

**Mill, Ryan Hollow, Dieter Hollow, Coulter Hollow, East Branch
Mill, Hood Hollow, and Pine Valley Creek Stream Classification
Proposal, Richland County, Wisconsin**

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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**

**Approved by David Rowe, Fitchburg Fish Team Supervisor and
Tim Simonson, South District Fisheries Supervisor**

Trout Stream Classification Checklist (revised 2/2016)

(This completed checklist should accompany any trout stream classification changes. Check the items as appropriate and attach comments if desired.)

Stream name: Mill Creek

County: Richland WBIC: 1215600

The portion of stream to consider for reclassification runs from the confluence with Mill Creek, upstream to the headwaters.

Upstream point coordinates: 43.47503 -90.59455

Downstream point coordinates: 43.33180 -90.52805

Classification proposed Class 1

Stream name: Ryan Hollow Creek

County: Richland WBIC: 1217900

The portion of stream to consider for reclassification runs from the confluence with Knapp Creek, upstream to the Richland/Crawford county line.

Upstream point coordinates: 43.36975 -90.60909

Downstream point coordinates: 43.36410 -90.55891

Classification proposed Class I

Stream name: Dieter Hollow Creek

County: Richland WBIC: 1216500

The portion of stream to consider for reclassification runs from the confluence with Mill Creek, upstream to the headwaters.

Upstream point coordinates: 43.31046 -90.57552

Downstream point coordinates: 43.27867 -90.52300

Classification proposed Class I

Stream name: _____Coulter Hollow Creek_____

County: __Richland______ WBIC: _1218800__

The portion of stream to consider for reclassification runs from the confluence with Mill Creek, upstream to the headwaters.

Upstream point coordinates: 43.45663 -90.54421

Downstream point coordinates: 43.42681 -90.56151

Classification proposed Class I

Stream name: _____East Branch Mill Creek_____

County: __Richland______ WBIC: _1217200__

The portion of stream to consider for reclassification runs from the confluence with Mill Creek, upstream to the headwaters.

Upstream point coordinates: 43.39848 -90.48947

Downstream point coordinates: 43.33952 -90.52708

Classification proposed Class I

Stream name: _____Hood Hollow Creek_____

County: __Richland______ WBIC: _1218300__

The portion of stream to consider for reclassification runs from the confluence with Mill Creek, upstream to the headwaters.

Upstream point coordinates: 43.40432 -90.51256

Downstream point coordinates: 43.41247 -90.54467

Classification proposed Class I

Stream name: _____Pine Valley Creek_____

County: __Richland______ WBIC: _1218200__

The portion of stream to consider for reclassification runs from the confluence with Mill Creek, upstream to the headwaters.

Upstream point coordinates: 43.41355 -90.59061

Downstream point coordinates: 43.39166 -90.55341

Classification proposed Class I

Fish survey (including relative abundance, length distribution, and age structure) and habitat survey completed on water to be classified. Survey on file at Dodgeville (office location) **see attached report

Fish team supervisor and district fisheries supervisor have approved the classification. Date 8/18/20

Fish Biologist has consulted with the following staff in their office or district

Permit Drafter Name: Thomas Bauman Date 08/20/20 Concerns Yes No

Water Resource Specialist: Kim Kuber Date 08/20/20 Concerns Yes No

Water Management Specialist: Jeff Schure Date 08/20/20 Concerns Yes No

Drinking & Groundwater: Matthew Hilse Date 08/20/20 Concerns Yes No

Public notice published in local newspaper or other media. Date: 8/27/2020

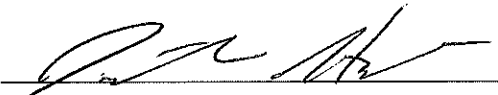
Notice sent to all clerks of the county, town, city, or village in which the stream is located. Date 8/20/20

Notice sent to legislators in the affected districts. Date: 8/20/20

Notice sent to chairpersons of legislative committees with jurisdiction for natural resources issues. Date: 8/20/20

No hearing requested 30 days after public notice.

Hearing requested, held, and classification recommended. Date _____

Signed: 
Fisheries Biologist

Date: 9/28/20

Approved: _____
Fish Team Supervisor

Date: _____

District Fisheries Supervisor

Date: _____

Trout Stream Classification Public Notice

Pursuant to NR 1.02(7)(c), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department of Natural Resources gives public notice of reclassification of 14.28 miles of Mill Creek, 2.85 miles of Ryan Hollow, 4.2 miles of Dieter Hollow, 2.62 miles of Coulter Hollow, 5.41 miles of East Branch Mill Creek, 2.3 miles of Hood Hollow, and 2.75 miles of Pine Valley Creek as class 1 trout water. The portion of Mill Creek begins at State Highway 171 in Boaz and continues upstream to the headwaters. The portion of Ryan Hollow begins at the confluence with Mill Creek and extends upstream to the headwaters. The portion of Dieter Hollow begins at the confluence with Mill Creek and extends upstream to the headwaters. The portion of Coulter Hollow begins at the confluence with Mill Creek and extends upstream to the headwaters. The portion of East Branch Mill Creek begins at the confluence with Mill Creek and extends upstream to the headwaters. The portion of Hood Hollow begins at the confluence with Mill creek and extends upstream to the headwaters. The portion of Pine Valley Creek begins at the confluence with Mill Creek and extends upstream to the headwaters.

