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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 3.B.5

SUBJECT: Kettle Moraine State Forest - Pike Lake Unit Master Plan Approval

FOR: OCTOBER, 2009 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Dan Schuller / Jeff Prey

SUMMARY:

The Pike Lake Unit will provide a wide range of nature based outdoor recreation opportunities consist with the property's vision and goals. There are a number of modifications proposed to the day use (beach) area that will provide expanded access to the waters of Pike Lake. Additional types of camping and expanded indoor/outdoor group picnic facilities will be provided to accommodate the increasing demand of these activities. There will also be an educational center built to provide enhanced nature interpretation programs for the general public and school or other youth groups. It will especially highlight the surrounding unique geological features and Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

The primary focus of vegetative management in the Pike Lake Unit is to provide complimentary recreational and conservation opportunities in a forested environment. This management will emphasize natural communities for ecological benefits and the maintenance of a natural appearing and safe recreational environment.

There has been strong public support for an expanded project boundary that will protect the headwaters of the Ashippun River, increase forest and grassland block sizes to better accommodate area-sensitive wildlife species and to provide additional public space for future recreational trail uses along with hunting and fishing.

Master Plan & Environmental Assessment
is located at (copy and paste into your browser):

http://dnr.wi.gov/master_planning/pike_lake/pdf/PikeLakeMPSept09.pdf

RECOMMENDATION: Board Approval per NR 44.04(3) Master plan development, adoption and public involvement. Plan Approval.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No	☑	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☐	Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required	Yes	☑	Attached
No	☑	Background Memo	Yes	☐	Attached

APPROVED:

for Dan Schuller — 9/15/2009
Bureau Director, — Date

9/17/09
Administrator, — Date

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Secretary, Matt Frank — Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/8