

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

SUBJECT: Donation acceptance – Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact

Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact will donate \$100,000. This donation will be used to coordinate an update LANDFIRE coverage maps for Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin to accurately reflect cover types and risks by recalibrating the ecological classifications in LANDFIRE. Wisconsin's DNR Science Services will provide scientist staff time to implement, coordinate, manage and collaborate with partners within the Lake States Region and resources around the country to accomplish this effort.

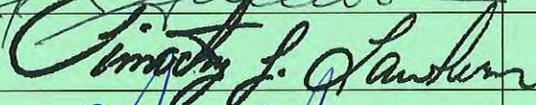
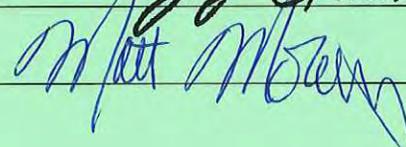
FOR: December 2012 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Secretary Stepp

SUMMARY:

The Wisconsin DNR is responsible to update fire risk maps by recategorizing the ecological classifications in LANDFIRE coverage maps for Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin to accurately reflect cover types and risks. In addition, Wisconsin DNR's Science Services in collaboration with the Wisconsin Division of Forestry will coordinate research to assess the effectiveness of controlled burning in relation to the time of year and time of day burning takes place. Wisconsin DNR's Science Services will provide scientist staff time to implement and coordinate research activities and Wisconsin DNR will contribute \$20,000 in scientist salary to implement on-the-ground fire research. Wisconsin DNR will seek funds for project support within the Great Lakes Fire Science Consortium intern-program, which are restricted to \$4,000 per award. The duration of funding and research shall be completed by December 31, 2014. The Wisconsin DNR will provide quarterly updates on research activities to the Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact throughout the duration of the research.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the generous donation of \$100,000 from Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact

Approved by	Signature	Date
Jack Sullivan, Bureau Director		11/20/12
Tim Lawhern, Administrator		11/20/12
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		11/20/12

cc: Board Liaison - AD/8
Department rule coordinator - LS/8

Acknowledgment of Gift

This is to certify that at its December 2012 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$100,000 from:

Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact

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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.

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