
Wisconsin Forestry Notes

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July 20 deadline for comments on the proposed treatment guidelines for annosum root rot.

Provide input on annosum treatment guidelines

The Division is seeking input on [proposed annosum root rot treatment guidelines](#) now through July 20. Partner listening sessions will be on June 7 in Green Bay and June 14 in Wausau. Public sessions will be on June 26 in Wisconsin Dells and June 28 in Eau Claire. The proposed guide will help determine whether the fungicide treatment should be considered to reduce the risk of the introduction of annosum root rot on a particular stand. The Division plans to finalize the guidelines this fall. Send comments on the proposed guide to [Kyoko Scanlon](#) by July 20 or contact her at (608) 275-3275 if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Phase 1 of easement would ensure that 44,679 acres continue to be working forests and open to public recreation.

Easement to maintain working forests

DNR has reached an agreement with Lyme St. Croix Forest Company to acquire a working forest easement on 67,346.8 acres in northwest Wisconsin – the largest land conservation transaction in state history. On May 23, the Natural Resources Board approved phase 1 of the project – an easement on 44,679.09 acres at a cost of \$11,260,000 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. Forest fragmentation has been increasing in northwest Wisconsin as large land holdings have been sold by industrial forest companies, a trend that is changing the face of the northwoods and could have a significant negative impact on both the timber and tourism industries. The easement will ensure that this large block of forest land remains on the tax rolls, in private industrial forest management and open to the public for hiking, fishing, hunting, trapping, cross-country skiing and berry picking. Also, 47 miles of designated snowmobile trails are allowed in the easement area.

Emergency burning restrictions helped protect storm-damaged area during peak fire season this spring.

Emergency burning restrictions lifted

Emergency burning restrictions were lifted on May 24 from the portions of Burnett, Douglas, Polk and Washburn Counties damaged by the July 1, 2011 windstorm. Due to the large amount of dead timber on the ground, there was a huge potential for devastating fires, but danger was averted thanks to excellent compliance with the emergency burning restrictions. The peak fire season is coming to an end with green-up conditions but extra care is still needed in this area of the state, so the Division will continue to utilize the [burning permit system](#) for debris piles and burn barrels within the storm boundaries.

2012 gypsy moth spray program update

A site in Marinette County, completed on May 17, was DNR's only gypsy moth suppression treatment for 2012. The gypsy moth "Slow the Spread" program treatments, conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, is ongoing. Maps of spray sites and completion updates are available at <http://gypsymoth.wi.gov/>.

2012 suppression spraying completed; "Slow the Spread" treatments continue.

Treecycler to support Wisconsin state lands

Wisconsin is one of a dozen state forestry programs to partner with [Treecycler](#), a new website that offers companies a way to offset resources that go into creating mail and packaging. Treecycler codes are distributed through mail, packages and websites. When a consumer redeems a code online, they trigger a corporate donation to one of many reforestation projects in the U.S. and around the globe. For example, Verizon customers receiving a hard copy mailed statement find a "code" on the statement that they can use on the Treecycler website to support forest regeneration at a location they choose from the list. Treecycler, and their corporate partners, do the promotion. DNR's role is to provide lands and operational implementation to plant trees, part of our core business anyway.

Online site set to support forest regeneration on state lands.

Summer recreation underway in state forests

Memorial Day weekend is the traditional summer camping season kick-off, but an early spring brought many visitors to our state forests. More than a half million acres of recreational opportunities await you in Wisconsin's northern state forests. Together, the [Black River](#), [Governor Knowles](#), [Flambeau River](#), [Brule River](#), [Northern Highland-American Legion](#), and [Peshtigo River State Forests](#) offer 400+ miles of trails with a range of activities from riding ATVs, to mountain biking, or quiet strolling. Enjoy the water? Check out the thousands of lakes, rivers and streams where you can relax on a sparkling lake or paddle through powerful rapids. Experience different types of camping at the 1,300 campsites (the northern state forests hosted 216,000 overnight campers in 2011). For the adventurous, camp along the river front at sites only accessible by watercraft or in the wilderness with nothing but a backpack! Or select a campground where your family can enjoy swimming beaches, playground equipment and picnic shelters. Visit your [state forests](#) this year!

Visit your state forests this summer for fun and relaxation!

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