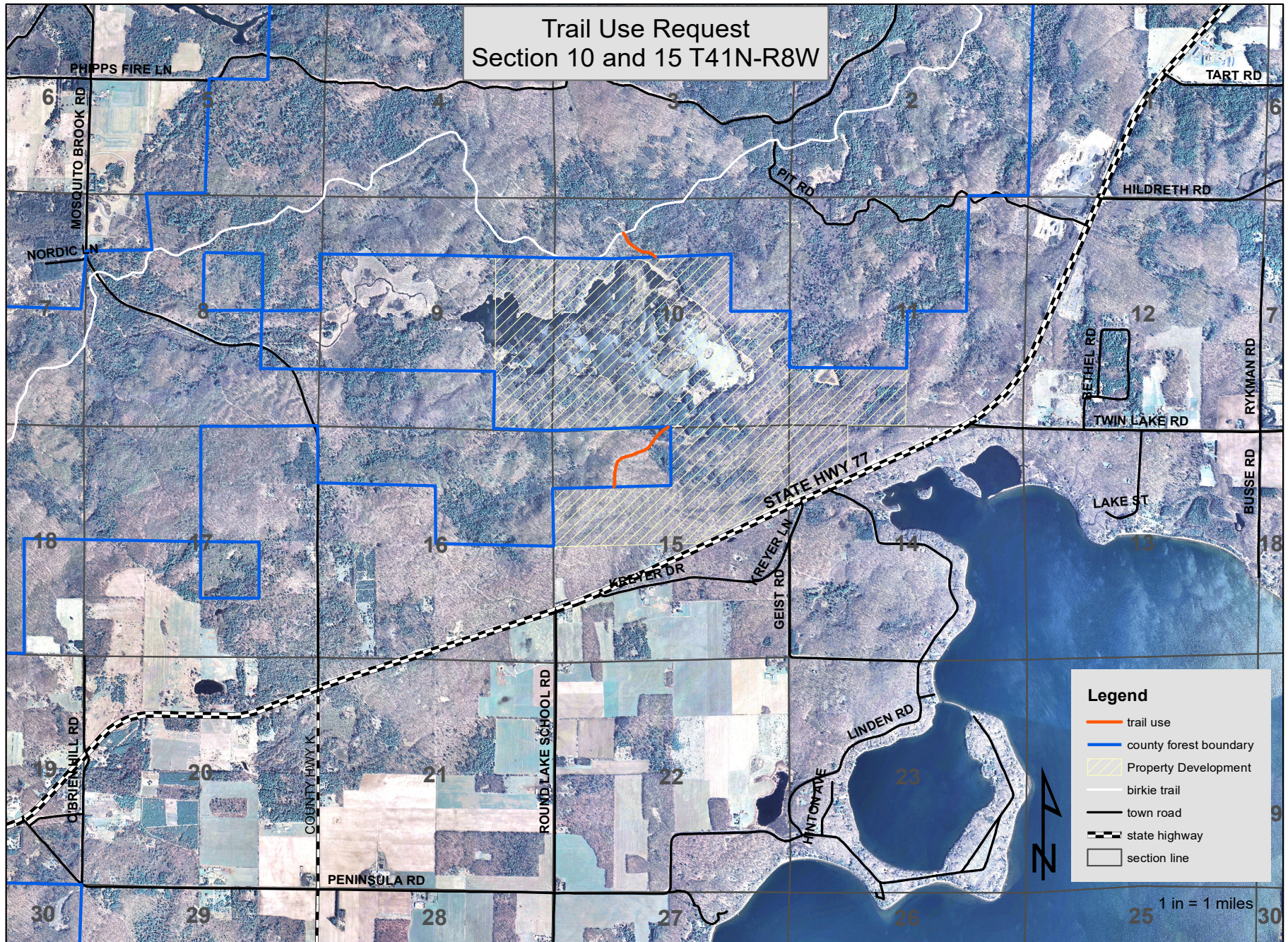
CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board, hereby certify that the Tribal Governing Board is composed of seven (7) members, of whom 4 being present, constituted a quorum at a meeting thereof, duly called, convened, and held on this 18th day of March, 2024, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 3 members, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and that said Resolution is a lawful act of the Tribe.



William Trepanier, Secretary/Treasurer
Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board

Trail Use Request Section 10 and 15 T41N-R8W



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Wednesday, April 10th, 2024
DNR Forestry Report

Warmer temps and low moisture will lead to more projected fire activity this spring due to little snow and run off. Luckily the last snowfall came with some well needed moisture to help saturate the soil. If any burning is needed to be done, acquire an annual burning permit online and follow the burn windows established.

Timber sale establishment has remained steady along with reviewing sales that will appear on the spring bid opening. The DNR is well on pace to meet the county forest time standard total of 2217 hours.

Looking forward to the 4th grade tree planting day on the Sawyer County Forest on May 3rd. Accompanied by some local businesses, we will teach these students about forest management and how to plant trees.

Report Submitted by Brody Fischer, DNR Forester, on April 1st, 2024



Zoning & Conservation Department Update March 2024 – April 2024

Prepared by Jay Kozlowski, Zoning & Conservation Administrator

- Continuing search for agricultural representative to sit on the LWFC.
- Tree Sale picked up has been moved up due to warmer weather. Those with orders have been notified and new pick-up dates will be April 26th & 27th.
- Starting to see more onsite inspections with warmer weather headed. Several scheduled over the next few weeks.
- Conference report as separate item later in agenda.

WI Land + Water Conference Report

In early March, Tim & Natalie attended the 71st annual Wisconsin Land & Water Conference held in Green Bay. They heard from plenary speaker Matt Dannenberg, Senior Tribal Liaison for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, give a presentation on how tribal governments are trying to work together with local governments and new tribal policies related to natural resources. They also met and heard from Dan Egan, writer and author, as well as a surprise visit and talk from Governor Tony Evers. With the conference registration full, they were able to meet and connect with a lot of new people and get different perspectives on how others implement various conservation practices.

They each received 7 continuing education credits and attended a variety of sessions that included agriculture and water quality, building community capacity, hydrologic restoration, pollinators, youth education, geologic evolution of Wisconsin, and natural flood management to name a few. Other highlights include 2 posters from Hayward High School both placing. The 10th-12th grade division finished in 2nd place and the 7th-9th grade division poster won first place and will move on to the national competition to represent the State of Wisconsin! Both of these posters are hanging on the wall where the old big courtroom was. We hope to add more in the future!