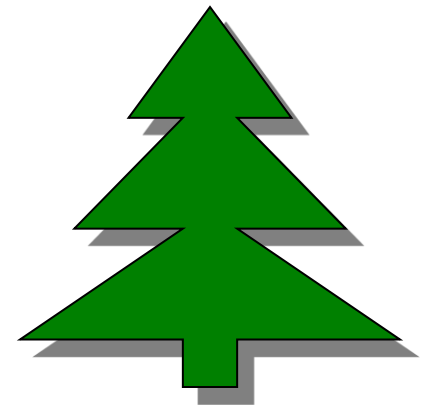


2013 Spring??? WCFA
Administrators Meeting
County Forest Specialist Update

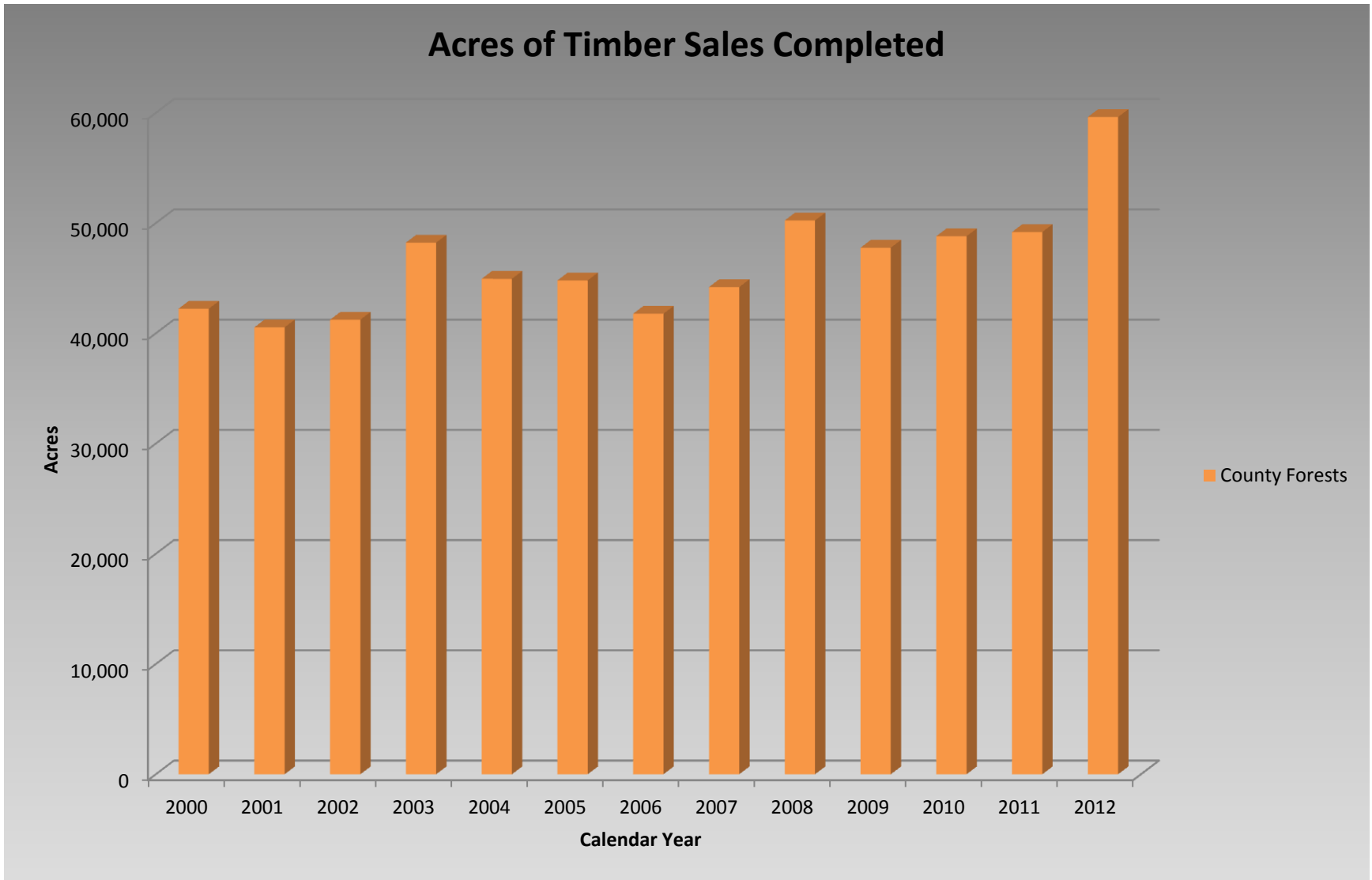


Current County Forest Issues

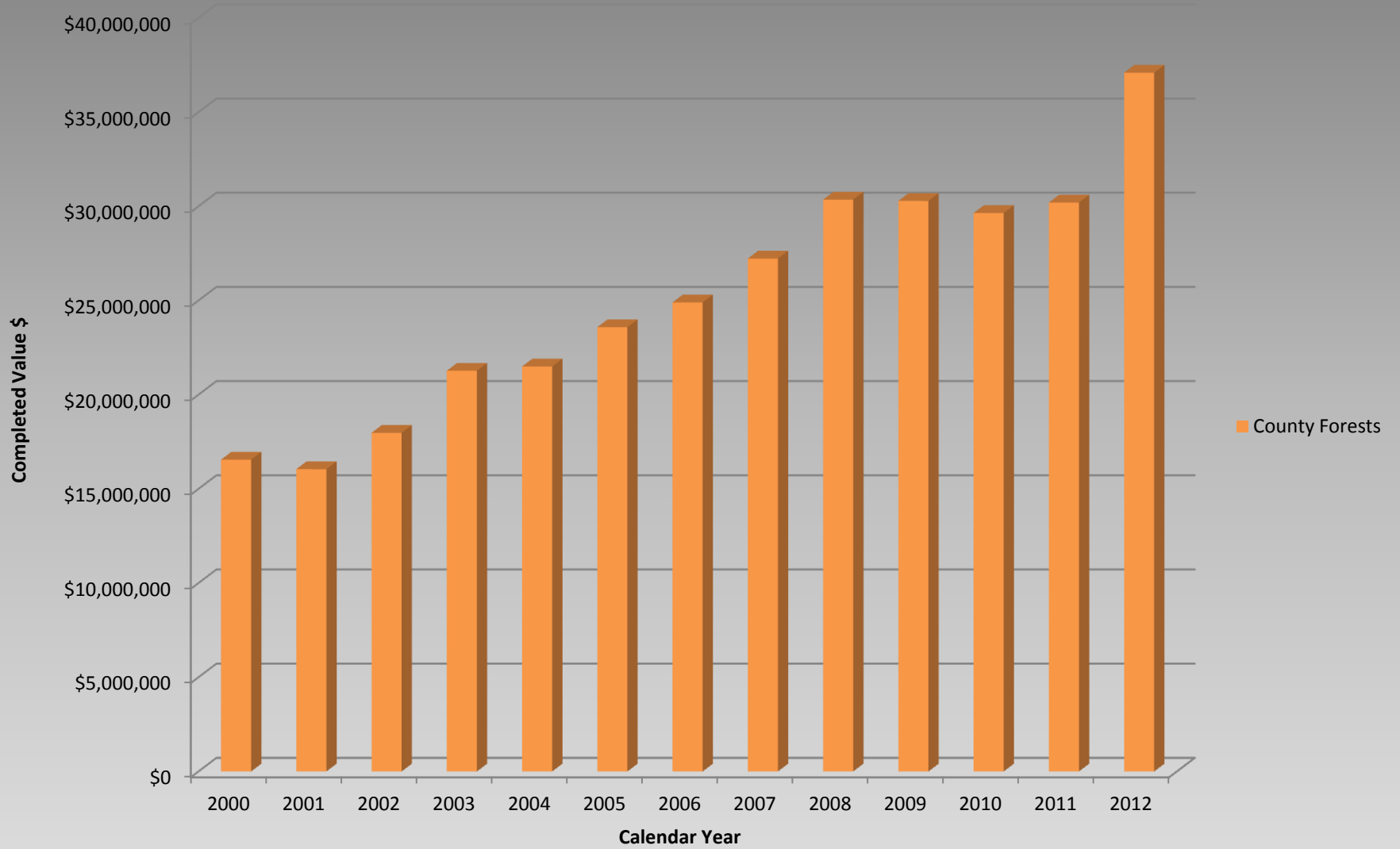
- **2012 County Forest Accomplishments**
- **Time Standards status FY13**
- **Time Standards Revision FY14-18**
- **Time Standards Grant**
- **Administrator/Liaison Statewide**
- **Forest Certification Update**
- **Sustainable Forestry Grants**
- **Project Loans**
- **Stewardship Funding**
- **Direct Sale/Advertising Req. Update**