These classifications are based upon surveys which indicate these stream segments support self-sustaining trout populations with multiple year classes of trout in sufficient numbers to utilize available habitat.

"A Class I Trout Stream is a stream or portion thereof with a self-sustaining population of trout. Such streams contain trout spawning habitat and naturally produced fry, fingerling, and yearling in sufficient numbers to utilize the trout habitat; or contains trout with 2 or more age groups, above the age of one year, and natural reproduction and survival of wild fish in sufficient numbers to utilize the available trout habitat and to sustain the fishery without stocking."

The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on this classification unless a written request for hearing is received before September 26, 2020. Requests should be mailed to Justin Haglund, WDNR, 1500 North Johns St., Dodgeville WI, 53533.

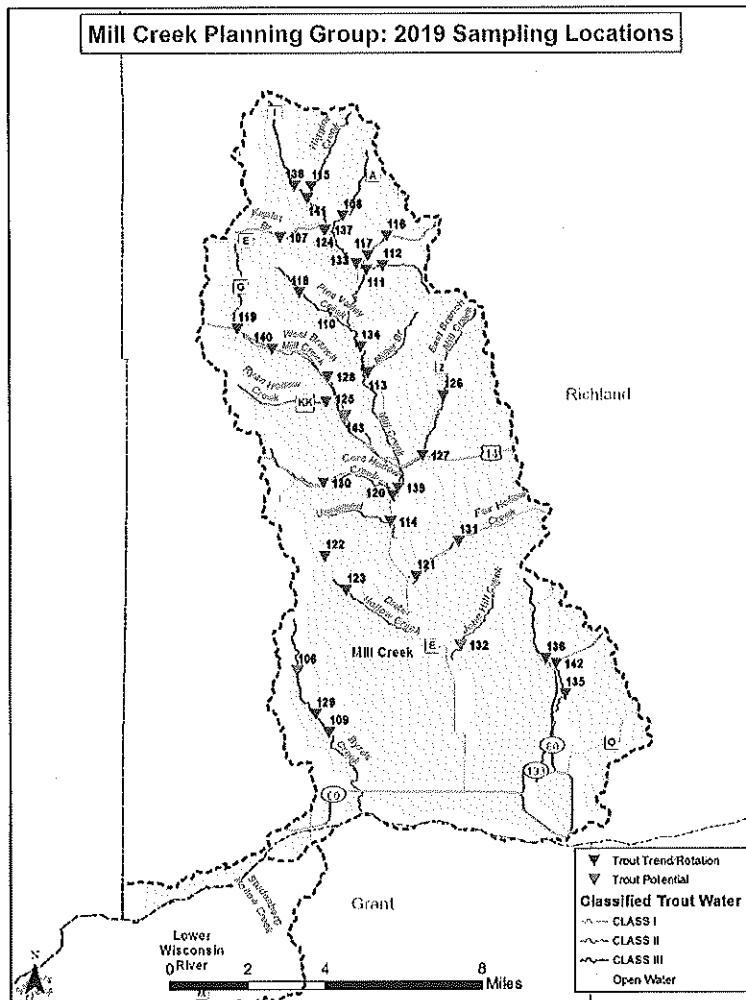
Data Summary for Mill Creek Watershed, Richland County, WI

Justin Haglund, WDNR Senior Fisheries Biologist, Dodgeville

August 17, 2020

2019

The Mill Creek watershed was surveyed in 2019 as part of our watershed rotation schedule. Mill Creek, along with all classified tributaries were surveyed. Data from Mill Creek and all tributaries submitted for reclassification are shown below. Mill Creek, East Branch Mill Creek, Ryan Hollow Creek, Dieter Hollow Creek, Coulter Hollow Creek, Hood Hollow Creek, and Pine Valley Creek are proposed to be reclassified from class 2 trout water to class 1 water. Five sites on Mill Creek, two sites on East Branch Mill Creek, 2 sites on Dieter Hollow Creek, two sites on Hood Hollow Creek, one sites on Ryan Hollow Creek, two sites on Pine Valley Creek, and one site on Coulter Hollow were surveyed.



