

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

**SUBJECT:** Donation acceptance – Friends of Lapham Peak, Inc.

Friends of Lapham Peak, Inc. will donate \$42,000. This donation will be used to purchase snowmaking infrastructure and equipment to enhance and expand the current snowmaking operation at Kettle Moraine State Forest - Lapham Peak Unit in order to promote and encourage outdoor recreation during the winter months.

**FOR:** September 2016 Board meeting

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Secretary Stepp

**SUMMARY:**

Thanks in part to many generous donors and "in-kind" labor volunteers, Kettle Moraine State Forest - Lapham Peak Unit has been able to offer consistent "man-made" snow conditions for cross-country skiing during the winter months. This has made Lapham Peak the premiere cross-country skiing destination in the region, drawing in over 100,000 visitors from the Madison, Milwaukee and Chicago areas each season. The Friends of Lapham Peak have raised over \$530,000 since the project began in 2005. It has assisted with funding snowmaking capabilities on 1.5 kilometers of lighted ski trail by purchasing, constructing and maintaining a ground water pond, high capacity well, high pressure variable frequency drive water pump, over one mile of water pipe, over three miles of electrical cable, a used snowdozer, hundreds of feet of hose, 10 snowguns and various other related equipment. The most recent project to be completed with this donation will add 1250 feet of pipe to allow for more efficiency during the snowmaking process. The Property Manager and staff approve of this project.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board accept the generous donation of \$42,000 from Friends of Lapham Peak, Inc.

Approved by	Signature	Date
Ben Bergey - WSP Bureau Director	<i>Ben Bergey (for Ben Bergey)</i>	8-22-16
Sanjay Olson - FWP Division Administrator	<i>Sanjay Olson</i>	8/24/16
Cathy Stepp, Secretary	<i>Cathy Stepp</i>	9/1/16

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8  
Department rule coordinator – LS/8

# **Acknowledgment of Gift**

This is to certify that at its September 2016 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$42,000 from:

## **Friends of Lapham Peak, Inc.**

This donation will be used to purchase snowmaking infrastructure and equipment to enhance and expand the current snowmaking operation at Kettle Moraine State Forest - Lapham Peak Unit in order to promote and encourage outdoor recreation during the winter months.

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Natural Resources Board

Terry N. Hilgenberg, Chair