2012 – County Forest Accomplishments



Value of Timber Sales Completed



2012 – County Forest Accomplishments

Sales Completed

798 sales

59,624 acres

\$37,092,403

20,043 MBF

968,472 Cords

1,013,008 Cord Eqs.

Sales Established

728 sales

52,476 acres

\$22,498,209 (appraised)

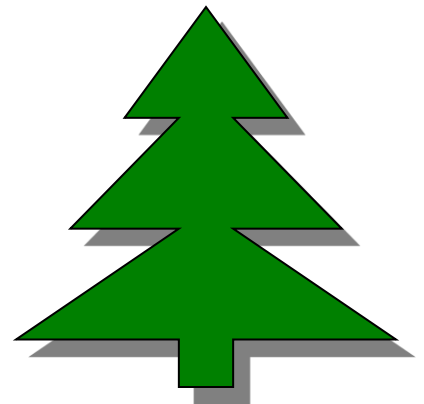
22,883 MBF

820,750 Cords

871,573 Cord Eqs.

FY13 Time Standards Status

- Currently at 35,190 hours -- 77%
- 27/29 liaison positions are filled
 - Vacancies
 - Burnett, Sawyer
- DNR Forester Recruitment Status



Time Standards Review FY14-18

County

- Jane Severt, WCFA
- Jake Nichols, Burnett
- Fritz Shubert, Wood
- Jeremy Koslowski, Polk
- Greg Peterson, Sawyer

DNR

- Joe Schwantes
- Joseph LeBouton, Bayfield
- Ryan Severson, Oconto
- Kyle Young, Burnett
- Steve Grant, Wood
- Mike Lietz, Lincoln\Langlade

Time Standards Review FY14-18

- 46,000 hours – based on SD and last Time Standards revision
- Review Worksheet
- Address other time standard hour issues & consistency
- Consider implications of TS Grant



Time Standards Review FY14-18



- Met twice fall 2012
 - Minor revisions
 - Additional Activity added – Infrastructure related
 - Recognize Invasives
 - Change units for cult./regen. establishment to .6 hr/ac.
 - Language added for flexibility, clarity, and consistency
- Presented to
 - Division of Forestry Leadership Team (Jan)
 - County Forest Administrators (Jan)
 - Legislative & Certification Committee (March 20)

Time Standards Review FY14-18

- Next Steps

- Count Forest Specialist to consolidate some data
 - Please reply to Chris Martin's accomplishment request.
- Worksheet & data sent to CF Administrators & Liaisons (April)
- CF Administrators, liaisons & team leaders fill out worksheet (April/May)
- Return to CF Specialist (Mid May)
- CF Specialist totals, determines pro-rate factor, and determines final FY14-18 time standards (May/June)
- Present to WCFA Board of Directors for approval (June)
- Finalize in Public Lands Handbook & Implement for FY14 (July)



Time Standards Grant

- Result of Strategic Direction
- Offer flexibility for Counties to decide the best mix of services from DNR
- Will allow trading of time for grant money and vice versa
- Rule making process started Spring 2012
- Team to convene in near future
 - Jane Severt, Joe Schwantes, Joe Vairus (Iron), Josh Pederson (Clark), Jim Zahasky (Jackson), DNR Liaison & DNR team leader.

