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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.B.3

SUBJECT: The Newport Wilderness Society, the Friends group of Newport State Park, will donate $42,000 worth of equipment and furniture to outfit the new Hotz Wilderness Interpretive Room and naturalist office/library.

FOR: DECEMBER 2007 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matthew Frank

SUMMARY:

The Newport Wilderness Society, the Friends group of Newport State Park will donate approximately $42,000 worth of equipment and furniture to outfit the new Hotz Wilderness Interpretive Room and Naturalist Office/Library, in the new Public Entrance and Visitor Station at Newport State Park. Up to $10,000 of that will be donated in cash to be earmarked to buy furniture for the Hotz Wilderness Room and Naturalist Office/Library. The remainder, approximately $32,000, will be in kind equipment and display items to outfit the two rooms. The Newport Wilderness Society previously donated $180,000 towards the construction of these two rooms as an addition to the new Park Entrance and Visitor Station at Newport State Park.

The new Park Entrance and Visitor Station is to be completed in January of 2008.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the donation of $42,000 worth of equipment and furniture from the Newport Wilderness Society.

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:

Kimberly Currie for Bill Smith — 11/20/07
Bureau Director, William H. Smith — Date

Laurie Osterndorf — 11/21/07
Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf — Date

11/27/07
Secretary, Matt Frank — Date

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Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its December 2007 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of $42,000 from

Newport Wilderness Society

These funds will provide equipment, furniture and display items for the new Hotz Wilderness Room and Naturalist Office/Library in the new Newport State Park Public Entrance and Visitor Station. These rooms were an addition to the Public Entrance and Visitor Station funded previously by the Newport Wilderness Society to ensure the public's enjoyment and understanding of the natural wonders at Newport State Park.

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

Christine Thomas, CHAIR