



**AGENDA FOR THE
JUNEAU COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
January 18, 2011
COUNTY BOARD ROOM-ROOM 200**

- * 9:30 a.m. Call to Order
 Roll Call
 Opening Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
- * 9:35 a.m. Approve minutes of December 21, 2010 Juneau County Board of Supervisors Meeting
- * 9:40 a.m. Reappoint Colonel Herb Dannenberg to the JCAIRS Committee
- * 9:45 a.m. Resolution 11-01*Commend Susan Jensen for Thirty-Two Years of Service to Juneau County
- * 9:50 a.m. Resolution 11-02*Commend Jackie Ira for Twenty-One Years of Service to Juneau County
- * 9:55 a.m. Resolution 11-03*Authorizing Jointly Financed Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of Highway G in Wood and Juneau County
- *10:00 a.m. Resolution 11-04*Authorizing Participation in the County Forest Administrator Grant Program
- *10:05 a.m. Resolution 11-05*Approving the 2011 Juneau County Forest Work Plan
- *10:10 a.m. Motion to Approve 2 Site Managers for the Aging Department
- *10:15 a.m. Motion to Approve Court Clerk for the Clerk of Court Department
- *10:20 a.m. Motion to Approve Secretary II in the U.W. Extension Department

Reports:

- *10:25 a.m. County Clerk-Kathleen Kobylski

Committee Reports:

Handouts:

Any Questions:

*These times are estimates only. Access to the handicapped will be provided. If special accommodations are needed, please notify the sponsoring committee by calling 847-9300 phone number. Attention: This notice must be posted on the bulletin board in the Courthouse prior to the meeting in order to conform with 19.83 and 19.84 Wis. Stats.

**MEETING OF THE
JUNEAU COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
January 18, 2011**

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call: 20 present- Arnold, Brounacker, Brown, Carlson, Feldman, Granger, Hamm, Kelley, Kolba, Koscal, Larson, Marchetti, Niles, Pagel, Peterson, Robinson, Seamans, Tadda, Wenum, Willard.

Absent: Wafle

Carlson led the opening prayer
Peterson led Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Koscal, seconded by Seaman to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2010 meeting of the Juneau County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried.

Reappoint Colonel Herb Dannenberg to the JCAIRS Committee.
Motion by Hamm and seconded by Marchetti to adopt.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 11-01 * Commend Susan Jensen for Thirty-Two years of service to Juneau County.

Motion by Brounacker and seconded by Larson to adopt.
Presentation of plaque and clock by Chairman Peterson.
Heidi Randall- ADRC and Aging Unit Director spoke regarding her appreciation and commendation of Susan's excellence in the department.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution 11-02 * Commend Jackie Ira for Twenty-one years of service to Juneau County.

Motion by Larson and seconded by Marchetti to adopt.
Presentation of plaque and clock by Chairman Peterson.
Judy Kennedy- Office Chair and 4-H Youth Development Agent, UW-Extension accepted the plaque and clock for Jackie and expressed the appreciation for her services.

Resolution 11-03 * Authorizing Jointly Financed Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of Highway G in Wood and Juneau County.

Motion by Arnold and seconded by Brown to adopt.
Roll call: 1 absent: Wafle; 20 ayes
Motion carried.

Resolution 11-04 * Authorizing Participation in the County Forest Administrator Grant Program

Motion by Larson and seconded by Marchetti to adopt.

Roll call: 1 absent: Wafle; 20 ayes

Resolution 11-05 * Approving the 2011 Juneau County Forest Work Plan

Motion by Larson and seconded by Arnold to adopt.

Roll call: 1 absent: Wafle; 20 ayes

Motion carried.

Motion to approve filling two Site Manager Positions in the Department of Aging.

Motion by Arnold and seconded by Carlson.

Heidi Randall explained that the Mauston Site manager was retiring and someone would post into that position which would create a second position that would need to be filled.

Roll call: 1 absent: Wafle; 20 ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve filling the position of Court Clerk in the Clerk of Courts

Department. Motion by Carson and seconded by Kelley to adopt.

