

Amendments to

County Forest

15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan

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RESOLUTION

04-2011

Resolution offered by FORESTRY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That

WHEREAS, in 2007 Forest County approved a Fifteen-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan for all lands which are designated as “County Forest” within Forest County; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that said Fifteen-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as prepared by the Forestry Committee, be updated with various amendments to said plan; and

WHEREAS, it is in the County Board’s best interest to review and adopt all updates and amendments on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Forestry Committee is recommending that the Fifteen-Year Comprehensive land Use Plan be amended to include the following amendments: Annual Work Plan, new Snowmobile/ATV Trail Ordinance, new Timber Sale Contract, and new maps for ski trails, ATV trails, snowmobile trails and improved roads on County forest land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the above-mentioned amendments to the Fifteen-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

I, County Clerk, in and for the said County of Forest, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, in legal session on the _____ day of _____, 2011.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2011

Forest County Clerk

Supervisor

Ordinance Number 05-2009

Snowmobiles and ATVs

Replaces pages 900-28 - 900-29

See also Section 905.2.2 County ATV Ordinance

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ORDINANCE NO. 05-2009

WHEREAS, the use of snowmobiles and All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) have increased dramatically over the years with more snowmobiles and ATV trails being developed; the number of individuals who utilize snowmobiles and ATVs has increased; and snowmobiles and ATVs have increased in speed and power; and

WHEREAS, the Forest County Forestry Committee has reviewed the present Ordinance and has recommended that the same be deleted in its entirety and that a new Snowmobile and ATV Ordinance be adopted in its place.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS as follows:

SECTION I. That the Forest County Snowmobile Ordinance No. 03-99 be revised and the same is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION II. That the following shall be the Ordinance by which snowmobiles and ATVs are regulated and the manner in which snowmobiles and ATVs are utilized within Forest County.

SECTION III. DEFINITIONS

3.1 “All Terrain Vehicle” means an engine driven device which has a net weight of nine hundred (900) pounds or less, which has a width of fifty (50) inches or less, which is equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator and which is designed to travel on three (3) or more low pressure tires. A low pressure tire is a tire which has a minimum width of six (6) inches and which is designed to be inflated with an operating pressure not to exceed ten (10) pounds per square inch as recommended by the manufacturer.

3.2 All Terrain Vehicle Route. A highway or sidewalk designated for use by all terrain vehicle operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction as authorized by S.S. 23.33, Wis. Stats.

3.3 All Terrain Vehicle Trail. A marked corridor on public property or on private lands subject to public easement or lease, designated for use by all terrain vehicle operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction.

3.4 Snowmobile. Any engine driven vehicle of a type which utilizes sled type runners, skis or an endless belt tread or any combination of these or similar means of contact with the surface upon which it is operated, but does not include such vehicles which are either manually propelled or driven by a motor of 4 horse power or less and operated only on private property.

3.5 Snowmobile Route. A highway or sidewalk designated for use by snowmobile operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction as authorized by S.S. 350-04, Wis. Stats.

3.6 Snowmobile Trail. A marked corridor on public property or on private property, subject to public easement or lease, designated for use by operators of snowmobiles by the County Snowmobile Coordinator, but excluding highways, except those highways on which the roadway is not normally maintained for other vehicular traffic by the removal of snow.

3.7 Official Trail Opening. That date and time selected and published in the official County newspaper designating the approved snowmobile trails opened for snowmobile use and approved all terrain vehicle trails are open for all terrain vehicle use.

3.8 Official Trail Closing. That date and time selected and published in the official County newspaper designating the approved snowmobile trails closed for snowmobile use and/or all terrain vehicle trails are closed for all terrain vehicle use.

3.9 Snowmobile Coordinator. The County Forest Administrator, and such other individuals so designated by the Forestry Committee.

3.10 Approved Snowmobile Trails. Includes all snowmobile trails or routes that have been designated by the County Snowmobile Coordinator or Forestry Committee.

3.11 Off Road Vehicle. Includes, but is not limited to, trail bikes, motorcycles, mini bikes, air boats and air cushioned vehicles or golf carts.

SECTION IV. RESTRICTED USES OF SNOWMOBILES AND ATVS

4.1 No person shall drive a snowmobile, all terrain vehicle or off road vehicle on any land under the supervision, management or control of the County Forestry Department that is posted as “closed to unauthorized motor vehicles” or closed in accordance with Section 6.1 of this ordinance.

4.2 No person shall operate a snowmobile on any land under the supervision, management or control of the Forest County Forestry Committee except on designated trails or unplowed roads.

4.3 No person shall drive a snowmobile or all terrain vehicle at speeds in excess of 10 mph on any portion of an approved snowmobile trail that is posted with a yellow sign indicating “slow”, “steep hill”, “dip”, “turn” or other caution.

4.4 Operators of a snowmobile or all terrain vehicle on approved snowmobile trails or approved ATV trails must adhere to all posted speed limits.

4.5 Operators of a snowmobile or all terrain vehicle on approved snowmobile trails or approved ATV trails must stop at all locations marked with a red sign indicating “stop”.

4.6 No person shall place unauthorized signs on any property, snowmobile trail or ATV trail administered by the Forestry Committee.

4.7 No person shall deface, destroy or remove any all terrain or snowmobile sign posted on any approved all terrain trail or approved snowmobile trail.

4.8 No person shall deface, destroy or remove any gate, berm, boulders, barricade or bridge on any all terrain or snowmobile trail.

4.9 No person shall operate an all terrain vehicle with tire chains or studded tires on any snowmobile or all terrain vehicle trail.

4.10 No person shall operate an all terrain vehicle on any approved all terrain trail, the Nicolet State Trail or the Wolf River State trail from the official close of the snowmobile trails until May 1, of each year.

4.11 No person shall operate any motorized vehicle off of any approved all terrain trail, snowmobile trail or established logging road on any Forest County forest property. This activity commonly referred to as “cross country travel” is strictly prohibited on any Forest County forest property.

Notwithstanding other provisions of this ordinance, the Forestry Committee and their agents may, at their discretion, close any and all trails or roads within the County forest boundaries to protect the trails and roads from damage caused by all forms of motorized vehicular travel.

