

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** The Black River State Forest Trail Foundation will donate \$20,000 to construct a new grooming equipment shed for the Black River State Forest.

**FOR:** APRIL 2011 BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY / TITLE:** Cathy Stepp, DNR Secretary

**SUMMARY:**

The Black River State Forest has a 24 mile hike, bike, and ski trail system that is considered one of the best in Wisconsin. The current grooming equipment shed is too small for the property's current equipment and is not sited in the best location. The property's recently accepted master plan calls for replacing this structure with a new one at the Smrekar parking lot. The Black River Forest Trail Foundation, which is the official Friends group of the property has generously offered to construct this facility including donating \$15,000 in cash for supplies and labor plus provide volunteer skilled labor valued at \$5,000. This project will improve the efficiency of the property's ski trail operations.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept the generous donation valued at \$20,000 from the Trail Foundation.

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required                              | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo                                       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

**APPROVED:**

*Auth Hummel*  
Regional Director

FEB 16, 2011  
Date

Administrator,  
*Matt Murphy*  
Secretary, Cathy Stepp

Date  
4-1-11  
Date

cc: NRB Liaison  
DNR Rules Coordinator

## *Acknowledgment of Gift*

This is to certify that at its April 2011 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$20,000 from

### **The Black River Forest Trail Foundation**

These funds will be used to construct a new grooming equipment storage shed at the Smrekar Parking Lot. This structure will offer multiple benefits to the state forest, including a more convenient location, increased storage space, and a heated floor which will increase the lifespan of grooming equipment. This is another in a long list of positive contributions from the Trail Foundation and demonstrates their commitment to the property and its Wildcat trail system.

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*

Jonathan P. Ela, CHAIR