CF Administrator & DNR Liaison Statewide Meeting

Tuesday March 26, 2013

Tomahawk 9:00- 3:30

– Still time to register

- Agendas/Announcements available
- County Forest Staff registration to Tammy Sykes
- DNR Staff – supervisors register

CF Administrator & DNR Liaison Statewide Meeting

Agenda Topics

Time Standards – Updates, Calculation & Consistency

Swamp Hardwoods Silviculture

County Forest Withdrawal Process

Financial Assistance for County Forest Management

Forest Certification Issues

Invasive Species – Updates

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grants

WisFIRS – Recon, Timber sales, Planning Additional reports

Forest Certification Update



The mark of
responsible forestry



2012 SFI Findings



- No Non-conformances in 2012 – 2nd year 😊
- OFI – Improve process for monitoring natural regeneration
- OFI – Improve efforts to consider cover types, age & size classes, & habitats across landscape
- OFI - Ensure that the WDNR Silvicultural Field Trial reporting system is utilized effectively

2012 SFI – Group Response



- OFI – Improve process for monitoring natural regeneration
 - No Changes. Currently have systems to track regen and are exploring ways to improve natural regen.
- OFI – Improve efforts to consider cover types, age & size classes, & habitats across landscape
 - DNR will provide FIA data to show diversity on landscape.
- OFI - Ensure that the WDNR Silvicultural Field Trial reporting system is utilized effectively
 - DNR will get web page repaired. Will add additional studies if available. County's now all aware of system.

Review of 2012 FSC Findings



The mark of
responsible forestry

- CAR 2012.1 - All County Forest employees and contractors must demonstrate a safe work environment.
- Obs 2012.2 – County Forests should be more explicit and/or consistent in presenting desired future conditions in plans.
- Obs 2011.3 – Examine plan revision process and determine if the FSC requirement for a full revision of management plans every 10 years will be adequately addressed by 2016.

2012 FSC – Group Response

- CAR 2012.1 - All County Forest employees and contractors must demonstrate a safe work environment.
 - FSC certified county forest administrators requested written opinions from their corporation counsel as to whether the county forest can/should in anyway enforce safety standards through sale administration.
 - WCFA Legislative & Certification Committee reviewed opinions 3/20/13.
 -



2012 FSC – Group Response

- Obs 2012.2 – County Forests should be more explicit and/or consistent in presenting desired future conditions in plans.
 - County Forest Administrators, with the support of liaisons, will include 2 additional items with the annual work plan starting in 2013:
 - A brief description (couple sentences) of the desired future conditions of forest composition.
 - WisFIRS report 207 – Past, present, future condition report.





Forest Structure - Past, Present, Future

Print Date: 11/1/2012

Report 207

3800 - MARINETTE COUNTY FOREST

Timber Text	Acres Past	Acres Present	Acres Future
	(1977)	(2012)	
ASPEN	96,169	97,808	96,707
BALSAM FIR	0	493	5,079
BLACK SPRUCE	3,344	4,049	3,537
BOTTOMLAND HARDWOODS	217	262	262
FIR SPRUCE-*OLD CODE, RECODE	5,287	1,635	1,547
HEMLOCK	1,028	1,226	431
JACK PINE	13,300	8,177	8,413
MISCELLANEOUS CONIFEROUS	0	198	141
MISCELLANEOUS DECIDUOUS	0	18	18
NORTHERN HARDWOODS	22,277	23,821	25,374
OAK	11,250	10,332	9,623
RED MAPLE	0	2,244	2,008
RED PINE	11,180	13,656	14,485
SCRUB OAK	4,087	8,314	7,898
SWAMP CONIFER-*OLD CODE, RECODE	6,015	2,561	1,801
SWAMP HARDWOODS	12,419	13,003	12,731
TAMARACK	290	783	760
WHITE BIRCH	3,992	1,390	1,192
WHITE CEDAR	5,899	8,407	5,942
WHITE PINE	0	2,291	2,780
WHITE SPRUCE	0	325	397
Total :	196,754	200,993	201,126
CAMPGROUND	0	31	31
DEVELOPED USE	0	171	170
EMERGENT VEGETATION	0	531	531
HERBACEOUS VEGETATION	527	445	445
LOW - GROWING SHRUBS	501	308	308



2012 FSC – Group Response

- Obs 2011.3 – Examine plan revision process and determine if the FSC requirement for a full revision of management plans every 10 years will be adequately addressed by 2016.
 - Annual Work plans will be enhanced by response to CAR2012.2 – and may provide enough to convince auditors that the plan is sufficiently updated annually.
 - Criteria 1.4 Conflicts between laws and FSC Principles and Criteria shall be evaluated on individual basis and are referred to the Certifying Body.