Roll call: 1 absent: Wafle; 20 ayes. Motion carried.

Motion the approved filling the position of Secretary II in the University Extension Office. Motion by Hamm and seconded by Wafle

Roll call: 1 absent: Wafle; 20 ayes Motion carried.

ANNUAL REPORT

Annual report by Juneau County Clerk.

State services provided by the Juneau County Clerk's Office to the public collected \$16,587.57 in county funds.

10:10 am Motion by Seaman and seconded by Brounacker to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Peterson adjourned the County Board meeting to February 15, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board Room. The Executive Committee will meet on February 7, 2011 to set the agenda for the Board meeting.

I certify the preceding to be accurate and true account of the proceedings of the Juneau County Board of Supervisors meeting on January 26, 2011. Details of these proceedings are available in the County Clerk's Office.



Kathleen Kobylski,
County Clerk

Juneau County Board of Supervisors

Courthouse, 220 East State Street
Mauston, Wisconsin 53948



RESOLUTION: 11-01

January 18, 2011

INTRODUCED BY: COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

INTENT: COMMEND SUSAN JENSEN FOR THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE TO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Susan Jensen was hired by Juneau County on October 9th, 1978 to perform the duties of Social Worker for Pleasant Acres Nursing Home in New Lisbon. Then in March of 1996 Susan took a position with the Department of Human Services as a Human Services Worker I, and on September 29, 2008 became the ADRC Lead Worker/Information and Assistance Specialist in the Aging Department until her retirement on January 31, 2011.

WHEREAS, for over 32 years Susan Jensen carried out her career in Juneau County in a highly professional manner. Her attention to detail and the manner in which she assisted clients was exemplary. Susan's work ethic, combined with her character, portray excellence in Social Work practice. The work she performed in helping shape the development of the Aging and Disability Resource Center in Juneau County along with the administrative staff was extremely valuable due to her long career and assets she brought to the newly formed Center.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors for Juneau County go on record commending Susan Jensen for her contributions to Juneau County and wish her the best in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this commendation become a permanent record in the minutes of this meeting of the Juneau County Board of Supervisors, and a copy sent to the aforementioned Susan Jensen.

INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION this 18th of January, 2011

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

<u>Alvin Peterson</u>	<u>Daniel Jensen</u>	<u>Orville Robinson</u>
<u>Heidi Carlson</u>	<u>Tom Brownacker</u>	<u>Steve Page</u>
<u>Royce Gurner</u>	<u>Lynette Helled</u>	<u>Paul Smith</u>
<u>Michael Valley</u>	<u>Jim Vito</u>	<u>John D. Lee</u>
<u>Edward R. Brant</u>	<u>Norman Seaman</u>	
<u>Gwenly Larson</u>	<u>Frank Koppal</u>	
<u>James M. Mels</u>	<u>Ray Johnson</u>	
	<u>Dennis Kolha</u>	

Adopted by the Juneau County Board of Supervisors
this 18th day of January, 2011.

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County Clerk

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RESOLUTION: 11-02

January 18, 2011

INTRODUCED BY: COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

INTENT: COMMEND JACKIE IRA FOR TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF SERVICE TO JUNEAU COUNTY

WHEREAS, Jackie Ira was hired to the position of Clerk Typist I in the Department of Human Services on August 14, 1989, then on January 25, 1993 took the position of Secretary II in the University of Wisconsin Extension Office until retirement on December 24, 2010.

WHEREAS, the Juneau County Board of Supervisors respects and supports the work of its employees and endorses the long-term employment of its employees in order to maximize training and efficiency, and provide high quality customer service to its constituents and the general public.

WHEREAS, Jackie Ira responded to customers, constituents, and the general public to provide service, answer questions, resolve problems, and communicate the work of the University of Wisconsin Extension and all its services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors for Juneau County go on record commending Jackie Ira for her contributions to Juneau County and wish her the best in the future.