SECTION V. RESTRICTED USE OF SNOWMOBILE AND ATV TRAILS

5.1 No person shall operate any four wheel drive vehicle, passenger car, all terrain truck or motorcycle on any state funded snowmobile trail in Forest County, except for snowmobile club trail maintenance activities, without notification to the Forest County Snowmobile Coordinator at County Forestry Department, 200 East Madison Street, Crandon, WI 54520, Phone (715) 478-3475. This subsection shall not apply to any person or persons or their assigns who owns or leases lands abutting that portion of the snowmobile trail or for club trail maintenance activities.

5.2 No person shall operate any snowmobile or all terrain vehicle on any approved snowmobile trail until officially opened by the County Snowmobile Coordinator.

5.3 No person shall operate any snowmobile or all terrain vehicle on any approved snowmobile trail after such trail is officially closed by the County Snowmobile Coordinator.

5.4 All terrain vehicles are not allowed on any state funded snowmobile trail in Forest County except the Nicolet State Trail and Wolf River State Trail.

5.5 Operation of snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles by youthful operator is restricted and defined in S.S. 350.05 and 23.33(5), Wis. Stats.

SECTION VI. GATED ROADS AND TRAILS.

6.1 No person shall operate any unauthorized motor vehicle, off road vehicle or all terrain vehicle on roads or trails which are closed by, but not limited to, being gated, cabled, bermed, barricaded, ditched, embanked, bouldered or posted closed to prohibit motor vehicle travel in accordance with Section 4.1 of this ordinance.

6.2 The Forestry Department may authorize, by permit, persons with physical disabilities to use a motorized vehicle as a mode of personal conveyance behind gated roads and trails. A permit is required for disabled persons.

6.3 No person shall park any vehicle or place any obstruction on the groomed portion of any snowmobile trail or ATV trail.

SECTION VII. PENALTIES

7.1 Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of the Ordinance shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense together with court costs, restitution of trail, bridge or sign damage, and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until the same are paid, for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days, or until otherwise discharged pursuant to law.

SECTION VIII. GENERAL

8.1 If any section, clause provision or portion of this Ordinance is judged unconstitutional or invalid by the County of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

8.2 Any previous Ordinance or Resolution in conflict with this Ordinance is repealed to the extent of such conflict.

8.3 This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2009.

Erhard Huettl
Forest County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Ann Mihalko
Forest County Clerk

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Timber Sales Contract

Forest County Forest

Replaces pages 900-35 - 900-39

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TIMBER SALES CONTRACT

Contract Number

Tract #

This contract is made by and between the Forestry Committee, Forest County, Crandon, Wisconsin hereinafter called the Seller, and of hereinafter called the Purchaser, for the purpose of cutting and removing timber, which includes all forest products, marked or designated by the Seller on the following described lands, hereinafter called the premises:

which are further described in attachments made a part of the Contract.

This Contract and all authority granted under it, as mutually agreed upon by the parties, is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Cutting of timber on the premises may start after execution of the Contract and submission of required payments and statements. Cutting and removing shall be conducted in a workman-like manner and with reasonable diligence to assure full compliance with this Contract within the Contract period. The Purchaser shall notify the Seller immediately upon completion.
2. All work under this Contract shall be completed in the period commencing upon execution of it to no later than April 1, 20 . The Seller may temporarily suspend operations upon notice to the Purchaser with subsequent equitable adjustment of this contract as deemed necessary by the Seller.
3. If extensions of this contract are agreed upon by the parties, the stumpage prices indicated in clause 10 shall be adjusted as follows;
 - A. One year extension: Increased 10%.
 - B. Additional one year extension: Increased an additional 10%.No contract will exceed four years in length from the date of signing.
4. Upon written notice by the Seller or its

representative to Purchaser that he is not in compliance with one or more conditions of the Contract, all operations must be suspended and may not be resumed without written authorization.

5. The Seller may terminate this Contract, on oral or written notice upon said breach as determined by the Seller or at other times when deemed necessary by the Seller.
6. Purchaser has deposited a check in the amount of \$_____ which is equivalent to 10% or more of the total bid price. An additional check or Letter of Credit totaling \$_____ which is 15% of the total bid price shall be deposited prior to starting the timber sale giving a total timber sale deposit of \$_____ which is 25% of the total bid price. If the successful bidder fails to pay the additional 15% deposit prior to starting the timber sale or fails to sign the contract within 15 working days after notification by the Forestry Department, or fails to submit SFI certification the County will keep the 10% deposit and award the timber sale bid to the second highest bidder. This 25% payment (PERFORMANCE BOND) shall be held as evidence of the intention of the successful bidder to carry out faithfully the provisions of the contract. This sum shall be refunded upon satisfactory completion of the contract and payment of all stumpage bills. Purchaser agrees that upon breach of any terms or conditions of the Contract, as determined by the Seller, this deposit shall be forfeited to the Seller as liquidated damages unless the Seller determines and chooses to seek actual damages. Purchaser further agrees that such deposit shall not be returned unless and until the Seller determines the contract has been fully completed by the Purchaser including the payment of all stumpage bills. The Seller shall have sixty (60) days from notice of completion from the Purchaser to make such determination.
7. Purchaser agrees that if the timber identified under this Contract is resold upon a breach of it, the Seller is not obligated to give notice of resale to Purchaser.
8. Timber shall not be removed from the premises until paid for or guarantees for payment acceptable to the Seller are provided. Timber removed without proper authorization or payment will result in timber theft

citations. Citations will be issued to the Purchaser, trucker and all parties involved. Citations issued for theft will result in immediate termination of all Timber Sale Contracts and retention of all Performance Bonds or pursuit of actual damages with this specific Purchaser in accordance with Clause #5 and #6 of the Contract.

9. Title to timber cut under this Contract shall remain with the Seller until payment as indicated in clause 10 is received by the Seller or written authorization is given by the Seller.
10. The Purchaser agrees to pay stumpage payments indicated below in paragraph A in the form acceptable to the Seller for marked or designated timber cut or removed under this Contract. The volume of timber indicated is an estimate. The Seller does not give any guarantee or warranty respecting quality, quantity or volume of the marked or designated timber on the premises.
 - A. Purchaser shall make stumpage payments in full within 30 days of billing date. **Any amounts not paid within 30 days shall accrue interest at the rate of 1.5% per month until the stumpage bill is paid in full.** Stumpage payments shall be made payable to the Forest County Treasurer, and mailed to the Forest County Forestry Department, 200 East Madison, Courthouse, Crandon, WI. 54520. Stumpage payment schedule;

SPECIES	PRODUCT	VOLUME	PRICE PER UNIT	TOTAL VALUE OF ESTIMATED VOLUMES
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- A. The Purchaser agrees to pay double stumpage payments as liquidated damages for timber removed from the premises without advance payment or authorization as required in clause 8 and for unmarked or undesignated timber cut or damaged through carelessness, negligence or intention.
- B. Purchaser agrees to make stumpage payments at the

rate indicated in clause 10 A, for timber marked or designated on the premises which is destroyed or reduced in value as a result of the Purchaser's operation or negligence and that which is not removed on termination of the this Contract.

OPERATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

11. Cutting requirements: (DBH represents the diameter of timber 4.5 feet above the ground).

All Units:

- *No cutting, skidding or trucking will be allowed during spring break up or wet soil conditions.
- *No tree length or pole skidding is allowed without prior approval.
- *All wood will be sorted by species and categories listed in table below.
- *Timber shall not be removed from premises unless field scaled by county staff.
- *All species and products shall be cut concurrently.
- *Reasonable care shall be used to avoid unnecessary damage to residual trees and regeneration.
- *Do not cut dead trees unless marked with orange paint or if they pose a safety hazard.
- *No equipment use or slash disposal in wetlands.

12. Utilization specifications:

Cordwood: All pulpwood trees marked for cutting are merchantable if they contain one or more pulpwood sticks that are reasonably straight and sound, free of excessive knots, 100 inches long with a four inch minimum diameter top.

Sawbolts: All sawbolt trees marked for cutting are merchantable that contain one or more sawbolts with a minimum length of eight feet, a minimum top diameter of eight inches are reasonably straight, free of excessive knots and defects but do not meet the sawlog specifications.

Sawlogs: All sawlog trees marked for cutting are merchantable that contain one or more sawlogs with a minimum length of eight feet, a minimum top diameter of ten inches and contain a minimum of 30 board feet.

13. Maximum stump height shall not exceed stump diameter, and for stumps of diameter less than 10 inches, height shall not exceed 10 inches.
14. All and only the timber marked or designated for cutting on the premises shall be cut whether it be more or less than the volume listed herein.
15. The Purchaser shall use reasonable care not to damage the residual timber stands. Young growth bent or held down by felled trees shall be promptly released. Timber damaged through normal cutting operations may be designated for cutting by the Seller and harvested if merchantable.
16. The Purchaser agrees to complete all operations on each portion of the premises or each compartment as designated in the cutting requirements before beginning in the next, unless agreed to otherwise by the Seller.
17. The Purchaser agrees not to commit any act of waste or nuisance upon the premises.
18. All mechanical timber sale activity including, but not limited to, cutting, felling, bunching, skidding, decking and hauling will cease for a period of 60 days from the start of spring break-up as determined by the seller. All non-mechanical timber sale activity requires prior approval from the County Forest Administrator.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CUT

19. The Purchaser shall make a written declaration of his/her intention to cut forest products to the County Clerk pursuant to Section 26.03, Wisconsin Statutes.

SLASH AND DEBRIS DISPOSAL

20. The Purchaser agrees to comply with the State Slash Law, Section 26.12(b), Wisconsin Statutes, with request regarding forest fire prevention and suppression made by the Seller and takes all reasonable precautions to prevent, suppress and report forest fires.
21. Other slash disposal requirements are as follows;
*Comply with State Slash Law.
22. The Purchaser shall remove, to the satisfaction of the Seller, all solid waste, trash and debris generated by the Purchaser.

ROADS, CAMPS, SURVEY CORNERS

23. Location, construction, and use of logging roads, mill sites and campsites is subject to advance approval by the Seller. All such areas or facilities used or constructed by the Purchaser must be operated, maintained and restored prior to termination of the Contract in a manner satisfactory to the Seller. Purchaser shall repair damage to existing roads prior to release by the Seller of Purchaser's performance deposit.
24. No residence, dwelling, permanent structure, or improvement shall be established or constructed on the premises.
25. Logging roads that intersect town, county, or state roads or highways must have the intersections approved by the proper authorities prior to construction and cleared of all unsightly debris at the time of construction.
26. The Purchaser agrees to pay for the cost of repair or replacement of any land survey monuments or accessories that are removed or destroyed or made inaccessible. Purchaser will also pay for the cost of repair or replacement of any gates damaged or destroyed. Payment of cost or repair shall not prevent enforcement or recourse to other statutory provisions that apply to such action or conduct of the Purchaser.

LIABILITY

27. The Purchaser agrees to protect, indemnify and save harmless the Seller from and against any and all causes of action, claims, demands, suits, liability or expense by reason of loss or damage to any property or bodily injury to any person, including death, as a direct or indirect result of operations or in connection with any action or omission of the Purchaser, who shall defend the Seller in any such cause of action or claim.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP

28. Unless otherwise required in writing by the Seller, the Purchaser, prior to any performance under the Contract, shall provide the Seller with a Certificate of Insurance indicating that Workers Compensation insurance coverage is provided for all employees working under the Contract for the duration of the contract. Such Certificate shall notify the Seller at the County, Courthouse, Crandon, WI. within five (5) days of any change in said terms or twenty (20) days prior to the termination of insurance coverage.
29. The Purchaser is an independent contractor and not an employee or agent of the Seller for any purpose including Workers Compensation.

ASSIGNMENT AND CHANGES

30. Cutting under this Contract cannot be assigned or subcontracted in part or in whole without prior written approval from the Seller and may be changed or amended only in writing. The Purchaser shall notify the Surety, if any, of any such change or amendment.

CONTRACTING PARTIES

31. In this Contract, the Seller and the Purchaser include their respective officers, employees, agents, directors, subcontractors, assignees, partners, representative, successors, heirs, members and servants.

32. If the Purchaser ceases to exist, in fact or by law, the Seller may immediately terminate this Contract and without waiving any remedies available to it, perform the Contract.