Other Certification Topics

- FSC Product Claim – FSC-100%
- Tree seed available from state nursery
- FSC International Generic Indicators (IGI)
- Council on Forestry – Forest Certification Review
- Chain of Custody issues
- Rebid County & State Certification audits
- Dates – likely the week of August 12-16
- Data Request - ~4-6 weeks before audit
- Pre- Audit Meeting
- FSC & SFI – both surveillance audits

Sustainable Forestry Grants FY13

- Ashland - Reforestation - spruce budworm \$12,794
- Clark - BAF scope/dendrometer & rangefinder \$3,377
- Florence- LTE Forester - Oak wilt, budworm, regen \$19,280
- Iron - Timber mats \$9,300
- Polk - PJ Reforestation – Diplodia/drought \$40,000
- Sawyer - Access Rd Improvement \$18,740
- Washburn - Reforestation site prep - '11 blowdown \$50,000
- Jackson – Backlog recon & invasive plant control \$18,300
- Marinette – Data recorder \$3,765
- Total FY13 - \$175,556
- Remaining Biennial Balance - ~\$300,000
- Submit Applications by April 26th!!!!

Project Loans – FY13

- Forest County – Land Acquisition - \$500,000
 - Monroe County – Land Acquisition - \$109,000
 - Juneau County – Land Acquisition - \$500,000
 - FY 2014 – \$202,800
 - Jackson County – Land Acquisition - \$141,000
- \$1,250,000**
- Remaining Available Funds - ~\$450,000
 - Submit Applications by April 26th!!!!

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Funding

- MOA Status –
 - required in order to apply –
 - no obligation to participate
- 20 signed & returned
- 1 on the way
- 8 have not heard from



Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Funding



- Applications can be submitted continuously
- Deadline of **May 1** – to be considered for **FY 2014** funds (available July 1).
- October 15th – Mid-year assessment. If any funds are available will re-rank new parcels along with previous batch.
 - If any “gems” are submitted may reassess spending plan.

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Funding

- Signage Requirements

- Must give notice that Stewardship Funds were used
- Posted at "major access points" to property;
- signs shall list either the primary activities restricted or prohibited or the primary activities permitted
- signs must be "of a durable material" & > 108 square inches in size
- Contact info or a website address of the property manager (property > 10 acres)

- Mapping Requirements

- Send shape file of acquisition



Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Funding -- FY11 & FY12

- FY11
 - Grants awarded - \$1,432,540
 - Acres purchased - 1908
 - 9 out of 9 county projects funded (5 Counties)

- FY12
 - Grants awarded - \$1,167,081
 - Acres purchased - 1293
 - 1 Grant ranked but not approved for funding - \$381,842
 - 5 out of 6 county projects funded (5 Counties)



Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Funding -- FY13

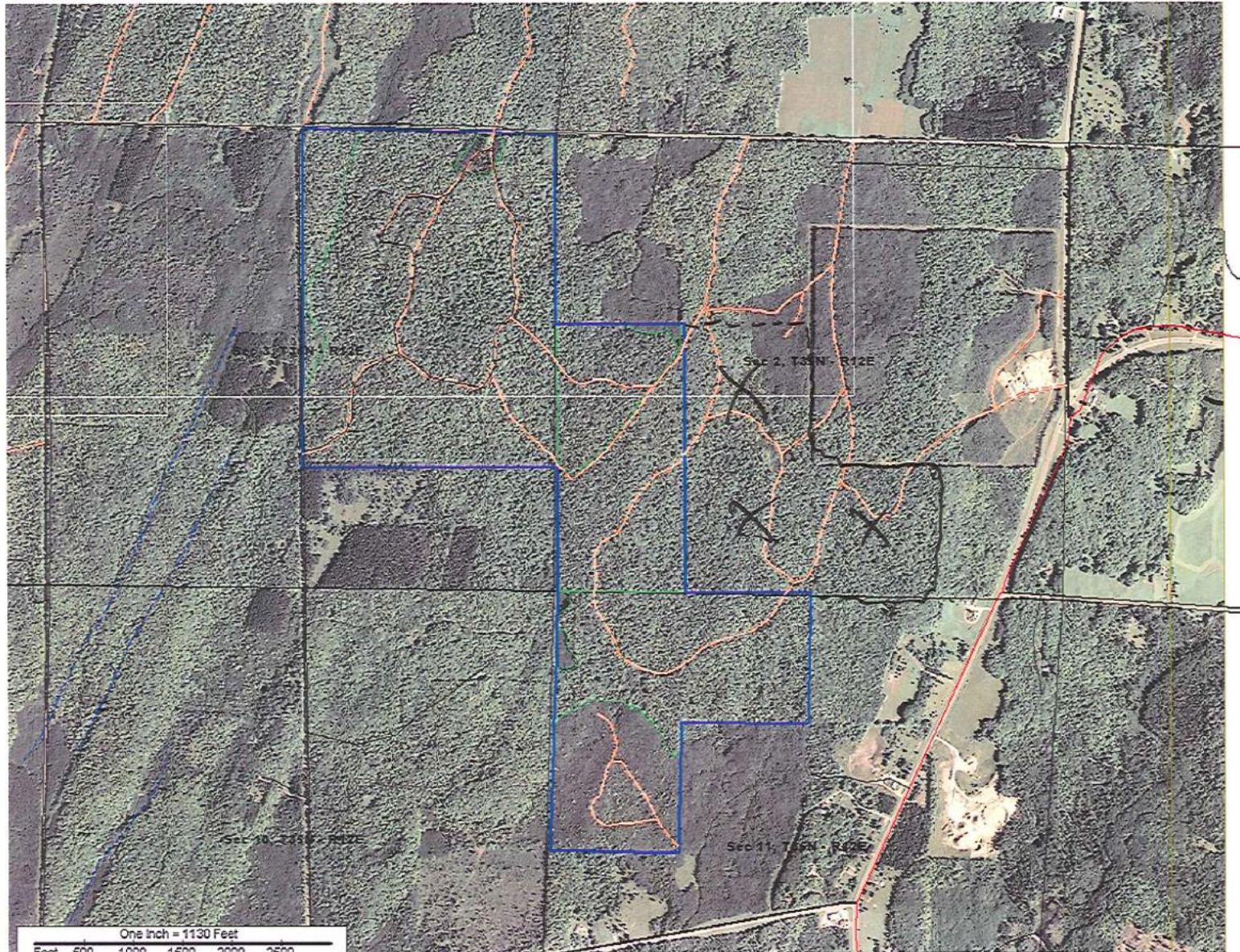


- ~\$2.8 million allotted to Northern State & County Forests
- 25% (~\$700k) dedicated to County Forest projects