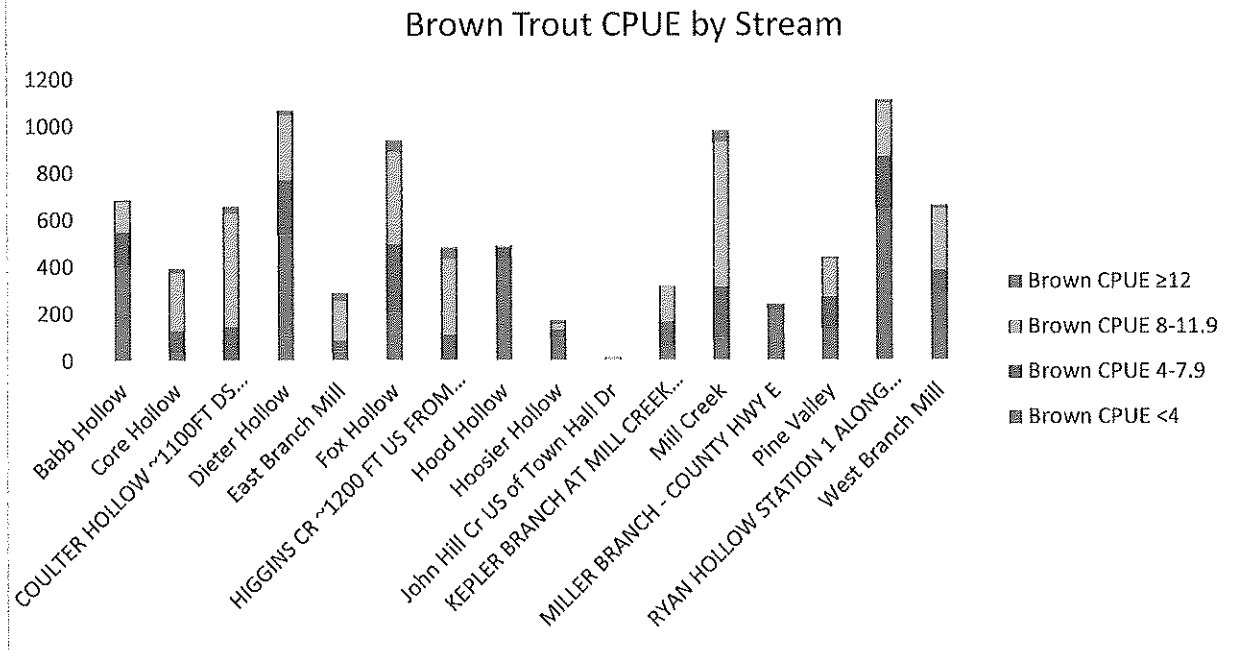


Figure 1. Brown Trout mean CPUE by length class and stream in the Mill Creek watershed.

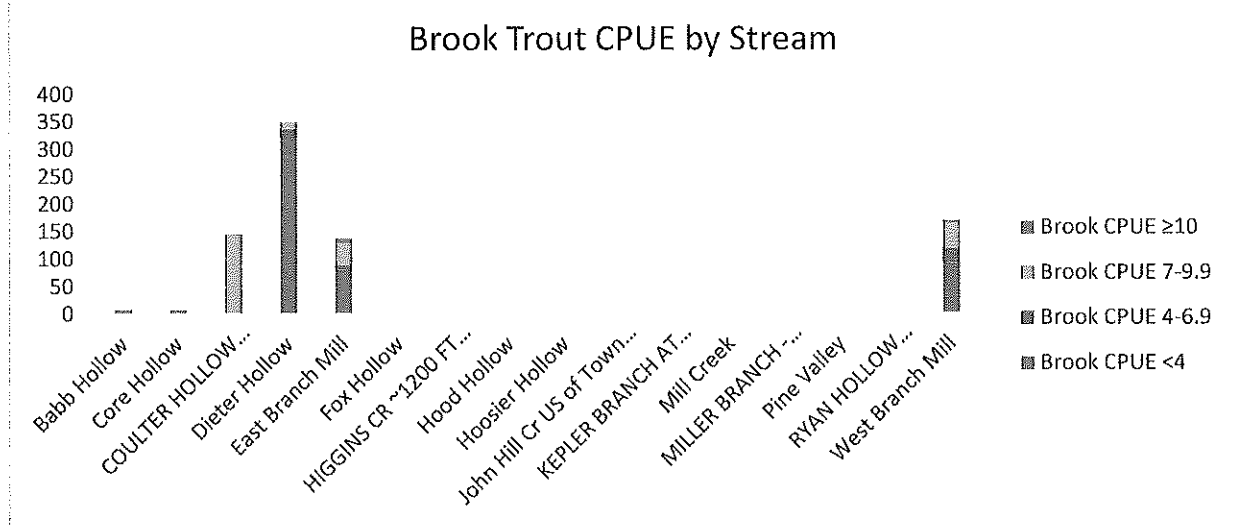


Figure 2. Brook Trout mean CPUE by length class and stream in the Mill Creek watershed.

