

**NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**SUBJECT:** Cranes and Crop Damage

**FOR:** JUNE, 2012 BOARD MEETING

**TO BE PRESENTED BY / TITLE:** Kent Van Horn, Bureau of Wildlife Management and  
Jeb Barzen, International Crane Foundation

**SUMMARY:**

Information on the status of the Eastern Population of sandhill cranes, crop damage in Wisconsin and potential solutions to minimize crop damage will be presented.

The population of sandhill cranes which breeds across the Great Lakes Region has shown significant growth and range expansion in the last 20 years. Associated with this population growth has been an increase in crop damage from sandhill cranes, primarily to corn shortly following emergence in the spring.

**RECOMMENDATION:** This item is informational and no action is needed.

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

- No  Fiscal Estimate Required
- No  Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
- No  Background Memo

- Yes  Attached
- Yes  Attached
- Yes  Attached

**APPROVED:**

Tom Hauge  
Bureau Director, Tom Hauge

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