- Grants awarded - **\$1,250,860**

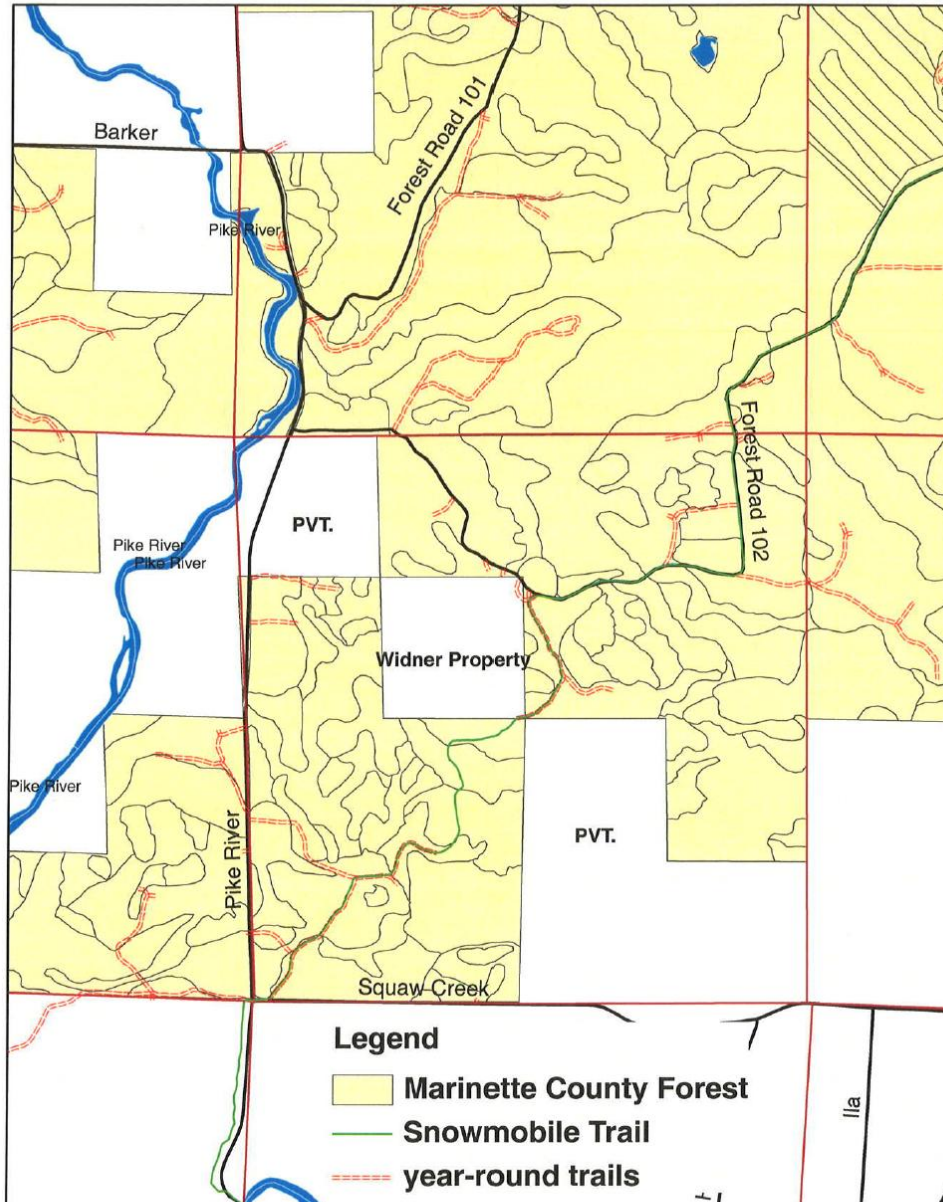
- Acres purchased - 714 --- Acres Pending - 849
- 2 Grants ranked but not approved for funding - \$537,995
- 7 out of 9 county projects awarded funding in FY13
 - 1 approved project fell through
- 876 acre (\$700k) project in Juneau Cty - likely to be funded by NCO Stewardship grant