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COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Alon K. Peterson *Danion Amos* *Orville Robinson*
Herb Casler *Tom Gronowicz* *Edw Papel*
Roy Spragg *Timothy Allen* *Tad Riddle*
Nicholas Kelley *Ken Stroh* *John W. W.*
Edmund Seaman *Beverly Larson*
Edward R Brown *Joan Koscal*
Jessie C. Miles *Dennis Kalla*
Roy Feldman

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RESOLUTION # 11 - 03

DATE: January 18, 2011

INTRODUCED BY: Highway and Public Works Committee

SYNOPSIS: Authorizing Jointly Financed Engineering Services For The Reconstruction Of Highway G In Wood And Juneau Counties.

Fiscal Note: Necessary funds are already in the 2011 Budget

WHEREAS Juneau County has an intergovernmental agreement with Wood County for the portion of Highway G that extends from 2nd Avenue in the Town of Armenia, Juneau County to approximately 500 feet north of Town Line Road in the Town of Port Edwards, Wood County (hereafter referred to as "the Project"); and

WHEREAS the Project has experienced above average severe and fatal crashes and has deteriorated to a condition that warrants reconstruction in 2011; and

WHEREAS Juneau County and Wood County have an opportunity to work collaboratively with the Ho-Chunk Nation and the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs (hereafter referred to as "the Nation") to build this project in 2011 with Highway Safety Improvement funds; and

WHEREAS the Nation has agreed to fund the Engineering Design fees and the ten percent (10%) reconstruction match costs of the Project if Juneau County and Wood County collaboratively fund any overrun costs associated with the PROJECT and lead the design engineering services; and

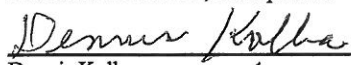
WHEREAS the Nation has approved Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. as the approved design engineer for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does approve working collaboratively on the Project with Wood County and the Nation to utilize the design engineer, Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. and follow the Wisconsin Department of Transportation procedures and policies for Highway Design and Construction regarding the Project.


INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON JANUARY 18, 2011.

HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:


Edward R. Brown III, Chairperson

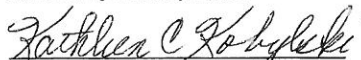

Dennis Kolbe


Michael Kelley


David Arnold


Ed Pagel

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RESOLUTION # 11 – 04

DATE: January 18, 2011

INTRODUCED BY: Lands, Forestry, Parks & Zoning Committee

SYNOPSIS: Authorizing Participation in the County Forest Administrator Grant Program.

FISCAL NOTE: Funding from the State for 50% of the salary of the Juneau County Forest Administrator.

WHEREAS, Juneau County is interested in acquiring funding for 50% of the actual salary and up to 50% of the fringe benefit cost of a County employed professional forester in the position of County Forest Administrator; and

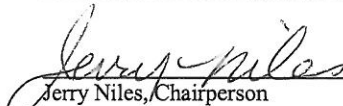
WHEREAS, the position of Juneau County Forest Administrator, now filled by Land, Forestry, and Parks Administrator Brian Loyd, is eligible for grant funding from the State of Wisconsin for 50% of his annual salary and benefits, as has been the case in previous years and has been utilized by the County in previous years;

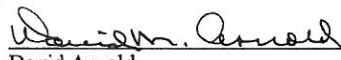
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does approve and authorize the preparation and submission of an application for a 2011 grant for funding for the position of County Forest Administrator under the County Forest Administrator Grant Program of the State of Wisconsin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does authorize the Administrator of the Land, Forestry, and Parks Department to act on behalf of the County in matters concerning this project and to take the necessary steps to prepare, submit, and administer this program in accordance with this the grant application, any grant that may be approved, and this resolution.

INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON JANUARY 18, 2011.