SCALING AND CONVERSION FACTORS

33. The Seller may stop and inspect trucks hauling forest products from the premises and check the sale at any time.
34. When peeled cordwood is measured, it is agreed that 12.5% will be added to handpeeled or ring debarked volume, and 25% will be added to other machine peeled volume to compute equivalent unpeeled volume.
35. The Scribner Decimal C Log Rule shall be used for scaling logs.
36. Conversion of MBF (thousand board feet) to cords or cords to MBF will be 2.44 cords per MBF for softwoods and 2.20 cords per MBF for hardwoods.
37. Other conversion factors are as follows:
*Weight conversions for mill scaled wood will be as per the Timber Sale Handbook (Page 12-1). A copy of which is attached and made part of this contract.
38. All sawlogs shall be separated from pulpwood when piled.
39. All pulpwood shall be piled for scaling. Piles shall be level and square with at least 2 cords per pile. At least 5 MBF of sawlogs will be skidded and yarded, before a scale is requested.
40. Logs will be yarded for scaling. If logs are decked, the log length shall be marked on the small end with lumber crayon. Decks shall be no higher than six (6) feet.
41. If the Mill Scale Ticket System is used, Purchaser agrees to have load tickets sent directly from the receiving mill to the Seller within (10) ten days of delivery. Load tickets received after (10) ten days, or not received at all, will be invoiced by the Seller at 15 cords per load.

42. All logs and pulpwood shall remain on the premises until scaled and paid for.
43. Other conditions:
All timber sale activity including, but not limited to, felling, bunching, skidding, piling, decking and hauling can be limited, restricted or stopped during periods of wet weather when soil damage, tree damage, or County Forest road damage may occur.

SOIL DISTURBANCE AND RUTTING

44. Excessive soil disturbance (as defined in Table 1) shall not be permitted. Purchaser agrees to contact Seller in the event of an excessive soil disturbance.

Table 1. Thresholds for soil disturbances.

Soil disturbances are excessive if:

- a. Roads, landings, skid trails, and general harvest area- A gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and is resulting in channelized flow to a wetland, stream or lake.
- b. Roads, landings, and primary skid trails - In a riparian management zone (RMZ) or wetland, a gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and 100 feet long or more.
In an upland area (outside) RMZ, a gully or rut is 10 inches deep or more and 66 feet long or more.
- c. Secondary skid trails and general harvest area - a gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and 100 feet long or more.

Note: The depth is to be measured from the original soil surface to the bottom of the depression. If individual lug depressions are visible, the depth would be measured to the lesser of the two depths (the "top" of the lug). The length is measured from the start of the too deep section. Measurements are not cumulative.

The Purchaser agrees to take all steps and precautions to avoid and minimize soil disturbances, such as soil compaction and rutting. If soil disturbances occur, the Purchaser agrees to work cooperatively to mitigate

and repair any and all instances of soil disturbance.
BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPS) REQUIREMENTS AND
OTHER GUIDELINES.

45. The Purchaser shall comply with all recommended BMPs for Water Quality guidelines as described in "*Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality*" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-093, unless specifically provided otherwise below. The purchaser shall comply with all recommended Forestry BMPs for Invasive Species as described in "*Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices for Invasive Species*" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-444-09, unless specifically provided otherwise below. The publication can be found at <http://council.wisconsinforestry.org/invasives/forestry>
The purchaser shall comply with all General Guidelines as described in "*Wisconsin's Forestland Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines*" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-435-09, unless specifically provided otherwise below. The publication can be found at <http://council.wisconsinforestry.org/biomass/>

TRAINING REQUIREMENT

46. The purchaser is responsible for ensuring that the actual logging contractor engaged in performance of this contract complies with the Wisconsin SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC). Criteria for the standard can be found at the website www.fistausa.org/sfi_standards or by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). Purchaser agrees to provide documentation to Seller that training has been attained prior to initiating sale.
Purchaser agrees to provide documentation to seller verifying that certification has been maintained during performance of the sale.
47. ALL CONIFER SALES - Annosum Root Rot is a serious disease that is causing conifer mortality in at least 20 counties in Wisconsin, mainly by infecting freshly

cut stump surfaces in pine, spruce and fir stands. The Purchaser shall conduct Annosum Root Rot Disease control work within this timber sale. The Purchaser shall chemically treat all fresh-cut conifer stumps by applying either the SPORAX or CELLU-TREAT product and dye to all conifer stumps within 24 hours of cutting the tree. Treatment is required year-round and shall be performed by a certified pesticide applicator.

SELLER

PURCHASER

Forest County
Forestry Committee

By _____
County Forest Administrator

Name _____

Date Signed _____

Date Signed _____



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Skiing and Hiking Trails

Forest County

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Trail Description

These trails are secondary logging roads which have been seeded with white clover to provide a food source for various species of wildlife. The trails are mowed once a year by the Forestry department with financial assistance from the Department of Natural Resources, which makes it an excellent trail for hikers, hunters, skiers and mountain bikers. NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ALLOWED

Otter Springs Trail

Located about 3 miles east of Crandon on highway 8 and then north on Otter Creek Rd. is the trail head for the Otter Springs Ski Trail. The trail is located on a large area of hardwood forest with a scenic view of Otter Springs and Bug Lake. The trail is 8 miles in total length. The beginners' trail is about .75 miles long located near the graveled parking area. The intermediate trails are hilly and more challenging. The second trail is 1.25 miles in length, and the third trail is 3 miles in length with hills and curves. The trails are well marked and groomed. A ski shelter is located between the two intermediate trails. The WCC crew that worked for the Forest County Forestry Department constructed the ski shelter out of cedar logs from an adjacent cedar stand. The ski shelter was constructed to provide a rest and picnic area for all recreationists while making their way through the forest. The ski shelter is equipped with benches and has an area provided for a small fire. Skiers, hikers, hunters, picnickers, mountain bikers, and all outdoor enthusiasts are welcome to use the trail.

Hemlock Lake Trail

South of Crandon about 6 miles on County Highway W then west on Hemlock Lake Rd. is the Hemlock Lake Ski Trail. The Trail is located within 160 acres of forested land, mostly hardwood. The trail is 2 miles in total length with rolling and advanced terrain. A graveled parking area is available but no other services are provided. The first loop is 1.25 miles in length. It is the advanced trail and has more aggressive, hilly terrain. The second loop is more of a beginner/intermediate trail. The terrain here is more gentle and rolling.

Trail Safety

Hypothermia: #1 killer of outdoor recreationists. The moment your body begins to lose heat faster than it can produce heat, you are undergoing exposure.

