

## Clearinghouse Rule 10-118

### BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Natural Resources Board Order PR-36-10

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to ss. 27.01 (2) (c) and (j), ss. 23.09 (2) (d) 10. and 12., and s. 27.01 (10) (f), Stats., the Department of Natural Resources (Department) will hold a public hearing on revisions to chs. NR 1 and NR 45, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to the management of Department-owned lands purchased for the Ice Age and North Country Trails.

The authority proposed in this rule is necessary in order to facilitate the development and management of properties purchased by the Department for the Ice Age and North Country Trails. This proposal would repeal and recreate s. NR 1.29, Wis. Adm. Code, to allow the Department to authorize some basic management activities on properties prior to writing and implementing a Department master plan. This proposal would also help to guide master planning on these properties. The proposed rules guide and permit management such as selective timber harvest, invasive species removal, installation of the Ice Age and North Country trails, and establishment of minor support facilities and amenities like small gravel parking lots and informational kiosks. The rule does not require that these activities occur. This rule change gives the department the ability to be significantly more responsive in managing State Ice Age trail areas.

This proposal also modifies a section of s. NR 45.10 to allow camping along the Ice Age and North Country Trails for long-distance hikers.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. on the following date at the following location:

- November 3, 2010
- Glacier Room, DNR South Central Region Hdqrs., 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to s. 227.114, Stats., it is not anticipated that the proposed rule will have an economic impact on small businesses. The department's Small Business Regulatory Coordinator may be contacted at [SmallBusiness@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:SmallBusiness@dnr.state.wi.us) or by calling (608) 266-1959.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Department has made a preliminary determination that this action does not involve significant adverse environmental effects and does not need an environmental analysis under ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code. However, based on the comments received, the Department may prepare an environmental analysis before proceeding with the proposal. This environmental review document would summarize the Department's consideration of the impacts of the proposal and reasonable alternatives.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Brigit Brown at (608) 266-2183 with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.

The proposed rule and fiscal estimate may be reviewed and comments electronically submitted at the following Internet site: <http://adminrules.wisconsin.gov>. Written comments on the proposed rule may be submitted via U.S. mail to Ms. Brigit Brown, Bureau of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. Comments may be submitted by email to [brigit.brown@wisconsin.gov](mailto:brigit.brown@wisconsin.gov). Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before November 5, 2010. Written comments whether submitted electronically or by U.S. mail will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearings. A paper copy of the proposed rule and fiscal estimate may be obtained from Ms. Brown.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew J. Frank, Secretary