LANDS, FORESTRY, PARKS & ZONING COMMITTEE:


Jerry Niles, Chairperson

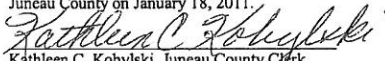

David Arnold


Beverly Larson

Edmund Wafle


Margaret Marchetti

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RESOLUTION # 11 – 05

DATE: January 18, 2011

INTRODUCED BY: Lands, Forestry, Parks, and Zoning Committee

SYNOPSIS: Approving the 2011 Juneau County Forest Work Plan.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

WHEREAS, Juneau County, Wisconsin, has lands entered under the Wisconsin County Forest Program; and

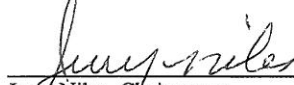
WHEREAS, as a requirement to receive the County Forest Administrator's grant administered by the State of Wisconsin, Juneau County must submit a work plan for the Juneau County Forest that has been approved by the Juneau County Board; and

WHEREAS, the work plan attached hereto as an Addendum, presents the forest practices workload for the upcoming year;

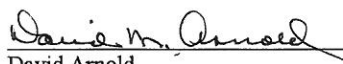
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does approve the attached Juneau County Forest Work Plan for 2011 as presented by the Land, Forestry, Parks, and Zoning Committee in fulfillment of a requirement for the Wisconsin County Forest Administrator's grant for the year 2011.

INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON JANUARY 18, 2011.

LANDS, FORESTRY, PARKS, AND ZONING COMMITTEE:



Jerry Niles, Chairperson



David Arnold




Beverly Larson

Edmund Wafle



Margaret Marchetti

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Kathleen C. Kobylski, Juneau County Clerk

Juneau County Forest

Annual Work Plan – 2011 January 2011

The following is the proposed 2011 Juneau County Forest Work Plan. The plan is a requirement of the County Forest Administrator Grant Program implemented by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The plan supplements the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan and emphasizes the current needs of the County Forest and Recreational Program. The plan points out not only the management needs of the forest but also the development and maintenance of habitat for a wide variety of wildlife species. Other natural resource considerations are highlighted when necessary.

County Forest Withdrawal and Entry

In a 2010 land trade with Cranberry Creek Cranberries Inc, Juneau County traded 305 acres of County Forest in exchange for 480 acres of forest land adjacent to existing County Forest compartments. To complete the land trade, 265 acres were withdrawn from the County Forest Program. In 2011, the newly acquired 480 acres of forest land along with additional Juneau County Community Forest acreage will be evaluated for entry into the County Forest Program for inclusion under forest certification.

County Forest Time Standards

The official baseline figures for the County Forest Time Standards have been compiled by the DNR. The figures indicate that Juneau County will be receiving 609 hours of forestry assistance from DNR personnel for the July 1st, 2010 to June 30th, 2011 time period. Currently over 450 hours of forestry assistance have already been provided. Timber sale establishment, reconnaissance updating and Karner Blue Butterfly surveys will fulfill the remainder of the time requirements.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan

The current Juneau County 15-year Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which is required under the Wisconsin County Forest Law, was completed by January 1, 2007. The 15-year Plan is an all-inclusive document that considers many issues that face the policies and management of the Juneau County Forest. In October of 2009, the most recent amendment to the 15-year Plan updated the timber sale contract to include specific language regarding Best Management Practices in the areas of water quality, invasive species and biomass harvesting. There were no amendments to the current Comprehensive Land Use Plan in 2010. Current goals for updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan in 2011 include revising the County Forest Blocking Boundary and County Forest acreage to incorporate the additional County Forest land gained through the land trade.

County Forest Certification

County compliance with 15-year Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Statutes and Administrative Rules

Juneau County has complied with the 15-year Comprehensive Land Use Plan, statutes and administrative rules as they apply to the management of the County Forest. The 15-year Plan was approved by the County Board on January 15, 2007 and a final approval letter from the Chief State Forester was sent on August 15, 2007. The County Board on October 20, 2009, approved an amendment to the current 15-year Plan updating the timber sale contract. Additional language pertaining to Best Management Practices in the areas of water quality, invasive species, and biomass harvesting were written into the contract at the request of the Forest Stewardship Council and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative in order to maintain compliance and certification by those two organizations.

The Juneau County Forestry staff will continue to attend all appropriate training sessions as they become available in 2011 to keep up to date on the latest certification requirements. Forestry staff will also make attendance at Wisconsin County Forest Association Legislation & Certification Committee meetings as well as Spring and Fall Conferences a priority in order to maintain a high level of involvement and to keep pace with current issues.

