

APPENDIX 6

Summary: Pine-Popple Wild River Committee - June 13, 1977

- A. Formation: As a result of discussions in 1976, between Florence County, U.S. Forest Service, and Wisconsin DNR officials, a committee of interested government officials and representatives of affected major landowners was formed. The purpose of this committee was to discuss all aspects of the Pine-Popple Wild River and to make recommendations to Wisconsin DNR for inclusion in the proposed master plan.
- B. Meetings: The committee met six times beginning on December 15, 1976, and concluding June 8, 1977. All meetings were held at the Florence County Courthouse.
- C. Groups and representatives:
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| Florence County            | - Nixon, Kelly, Pipp, Majewski,<br>Peterson, Churchill |
| Forest County              | - Brooks   |
| Marinette County           | - Dumke, Leslie  |
| Universal Oil Products Co. | - Lebo   |
| Louisiana-Pacific Corp.    | - Noblet, Stolze                                       |
| Wis.-Michigan Power Co.    | - Olender  |
| Pine River Lumber Co.      | - R. Connor  |
| U.S. Steel Corp.           | - Kronberg   |
| Connor Forest Industries   | - Verich   |
| U.S. Forest Service        | - Footer, Matthews                                     |
| Wisconsin DNR              | - Gyllander, Vande Hei, Higgs                          |
- D. Major conclusions and agreements:
1. Conclusions and agreements of this committee are advisory only. Because of the nature of their formation they should have a strong leadership affect on participants as well as the general public.
  2. Natural Resources Board, Wild Rivers Policy, dictates management activities on state-owned lands only. It serves as a suggested guide for all other ownerships.
  3. Vegetative management: All visible timber types in-depths sufficient for economic utilization will be managed for minimal visual impact and ultimate succession to long rotation species through selective cutting.
  4. Wildlife management: Management and habitat improvement activities which are of minimal visual impact to river travelers are acceptable. General hunting and trapping regulations shall apply.
  5. Fisheries management: Normal stocking procedures and general fishing regulations shall apply. Habitat improvement activities which are of minimal visual impact to river travelers and meet permit requirements are acceptable.
  6. Shoreland use: (a) Camping on private land will be only with the permission of the owner. (b) Camping on public land will be only at sites designated by the management agency.
  7. Water management: The objective shall be to attain water quality consistent with federal and state statutory water quality standards.  
  
On suitable sites, coniferous species will be encouraged in order to assist in attaining lower summer water temperatures.
  8. Public float use: The present level of private use is not damaging to the resources. Use levels will be monitored and recommendations made to protect the resource as necessary.  
  
Commercial float use will be discouraged by county ordinances and licensing.
  9. Water access: The long-range goal is walk-in access only. Existing direct vehicle access to water will be phased out by landowner as circumstances permit.
  10. Vehicle parking lots are to be well screened from the water. Parking facilities would be minimum required for resource protection and human safety.

11. Camping: Any new campgrounds - primitive in nature, would be developed only to protect the resource, accessible only by foot to the public with a management service road allowable. Existing Forest Service and Wisconsin-Michigan campsites to remain.
12. Snowmobile trails: To cross the river corridor at right angles at major road crossings.
13. Portages around major rapids and obstructions to be underdeveloped, except at Pine River Flowage dam.
14. Land exchange between a willing seller and a willing buyer and land ownership by any individual or organization that will achieve the purpose of the wild river legislation is acceptable.
15. Agreed this group should continue to meet about three times a year - January, June and October, to monitor the program, review management proposals and offer suggestions.