Symptoms: (1) Uncontrollable shivering, (2) slurred speech, (3) fumbling hands, (4) frequent stumbling, (5) drowsiness, (6) apparent unconcern about physical discomfort.

First Line of Defense:

1. Stay dry
2. Beware of wind chill
3. Wear proper clothes
4. Do not become exhausted
5. ski with a friend
6. carry matches, map and compass

Treatment:

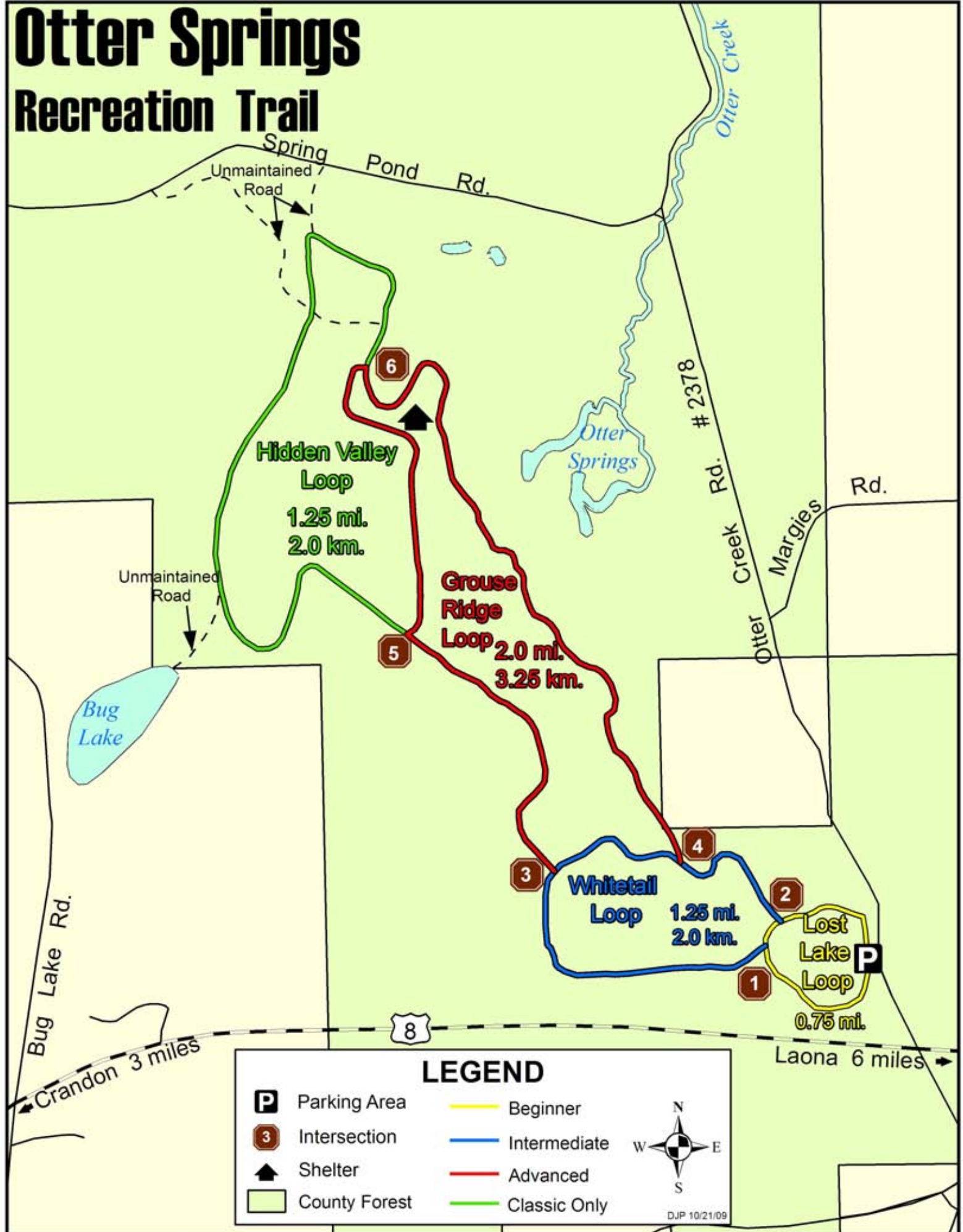
1. Get victim out of wind
2. Get victim into dry clothes
3. Give victim a warm, non-alcoholic drink
4. Keep victim warm

Please respect the forest, don't litter, damage trees or harass wildlife. This trail was developed for your enjoyment. If you encounter a trail hazard, report it immediately to:

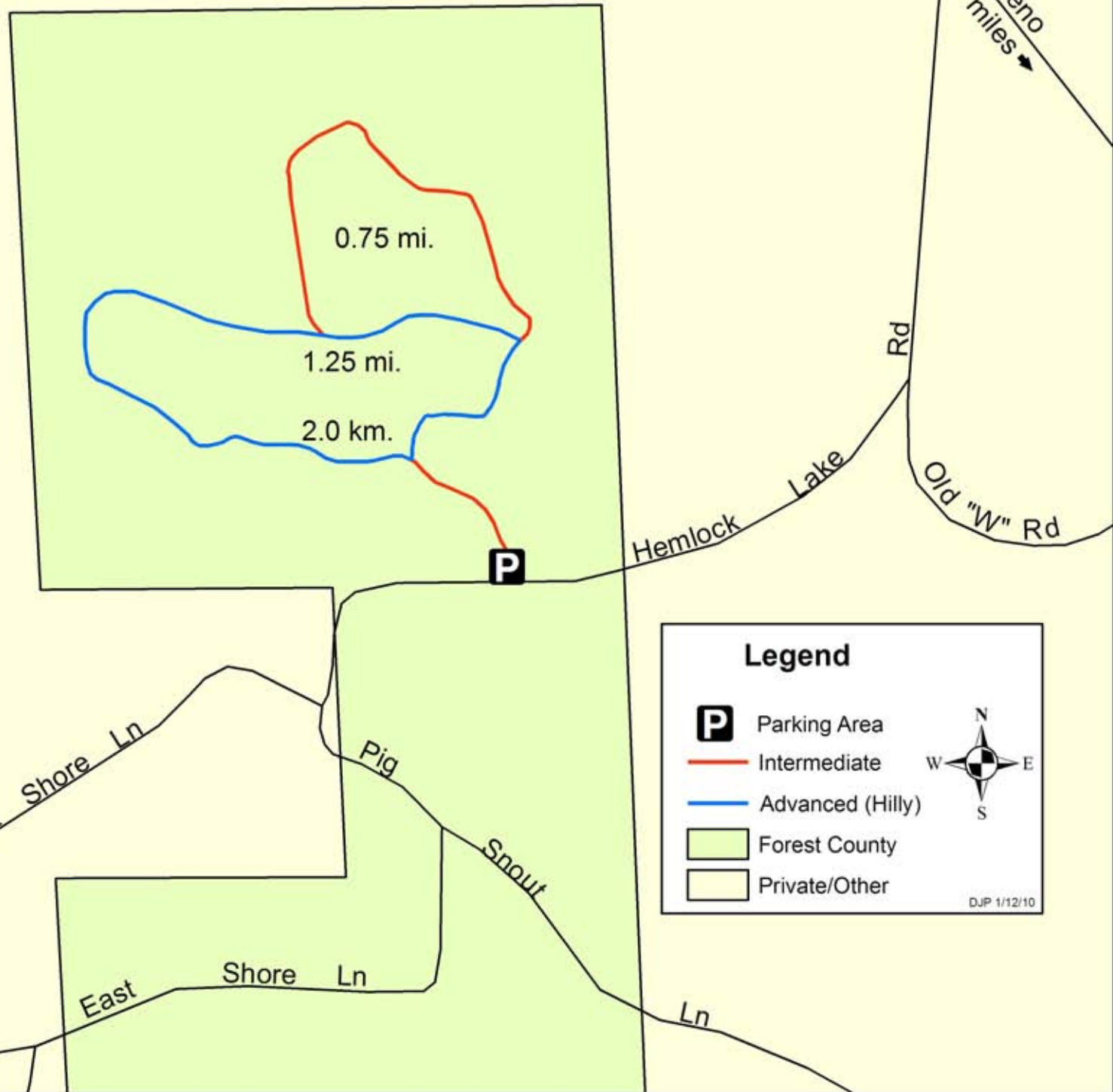
Forest County Forestry Department
715-478-3475

A wide range of recreation maps are available from the above office.

Otter Springs Recreation Trail



Hemlock Lake Ski Trail



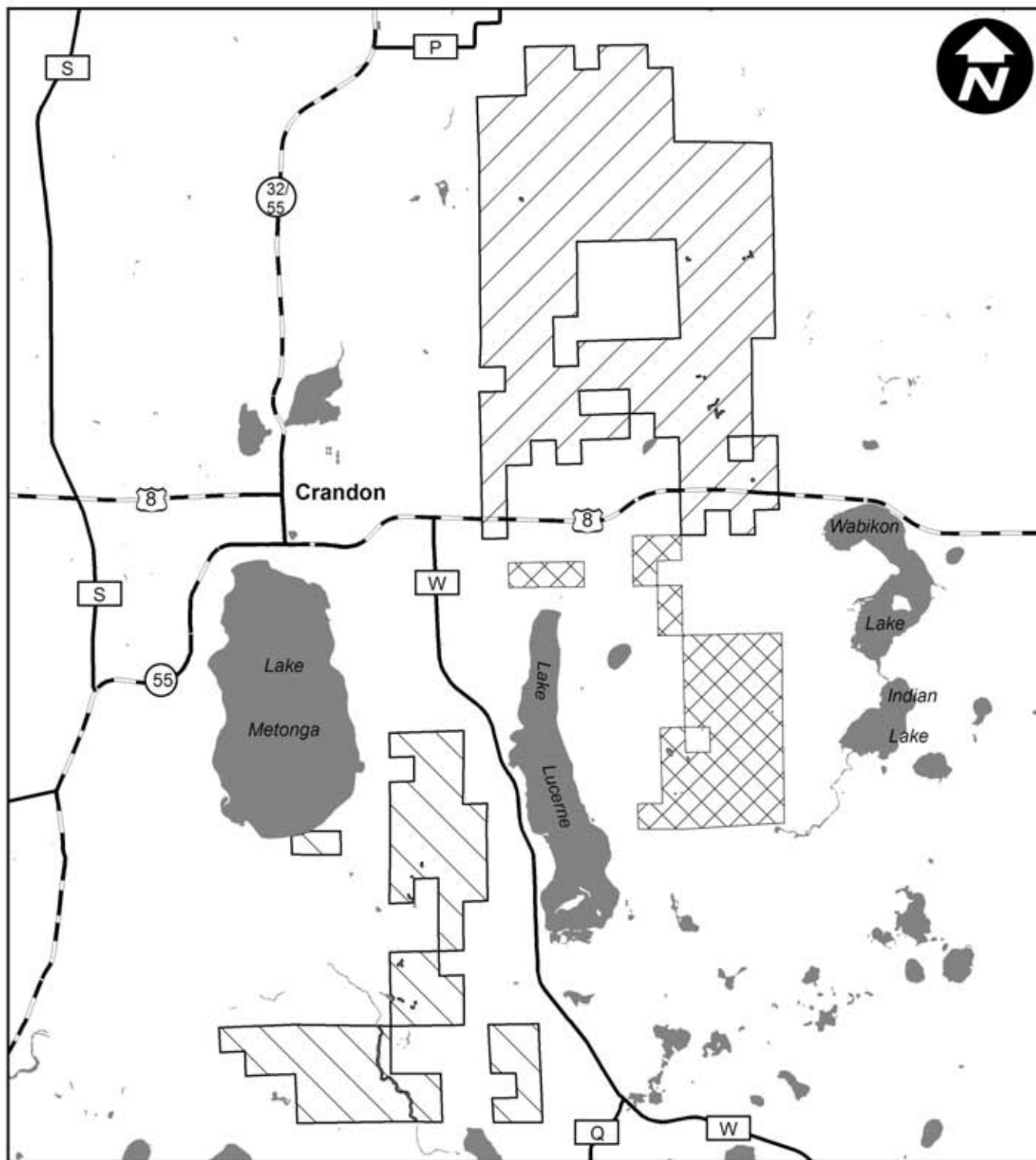
Hunter Walking Trails

Forest County

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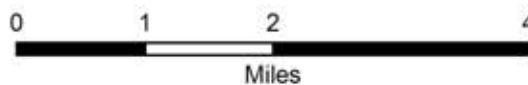
Forest County Hunter Walking Trails