Timber Harvest Establishment

Timber sales on county lands are the main source of revenue for the County's Forest Management Program. Harvesting timber is also very important for maintaining the health and vigor of the forest resources that the County has. Many items concerning the local natural resources in the area of the sale are considered before and as the sale is being set up. These items include timber production, wildlife habitat, aesthetics, soil protection, recreation, watershed protection, water quality, endangered resources and natural and cultural resources. The acreage of established timber sales will continue to be determined by using Global Position System (GPS) equipment.

Timber type, age and condition data maintained in the Department of Natural Resources computer system (WisFIRS) is used to schedule the harvest areas each year. A list of the sites that are planned for timber sale setup in 2011 is shown in Table 1. Sale establishment is a cooperative team effort between the Juneau County Forestry personnel and DNR Forestry personnel.

Table No. 1 – Timber Sale Work Plan
Juneau County Forest
Calendar Year 2011

Township	Compartment	Stand	Forest Type	Treatment Type	Schedule Acres
NECEDAH	20	10	CH	RE	82
CUTLER	23	14	PR	T	30
CUTLER	23	15	PR	T	6
CUTLER	23	20	PR	T	8
CUTLER	24	2	PR	T	51
FINLEY	4	6	A	RE	90
ARMENIA	12	1	OX, PJ	RE	11
ARMENIA	12	2	OX, PJ	RE	65
ARMENIA	12	5	OX, PJ	RE	65
ARMENIA	12	6	OX, PJ	RE	14
GERMANTOWN	COMMUNITY	FOREST	OX, PJ	RE	45

PR = red pine, PW = white pine, PJ = jack pine, O-OX = oak-scrub oak, A = aspen, CH = central hardwoods
T = thinning, RE = even-aged regeneration, RA = all-aged regeneration **Total Scheduled Acres: 467**

Timber Sale Administration

Juneau County usually has several active timber sales located on County Forest lands each year. In past years all harvested wood was scaled at landings before the wood left the county land. Today, harvested wood can either be scaled by volume, or trucks can be weighed at the mill and tracked through a ticket system. The ticket system tracks harvested wood leaving the county land by requiring a ticket to be deposited at the harvesting site for each truck load, these tickets are sequentially numbered and correspond to a mill ticket received from the mill once a load of wood is weighed and processed. Mill tickets and tickets deposited at the harvesting site are routinely collected and matched in the office and then processed for billing. Recent Forest Industry trends have shifted from scaling wood by volume to a

more efficient weight method for pulpwood bound for paper mills. County personnel will continue to do the scaling of saw timber as it is cut, when it is expected that the saw timber will not be weighed on a scale. Once a contractor is billed, they are given 30 days to pay the bill. If the contractor does not pay within the allotted 30 days, an additional 1 ½% charge is assessed the contractor. Juneau County personnel and the DNR Liaison inspect the sale areas during and after the sale for contract compliance.

Reforestation

Reforestation is an important management practice that helps to assure that desirable timber species return to areas that have been harvested. The primary reforestation emphasis has been to regenerate sites to the original forest cover. Conversion to red pine or white pine is considered when these species are needed to provide some additional diversity to the landscape.

Regardless of the location, each site is analyzed to determine which species is most desired on that particular site. Site needs are also compared to the conditions and species that presently exist on neighboring areas. This is done to make sure that vegetative diversity is present in the area.

Maintaining the mix of jack pine and oak in the county forest stands is an important concern when making reforestation plans. In most of the Juneau County Forest units jack pine is the desired tree species because of the wildlife benefits and the wood fiber that it produces. To regenerate jack pine, site preparation with ground disturbance followed by direct-seeding is used to bring back the jack pine. In the Yellow River Unit where aspen is the predominant species, sites may be disked with a bulldozer to improve aspen regeneration.