5 Year Stocking History:

Mill Creek Stocking:

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|------|-----------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------|----|
| 2015 | 11-Feb-15 | BROOK TROUT | ASH CREEK - SOUTHWEST FERAL | ADULT (BROODSTOCK) | 11.5 | 40 |
| 2016 | 24-Feb-16 | BROOK TROUT | ASH CREEK - SOUTHWEST FERAL | ADULT (BROODSTOCK) | 11.6 | 70 |
| 2017 | 21-Feb-17 | BROOK TROUT | ASH CREEK - SOUTHWEST FERAL | ADULT (BROODSTOCK) | 11.5 | 24 |
| 2018 | 12-Mar-18 | BROOK TROUT | SOUTHWEST FERAL (ASH CREEK; MELANCTHON; WEST BRANCH OF MILL | ADULT (BROODSTOCK) | 8.5 | 40 |
| 2019 | 21-Mar-19 | BROOK TROUT | SOUTHWEST FERAL (ASH CREEK; MELANCTHON; WEST BRANCH OF MILL | ADULT (BROODSTOCK) | 9.5 | 40 |

Pine Valley Stocking:

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|------|-----------|-------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----|-----|
| 2017 | 11-Jul-17 | BROWN TROUT | TIMBER COULEE - SOUTHWEST FERAL | SMALL FINGERLING | 1.9 | 711 |
|------|-----------|-------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----|-----|

No stocking within last 5 years in Ryan Hollow, Dieter Hollow, Coulter Hollow, E. Branch Mill, or Hood Hollow Creek.

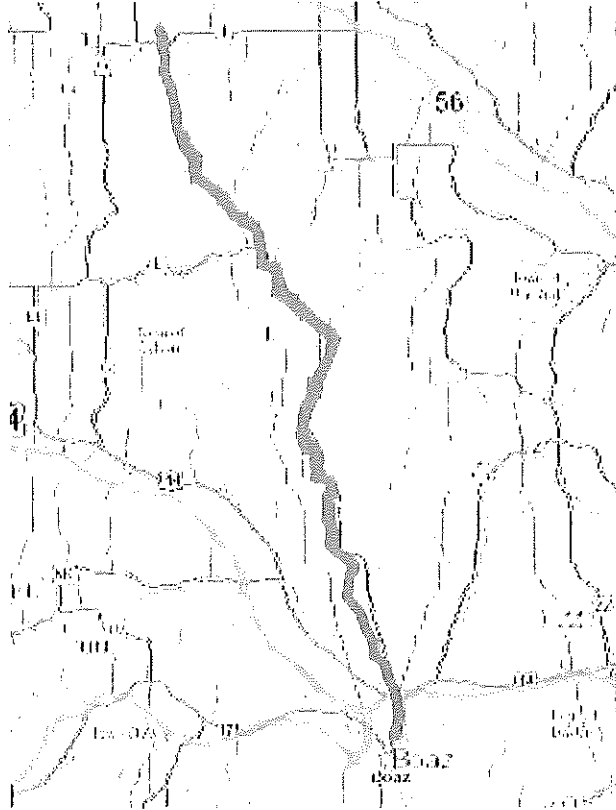


Figure 3. Mill Creek proposed for reclassification.