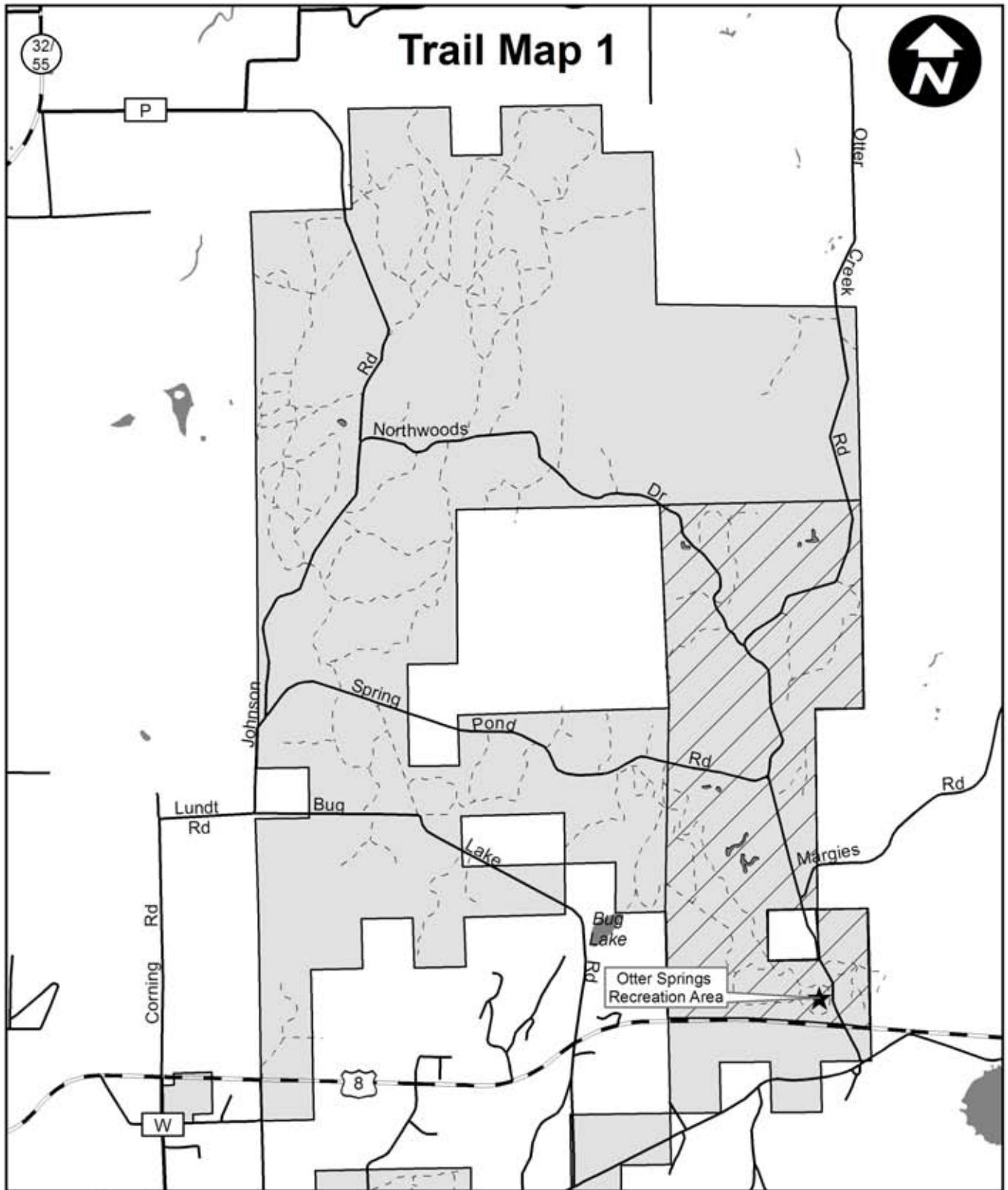
The trails on these maps are for outdoor recreation enthusiasts. They are open to bikes and foot travel only. Unauthorized use of motorized vehicles is PROHIBITED. Use of trails is a privilege. Please be respectful of the outdoors and other users.

