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To: Members of the Infrastructure Committee of Wisconsin's Snowmobile Recreation Council

From: Wisconsin County Forests Association

Regarding: February 6, 2014 meeting agenda item

6. WCFA Council Representation

- Correspondence regarding council structure

Committee Chair and members of Wisconsin's Snowmobile Recreation Council Infrastructure Committee,

Please accept this input from Wisconsin County Forests Association (WCFA) regarding WCFA representation on Wisconsin's Snowmobile Recreation Council. WCFA represents the forestry and recreation interests of 29 counties in Wisconsin with county forest lands established under state statutes §28.10 and §28.11. Collectively our member counties manage nearly 2.4 million acres of forests, the largest public land ownership in our state.

In addition to forest management, most county forestry departments are also responsible for recreational activity programs within their respective counties. Most county forest administrators, or members of their staff, serve as snowmobile trail coordinators in their county.

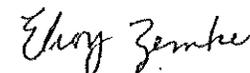
Wisconsin's County Forests are host to thousands of miles of snowmobile trails. County Forestry Departments dedicate countless hours toward the management of trail systems. Project applications, permit requirements, mandatory trail relocations, and law enforcement, as well as maintenance, supplemental and project grant administration along with a host of other duties are all part of a county trail coordinator's responsibilities.

Trail coordinators working in partnership with local snowmobile clubs is what makes Wisconsin's Snowmobile Program successful.

WCFA appreciates the committee's acknowledgement of the importance for WCFA representation on Wisconsin's Snowmobile Recreation Council. As the committee moves forward with recommendations on Council structure, we are hopeful WCFA will have continued input regarding this important recreational offering in Wisconsin.

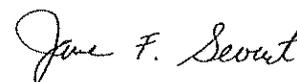
If we can be of further assistance or offer additional guidance please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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