

Title: Sale of State Land

The Problem: The state legislature has passed a bill requiring the DNR to identify and sell 10,000 acres of state owned land over the next four years. Thus far DNR staff has identified 1,500 acres to be sold. A similar land sale was conducted during the Thompson administration which therefore depleted the amount of marginal state land available for sale. As the current process goes forward it will be harder to find lands to sell that don't have significant conservation and recreation value, including outdoor experience for our future hunters, fishers, trappers and other youth interested in being outdoors. We need these public lands as a refuge for wildlife and for all people who desire to know the natural world. Also it has been shown that public lands are valuable economically for tourism. In the present budget there are additional recommendations to curtail purchase of lands for public use.

Be it resolved: That the Conservation Congress requests that the Wisconsin State Legislature place a moratorium on DNR public land sales or pass legislation to end further sales of the 10,000 acres.

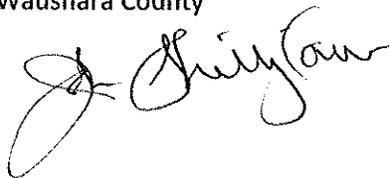
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