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Subject: Aquatic Plant Management Plan Approval

Dear Mr. Paulsen:

Thank you for submitting the Grindstone Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plan (LPL-1093-06) for review and approval. We are pleased to let you know that the Plan is approved. All we need to close the grant and issue final reimbursement is the shoreline survey methodology and results in electronic and paper format.

Please be aware that as of June 2006 Grindstone Lake is eligible for rapid response grant dollars to monitor and/or control the curlyleaf pondweed population. I realize that the plant is sparse and unlikely to flourish in a low-nutrient, predominantly-hard-bottom lake like Grindstone but want to make you aware of the grant availability. This grant will be available up to five years from the initial discovery date (until June 2011).

We are currently transitioning from the "old" sensitive area methods and reporting to a "new" critical habitat program. The critical habitat program will streamline the data collection and reporting, but it entails a more rigorous public notification process. I'm currently working with selected staff to pilot the new program in the St. Croix Basin, but we hope to expand to surrounding basins and perhaps include external partners within a couple years. I'll be sure to keep you in the loop on how things are moving forward.

It's been a pleasure working with you. As you know, I will no longer be the grant contact for Sawyer County lakes. After we wrap up this project, you may contact Jim Kreitlow at (715) 365-8947 or james.kreitlow@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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