Forest County - Westameyer



Marinette - Widner

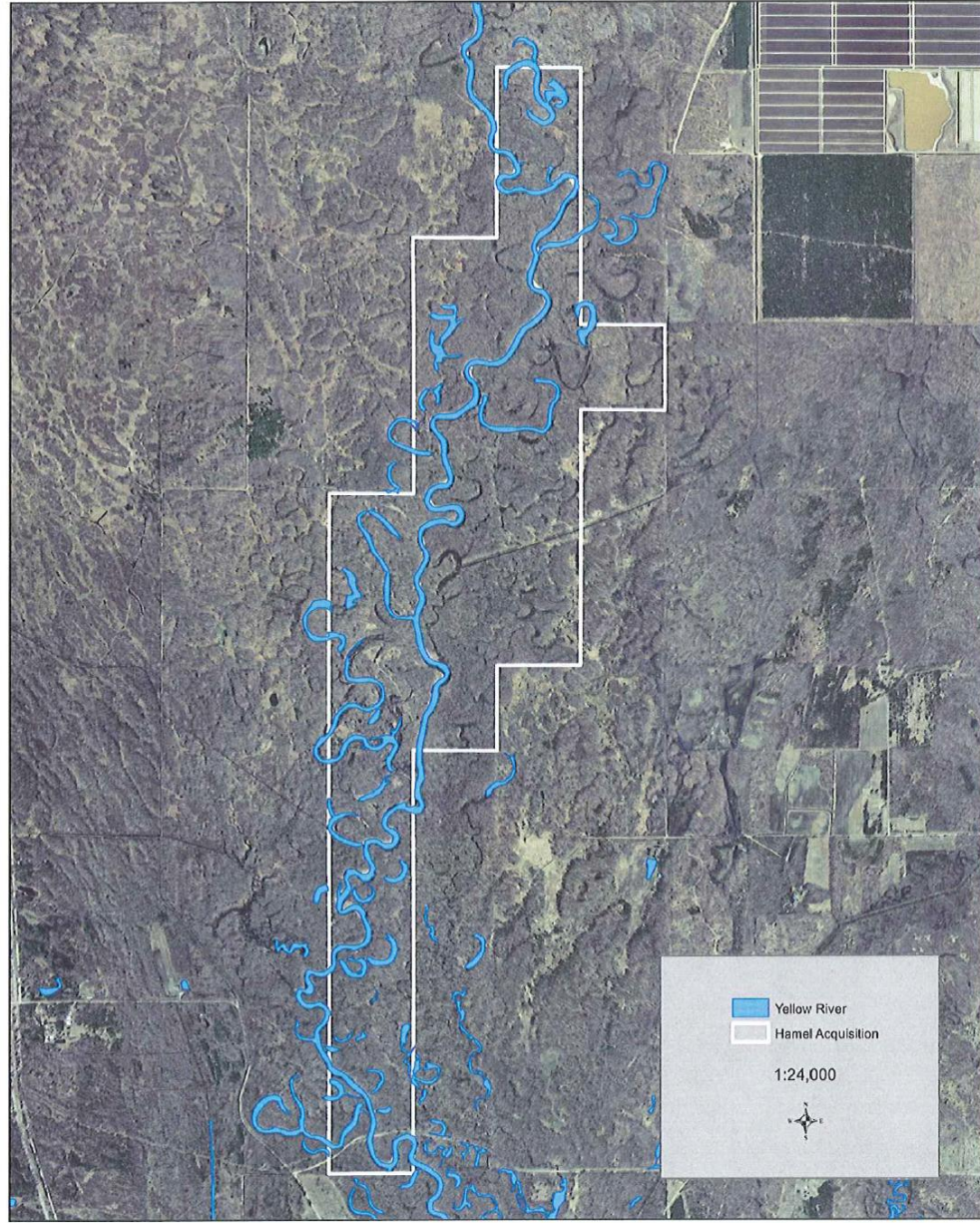
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Jackson - Stoughton



Juneau County Forest Yellow River Unit Hamel Acquisition



Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Funding

County Forest Stewardship Totals FY11-13

- 8 Counties (21 out of 24 projects funded)
- \$3,850,481
- 4,764 Acres



Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Funding

Governor's Proposed Budget



Stewardship Sub Program	2013-2015 (annually)		
General DNR Land Acquisition	\$17,000,000		
	New projects & Dept. Initiatives**	Existing projects**	
	40%	60%	
	6,800,000	10,200,000	
Fish Mgmt.	-	8.30%	
Natural Areas	-	13.60%	
Northern State & County Forests	-	25.60%***	\$ 2,611,200
Park/Rec & Southern Forests	-	17.30%	
Wildlife Management	-	28.80%	
Wild Rivers	-	6.40%	
NCO Acquisitions	\$9,000,000		
BCPL Acquisitions	\$1,000,000		
State Trails	\$3,000,000		
Dam Repair	Up to 2,000,000		
-----Subtotal-----	\$32,000,000		
DNR Property Development	\$17,500,000		
Local Assistance (ADLP)	\$8,000,000		
Recreational Boating Aids	\$2,500,000		
TOTAL	\$60,000,000		

County Forests (25%) - \$652,800

* Budget is Proposed – Not Final

** Split between existing projects, new projects & department initiatives has not yet been determined - 40/60 split was applied last biennium

*** Split between programs also not yet determined - % listed based on last biennium

Direct Sale and Advertising Requirements - Update

- The Governor's budget recommends amending statutory language to increase the direct sale amount for timber sales and modifying publishing notice requirements.
- Agency proposed budget (County & State)
 - Advertisement required >\$10,000 estimated value
 - Advertisement in paper **or** on website

Welcome to Madison!



Questions?