Legend

-  Map 1
-  Map 2
-  Map 3



Trail Map 1



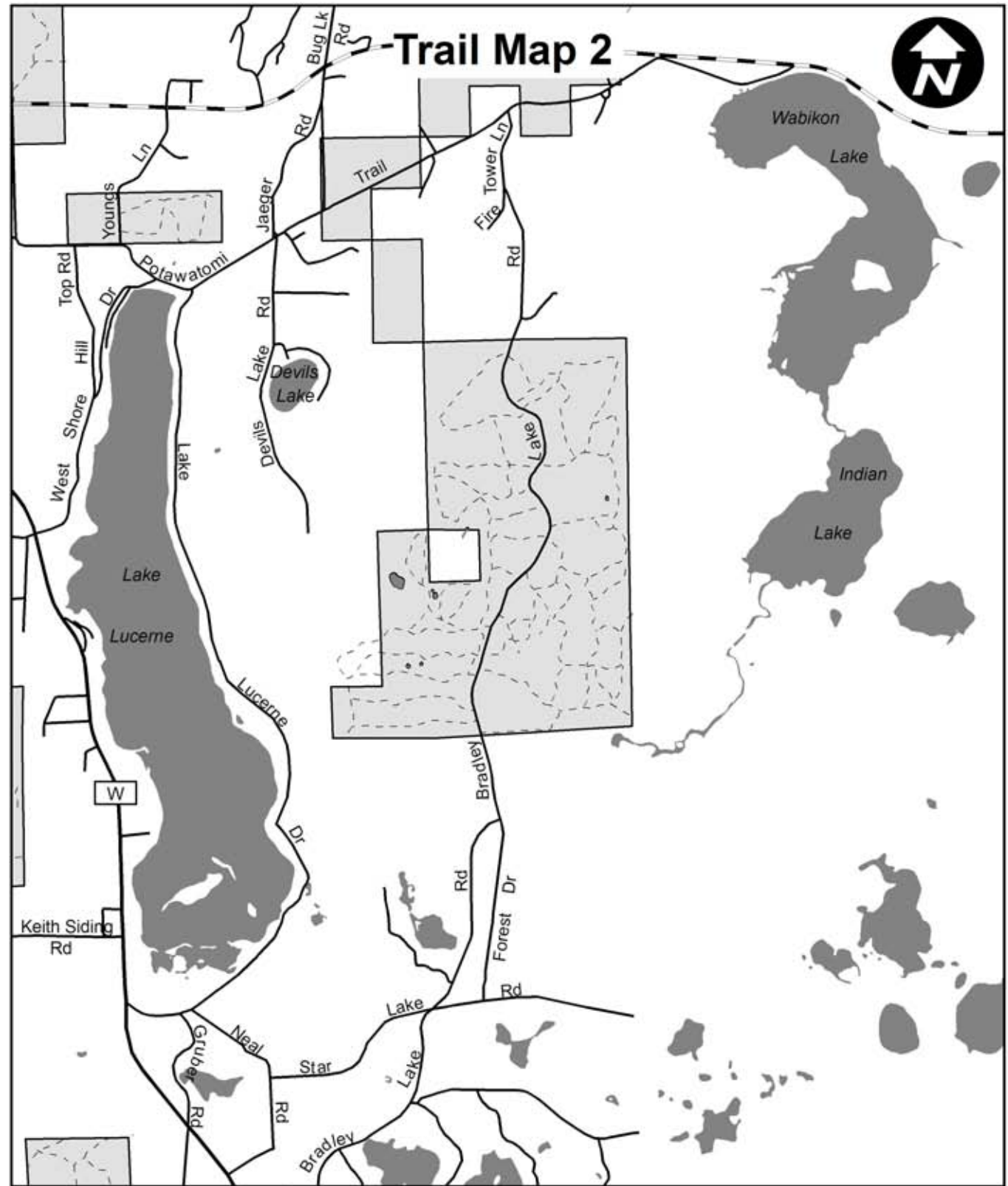
Legend

- Forest County
- Private/Other
- Grouse Management Area

- Hunter Walking Trails
- US & State Highways
- County Highways
- Local Roads

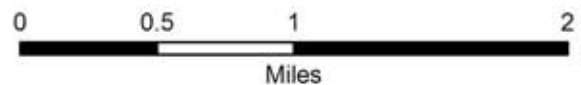
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Trail Map 2

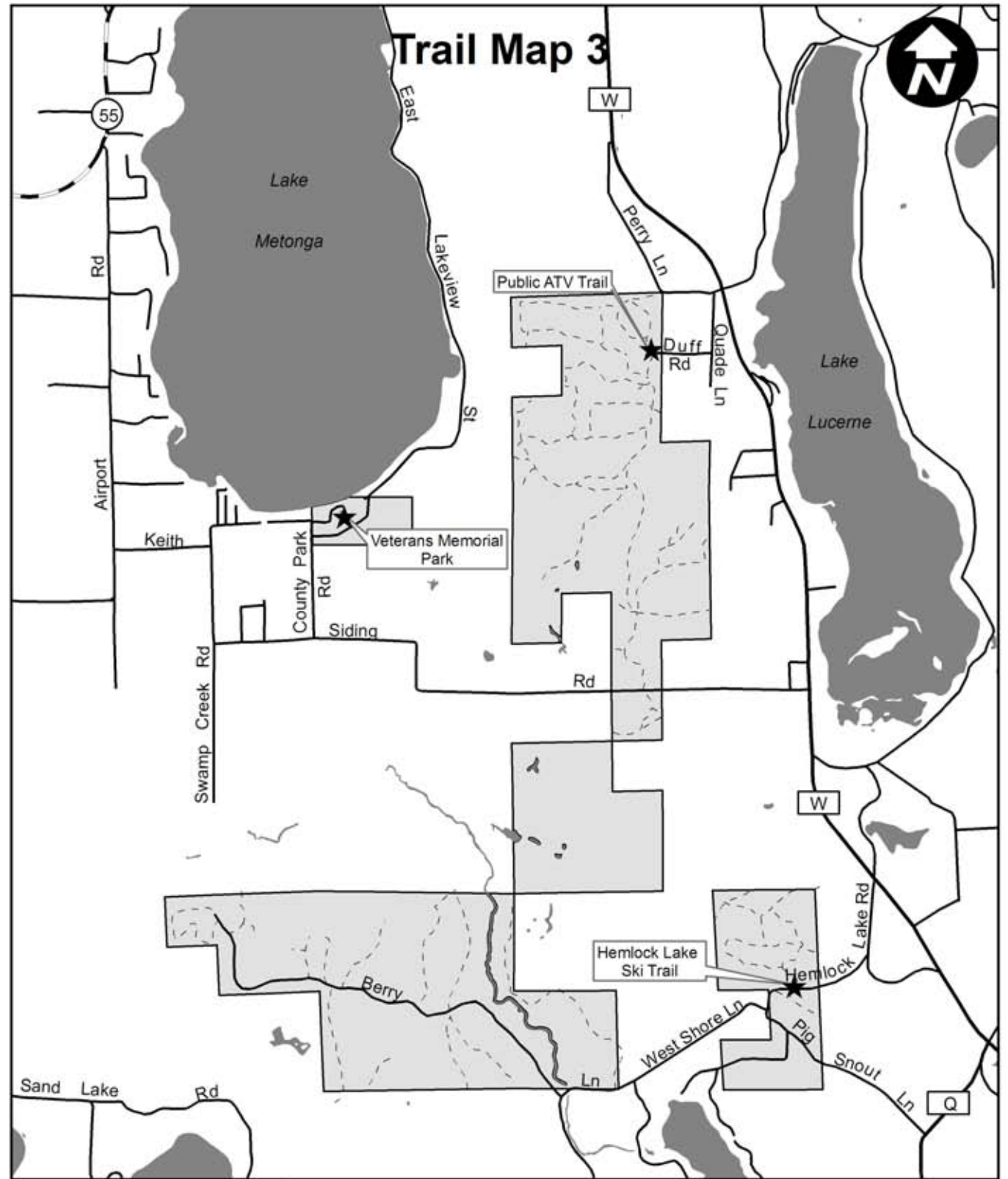


Legend

- Hunter Walking Trails
- US & State Highways
- County Highways
- Local Roads
- Forest County
- Private/Other



Trail Map 3



Legend

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| --- Hunter Walking Trails | == US & State Highways |
| ■ Forest County | == County Highways |
| □ Private/Other | == Local Roads |

