

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

SUBJECT: Request approval to initiate a public involvement process which may result in a master plan amendment to the Brule River State Forest to modify and align the annual sustainable allowable harvest levels.

FOR: October 2014 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Paul DeLong, Division of Forestry, Administrator

SUMMARY:

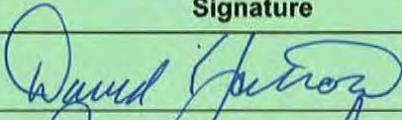
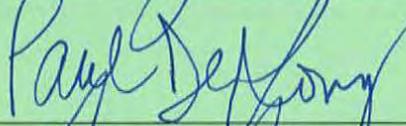
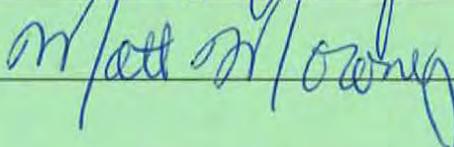
The Department requests approval to initiate a public involvement process on the Brule River State Forest to review an assessment of forest resources, including recently acquired lands, which may result in a master plan amendment related to the annual allowable harvest levels.

The Master Plan was approved in 2002 and sets an annual harvest level of 600 acres per year. Since that time an additional 6,505 acres have been acquired and forest inventory data has been updated for the majority of the property in the last 15 years, identifying a 1,953 backlog in forest management practices.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval to initiate public involvement process for a potential master plan amendment on the Brule River State Forest.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS (check all that are applicable):

- Background memo
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| Approved by | Signature | Date |
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| James Warren, Acting Bureau Director |  | 10/28/14 |
| Paul DeLong, Administrator |  | 10/27/14 |
| Cathy Stepp, Secretary |  | 10/27/14 |