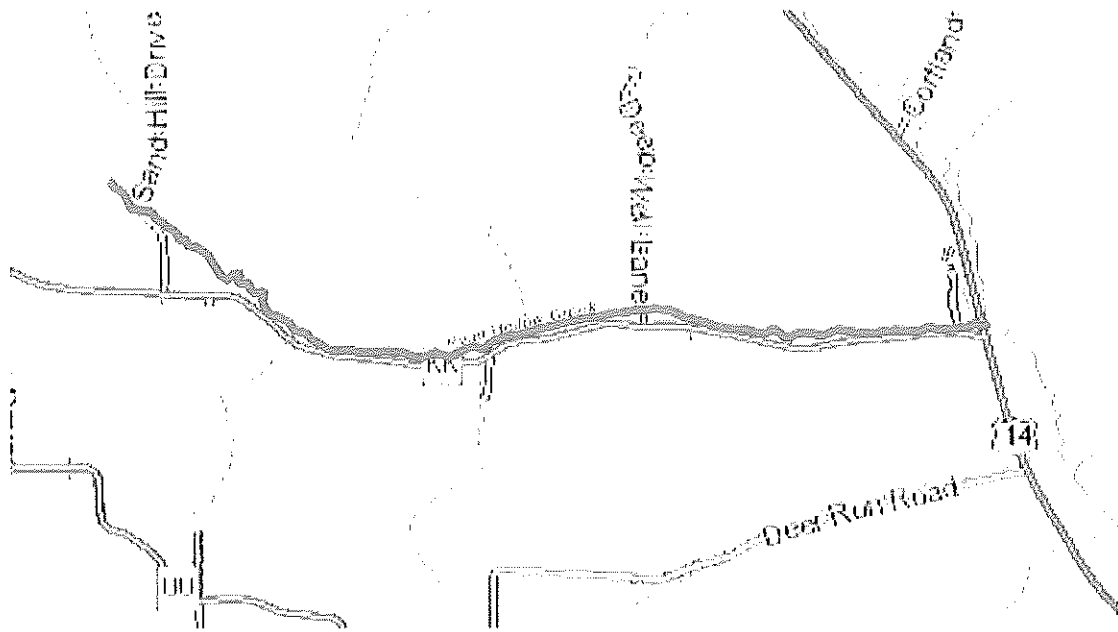


Figure 4. Ryan Hollow Creek proposed for reclassification.

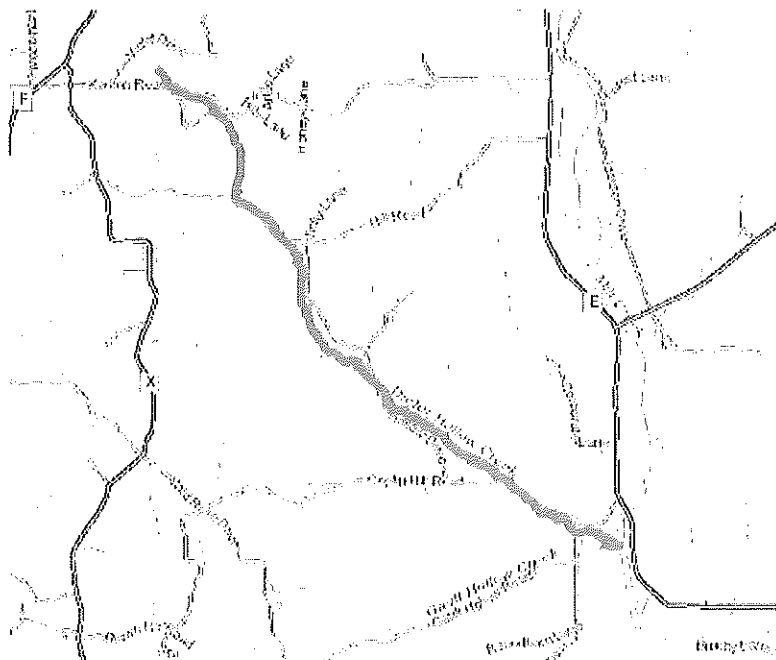


Figure 5. Dieter Hollow Creek proposed for reclassification.

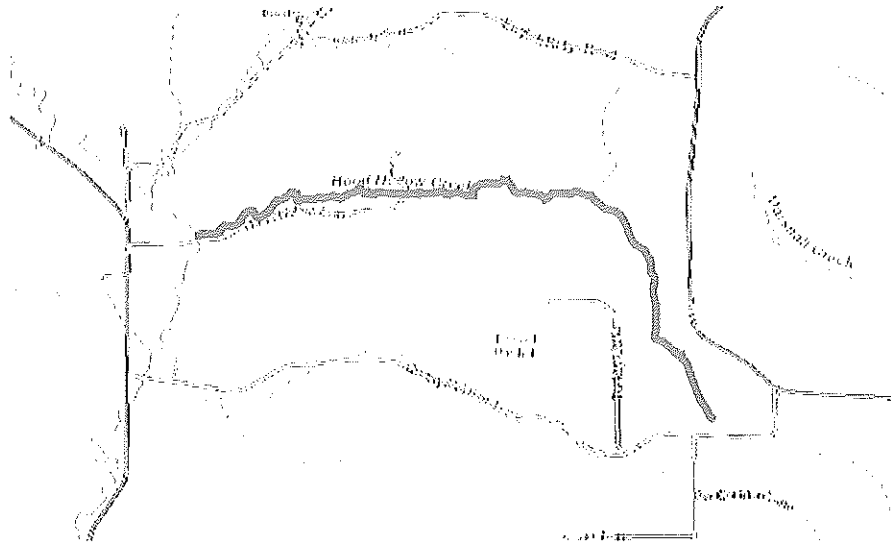


Figure 8. Hood Hollow Creek proposed for reclassification.

