

Notice of Pending Application/Public Hearing for Proposed Wetland Individual Permit

Chris Mathis, Meteor Timber LLC, 115 Perimeter Center Place, Suite 940, Atlanta, GA 30346 has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit for wetland fill or disturbance near Rudd Creek.

The project is located in the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 2, Township 19 North, Range 2 West, Town of Grant, Monroe County.

The proposed project involves the construction of a rail corridor and dry sand processing plant adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad mainline just south of the Jackson County line in the Town of Grant, Monroe County. The project is generally bounded by Interstate 90/94 on the north, Hwy 12 on the east and Alpine Avenue on the south. Primary wetland impacts are to a white pine/red maple dominated wetland community type due to a proposed four track rail corridor. Total amount of proposed wetland fill is 16.25 acres. The property currently has two active cranberry operations on it. Plan calls for cessation of cranberry operations, elimination of four impoundments, restoration of 2000 feet of stream and restoration of 58 acres of wetland.

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and the public informational hearing. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11 and 281.36, 401 CWA, Stats., and ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in s. 281.36(3r), Stats. if the project impacts wetlands.

The Department has made a tentative determination that it will issue the permit for the proposed activity with conditions.

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see the applications and plans, please visit the Department's permit tracking website at <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx> and search for "Meteor Timber".

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

The public hearing is scheduled for:

April 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.
Tomah Recreation Park-Recreation Building
1625 Butts Avenue
Tomah WI 54660

The hearing will be a public informational hearing where members of the public can learn more about the proposed activity and submit written or oral comments about the project in light of the legal standards above.

Any member of the public may submit written comments by emailing bradleya.johnson@wi.gov or writing to Bradley Johnson, 5301 Rib Mountain Drive, Wausau, WI 54401 by U.S. mail. Comments should include the docket number or applicant name, and should relate to whether the project meets the legal standards listed above. Comments must be postmarked no later

than 10 days after the date that the public informational hearing is completed in order for them to be considered.

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document.

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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
For the Secretary

Bradley Johnson
DNR Mining Program

Date