Wisconsin’s 2020 Forest Action Plan

Dear Wisconsin’s Forestry Community,

Earlier this year we sent you a message introducing the development of Wisconsin’s 2020 Forest Action Plan. Thank you for signing up for the GovDelivery, we are excited to have such a robust group of people interested in the development of this plan. By raising your hand, you have shown interest and we will be providing updates and opportunities for you to provide input throughout the process. It will be a better plan, more representative of Wisconsin’s forestry community because of you – Thank you!

As a reminder, the purpose of the Forest Action Plan is to help the forestry community refine how we collectively invest resources to address major management and landscape priorities. While the plan does not prescribe the work of any member of the forestry community, it is a tool we can use to:

• Provide a resource for forest relevant data, information, and trends
• Define and explore emerging threats to Wisconsin forests
• Help the state focus on the work that is most significant and important during the plan’s timeframe
• Identify specific regions or issues that could benefit most from increased or focused attention in the 10-year timeframe
• Help the Division of Forestry and other partners focus their work and determine their niche in addressing the strategies identified in the Forest Action Plan

Timeline for the 2020 Forest Action Plan

Since the last letter was sent, we have been busy developing the assessment. The first draft of the assessment was created by internal experts at the DNR. This draft was sent to Operational Partner Groups – groups of partners representative of the forestry community, related to specific subject areas within the Forest Action Plan – in May for a technical expert review. We are just now receiving this technical feedback and will be incorporating it into the draft over the summer. Later this year (late summer or early fall) the updated draft will be sent to you, and you will have an opportunity to provide your input and ideas.

Looking Forward

We are excited about the number of people in the forestry community who are choosing to be involved in this process. Your engagement in the development of this plan is crucial to its success! We will keep you updated as we move through this process and will be looking for your input as those opportunities come available.

Thank you for your commitment to sustainable forestry in Wisconsin!

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