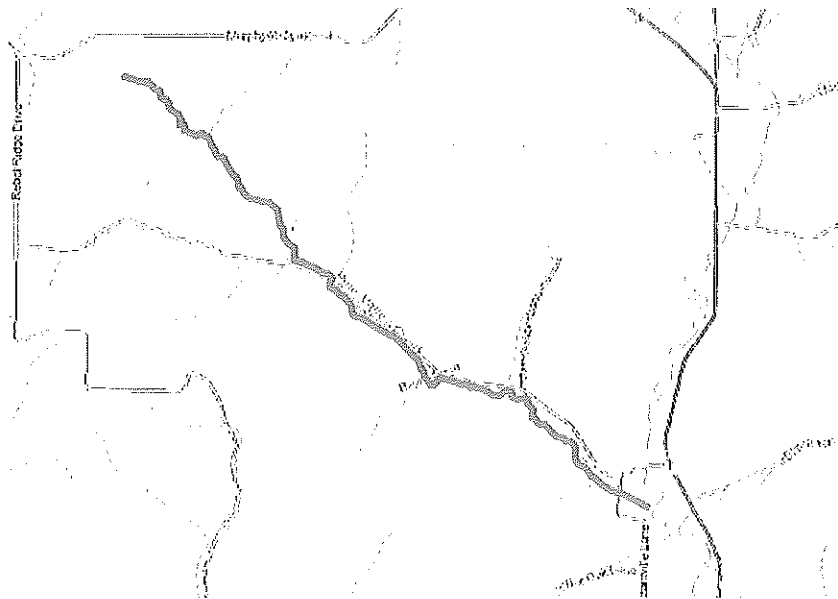


Figure 9. Pine Valley Creek proposed for reclassification.

NOTICE

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The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on this classification unless a written request for hearing is received before September 28, 2020. Requests should be mailed to Justin Haglund, WDNR, 1500 North Johns St., Dodgeville WI, 53533.
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Haglund, Justin M - DNR

From: Rowe, David C - DNR
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Haglund, Justin M - DNR; Simonson, Timothy D - DNR
Subject: RE: Stream Reclasses

I approve these reclasses. Please make sure the write ups get saved in the shared folder when Tim approves them.

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Dave

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David Rowe
Phone: (608) 275-3282
David.rowe@wisconsin.gov

From: Haglund, Justin M - DNR <JustinM.Haglund@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Rowe, David C - DNR <David.Rowe@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Stream Reclasses

Attached are the other stream reclasses for approval.

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Haglund, Justin M - DNR

From: Simonson, Timothy D - DNR
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:40 PM
To: Haglund, Justin M - DNR; Rowe, David C - DNR
Subject: RE: Stream Reclasses

Justin – I'm good with all these.

Dave – If you want to sign the hard copies for me, that's fine with me, given the circumstances. Tim

From: Haglund, Justin M - DNR <JustinM.Haglund@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Simonson, Timothy D - DNR <Timothy.Simonson@wisconsin.gov>; Rowe, David C - DNR <David.Rowe@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Stream Reclasses

Tim,

Attached are the stream reclasses that Dave approved.

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Haglund, Justin M - DNR

From: Haglund, Justin M - DNR
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 10:56 AM
To: Bauman, Thomas S - DNR; Schure, Jeff J - DNR; Hilse, Matthew J - DNR; Bruhn, Camille M - DNR; Kuber, Kimberly A - DNR
Subject: Trout Stream Reclassification
Attachments: Laxey Creek_Watershed_Reclass_Writeup.docx; Lowery_Watershed_Reclass_Writeup.docx; Mill_Creek_Watershed_Reclass_Writeup.docx; Narveson_Creek_Reclass_Writeup.docx; UNT_SpringValley_Reclass_Writeup.docx; Willow_Creek_2020_Watershed_Report.pdf

Good Morning Everyone.

Fisheries Management will be submitting the following waters for reclassification on October 1. I have attached supporting documentation for your review.

| Stream | County | current class | proposed class | Description |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <i>UNT Spring Valley Creek</i> | Iowa | unclassified | 1 | whole stream |
| <i>Narveson Creek</i> | Iowa | 2 | unclassified | Upstream of Blackhawk Lake |
| <i>Laxey Creek</i> | Iowa | unclassified | 1 | confluence with UNT WBIC(929800) upstream |
| <i>Lowery Creek</i> | Iowa | 2 | 1 | whole stream |
| Mill Creek Group | Richland | | | |
| <i>Mill Creek</i> | | 2 | 1 | <i>Hwy E north of Boaz to headwaters</i> |
| <i>Ryan Hollow</i> | | 2 | 1 | <i>whole stream</i> |
| <i>Dieter Hollow</i> | | 2 | 1 | <i>whole stream</i> |
| <i>Coultier Hollow</i> | | 2 | 1 | <i>whole stream</i> |
| <i>EBR Mill Creek</i> | | 2 | 1 | <i>whole stream</i> |
| <i>Hood Hollow</i> | | 2 | 1 | <i>whole stream</i> |
| <i>Pine Valley Creek</i> | | 2 | 1 | <i>whole stream</i> |
| Willow Creek Group | Richland | | | |
| <i>UNT Willow Creek</i> | | 1 | unclassified | <i>whole stream</i> |
| <i>Wheat Hollow Creek</i> | | 2 | 1 | <i>whole stream</i> |

Please review and let me know if you have any concerns regarding these stream reclasses.

