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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 7.B.5

SUBJECT: The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Fund, throughThe Natural Resource Foundation, will donate $7,616 to the Bureau of Wildlife Management for management and restoration of native plant communities and wildlife

FOR: OCTOBER 2008 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Sec. Frank

SUMMARY:

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Fund, throughThe Natural Resource Foundation, will donate $7,616 to the Bureau of Wildlife Management for management and restoration of native plant communities and wildlife along the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway. The wildlife management staff in the area will conduct a project titled, "Eastern Red Cedar Removal and Control in the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway" that will use this generous donation.

Project Description: Eastern red cedar is classified as an invasive plant species in Wisconsin and has become dominant on many former dry prairies and barrens in the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway. Red cedar forms closed canopy stands of coniferous vegetation which shades and effectively eliminates the opportunity for growth of native grasses and forbs that occurred in southwest Wisconsin, especially on south-facing slopes and former barrens type communities. Removal and control of red cedar is relatively easy but labor-intensive due to the typically steep and poorly accessed terrain where it most commonly occurs.

During the winter and spring of 2008-09, Wildlife Management staff from the Spring Green and Boscobel work stations will cut, pile and burn mature stands of red cedar primarily on former "goat prairies" located on the Millville Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway in Grant County and former barrens located on the Avoca and Muscoda Units of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway in western Iowa County and eastern Grant County. Smaller or younger infestations of red cedar in the Richland County and Sauk County portions of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway will be treated with prescribed burns during spring, 2009.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Natural Resources Board accept this generous donation from the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Fund through the Natural Resource Foundation.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No	☐	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☐	Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☐	Background Memo	Yes	☐	Attached

APPROVED:

Tom Hauge — Date 9/9/08
Bureau Director, Tom Hauge, Wildlife Management

Laurie Osterndorf — Date 9/11/09
Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf, Land Division

Secretary, Matt Frank — Date 10/6/08

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Tom Hauge, WM/6
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Eric Lobner, SCR-Fitchburg

Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its October 2008 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of $7,616 from

The Natural Resource Foundation
The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Fund

to be used for management and restoration of native plant communities and wildlife along the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway. Wildlife staff in the area are planning to conduct a project with these funds called, "Eastern Red Cedar Removal and Control in the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway."

Our expression of appreciation on behalf of Wisconsin's citizens is hereby recorded in the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We acknowledge this generous contribution.

Natural Resources Board

Christine Thomas, CHAIR