The Juneau County Forestry Department and Highway Department have assisted each other many times in past years to perform site preparation, machine planting of pine seedlings, and to direct-seed jack pine. This cooperative effort continues to benefit both departments.

All jack pine-oak stands that are harvested in 2011 will be seeded back to jack pine where appropriate. Commonly, when sales are sold they include a contract lasting 16-months making it difficult to predict which sites will be seeded this year. Included in this year's jack pine seeding efforts will be a restoration of more than 100 acres of County Forest Land in Armenia Township that has been devastated by Oak Wilt. A spring 2011 timber sale will help initiate restoration by clearing dead oak from the site, which will allow Forestry staff to return in the fall to re-seed with jack pine and re-establish a growing forest.

In 2011, the Juneau County Forestry Department will receive a grant from Polar Bear International in the amount of \$7,600 to help cover planting costs to reforest 33 acres. An estimated 31,000 trees will be planted by Forestry staff and will provide a long-term benefit to Juneau County and wildlife.

Timber Stand Improvement

Newly established red pine plantations may require some type of maintenance practice during the first few years to insure that brush, grass or other tree species do not suppress the planted trees. Chemical release by Accord, an approved forestry chemical, continues to be utilized as a treatment for those plantations that need release. Each plantation is considered separately in relation to the needs of the plantation and of the needs of the surrounding landscape.

Herbicides are usually applied by helicopter. Aerial application has been found to be an accurate and effective means to apply herbicides. No sites were sprayed in 2010 and none are scheduled to be done in 2011 at this time.

County Forest Roads

The Juneau County Forestry Department receives an annual allotment from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for maintenance of the 5.59 miles of County Forest Roads. The funds are used to maintain the road surfaces by applying shale and gravel. The improved roads on the County Forest are also graded to assure a proper traveling surface. Mowing of the grass along the roadways is done in the fall after this habitat is used by various wildlife species for nesting and after brood rearing has been completed.

Wildlife Management Projects

Maintaining good wildlife habitat is also important for the recreational uses that the county forest program encourages. Hunting, sight-seeing, watching wildlife, picnicking and other outdoor recreational activities are dependent upon having wildlife inhabit the county forest. When County Forest lands are visited by tourists they want to see wildlife in the forest. The local tourism industry is dependent on having wildlife in the woodland and fields of Juneau County.

Each year, the County Forest Department considers what wildlife management projects could be done to make the county forest more attractive to the local, native wildlife. Most project areas are usually in timber stands that have been harvested. Some projects can be incorporated into the sale design so that after the harvest is completed the woodland area is enhanced for wildlife or other outdoor amenities. Any expenditure is usually supplemented from grants and aids that are available from the DNR. For the past few years, the main wildlife habitat development project has been to re-plant jack pine in stands that were originally jack pine or had a major jack pine component. This is done because natural jack pine regeneration may not come in as densely as desired by wildlife. The jack pine seed is provided by the local wildlife manager at no cost to the county. Wildlife managers consider jack pine to be highly desirable tree species for upland wildlife.

Maintaining wetlands is also good for many of the wildlife species on the county forest. Providing better water quality and quantity is necessary for the forest ecosystem. Safeguarding wetland habitat from deterioration is an important consideration with each timber sale when a wetland is in or near the sale area.

In the fall of 2011, County Conservation Aid funding will be applied to install a rock crossing to protect a stream in the Bass Hollow Recreation Area. Bass Hollow, identified as a High Conservation Value Forest, has very pronounced valleys and is a popular horseback riding and hiking area. The main hiking trail throughout the valley crosses a stream that is unprotected and endures a lot of traffic during the warmer months. The installation of the rock crossing will improve water quality, mitigate erosion, and improve wildlife habitat in this unique environment.

Collaboration and with local DNR Wildlife Biologists in 2011 will also be a major focus of the Forestry Department. This year's work will continue on the goal of incorporating more aspects of the State's Wildlife Action Plan into forest management. Results of this work will produce maps of ecological management units that will aid foresters in timber sale design and improve wildlife habitat protection for species of greatest conservation need.

Prepared by Juneau County Forest Administrator



Brian Loyd