Camille, you only need to review for Laxey Creek.

Thanks!

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Haglund, Justin M - DNR

From: Haglund, Justin M - DNR
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Sen.Marklein@legis.wi.gov; Rep.Tranel - LEGIS; Sen.Kurtz@legis.wisconsin.gov; Rep.Novak - LEGIS; Sen.LeMahieu - LEGIS; Rep.Stafsholt - LEGIS; Rep.Kitchens - LEGIS; Sen.Cowles - LEGIS
Cc: Ruby, Erin A - DNR; Kennedy, Sean P - DNR
Subject: Notice of Trout Stream Classification
Attachments: WDNR Laxey Creek Reclassification Proposal.docx; WDNR Lowery Creek Reclassification Proposal.docx; WDNR Mill Creek_Watershed_Reclassification Proposal.docx; WDNR Narveson Creek Reclassification Proposal.docx; WDNR UNT Spring Valley Reclassification Proposal.docx; WDNR Willow Creek_Watershed_Reclassification Proposal.docx

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to notify you of trout stream reclassifications in Iowa and Richland Counties. The legal notices for these stream reclassifications along with maps are attached. The Iowa County streams include Narveson Creek, Lowery Creek, two Unnamed Tributaries to Lowery Creek, Laxey Creek, and Unnamed Tributary to Spring Valley Creek. The Richland County streams include Mill Creek, Ryan Hollow Creek, Dieter Hollow Creek, Coulter Hollow Creek, East Branch Mill Creek, Hood Hollow Creek, Pine Valley Creek, Unnamed Tributary to Willow Creek, and Wheat Hollow Creek.

Part of the stream reclassification process is to notify the State Senators and Assembly Representatives for the areas where the streams are located, as well as the Chairpersons of legislative committees with jurisdiction for natural resource issues which is why you are all receiving this email. This is merely a notification and there is no required action on your part.

Thank You.

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August 19, 2020

Subject: Reclassification of Mill Creek, Ryan Hollow Creek, Dieter Hollow Creek, Coulter Hollow Creek, East Branch Mill Creek, Hood Hollow Creek, and Pine Valley Creek, Richland County

To whom it may concern:

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These classifications changes are based upon surveys which indicate Wheat Hollow supports a self-sustaining trout population and unnamed tributary to Willow lacks trout

Current classification for these segments of Mill Creek, Ryan Hollow Creek, Dieter Hollow Creek, Coulter Hollow Creek, East Branch Mill Creek, Hood Hollow Creek, and Pine Valley Creek: Trout water; Class 2

Classification proposed for these segments Mill Creek, Ryan Hollow Creek, Dieter Hollow Creek, Coulter Hollow Creek, East Branch Mill Creek, Hood Hollow Creek, and Pine Valley Creek: Trout water; Class 1

The Department shall waive any hearing requirement on this classification unless a written request for hearing is received before September 26, 2020. Requests should be mailed to Justin Haglund, WDNR, 1500 North Johns St., Dodgeville WI, 53533.

Sincerely,

Justin Haglund
Fisheries Biologist
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
1500 N. Johns Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533

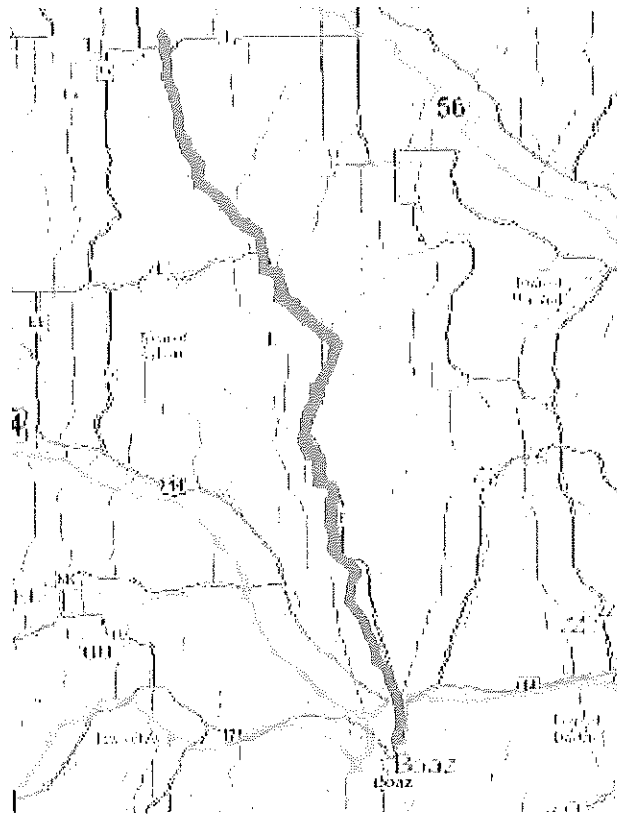


Figure 1. Mill Creek proposed for reclassification.



Figure 2. Ryan Hollow Creek proposed for reclassification.

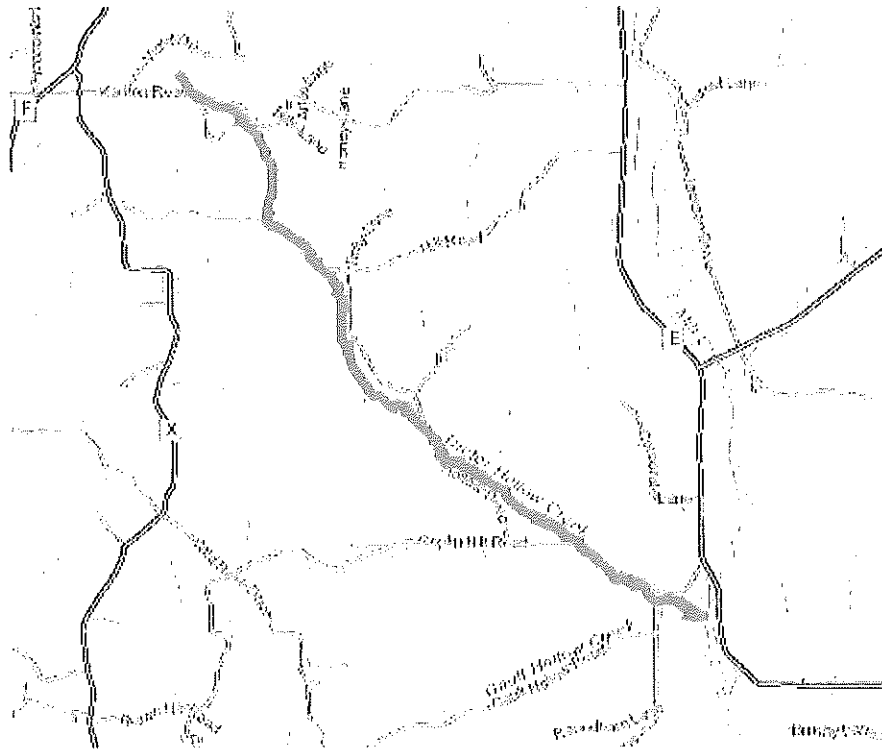


Figure 3. Dieter Hollow Creek proposed for reclassification.

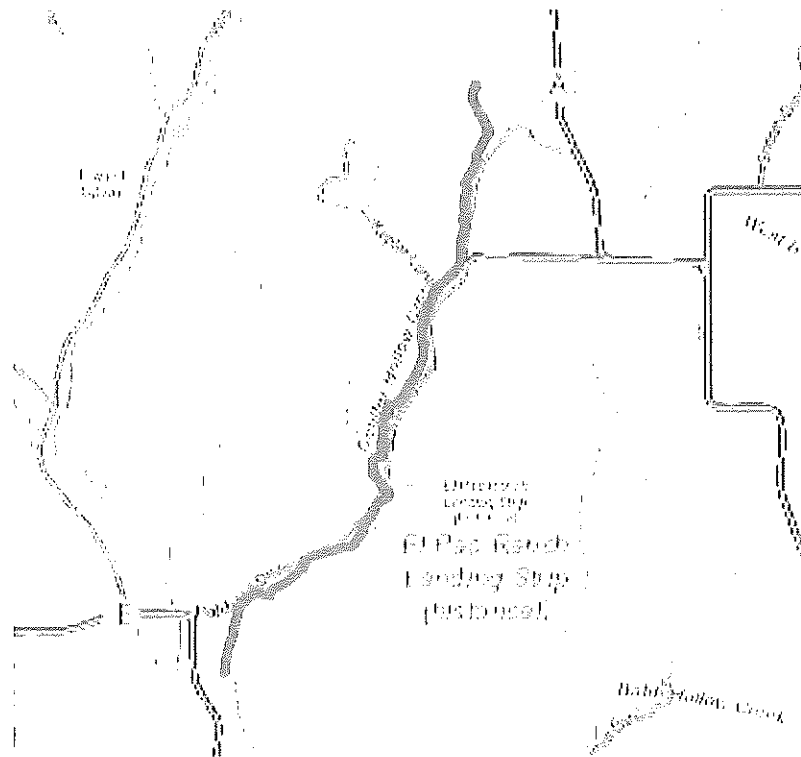


Figure 4. Coulter Hollow Creek proposed for reclassification.

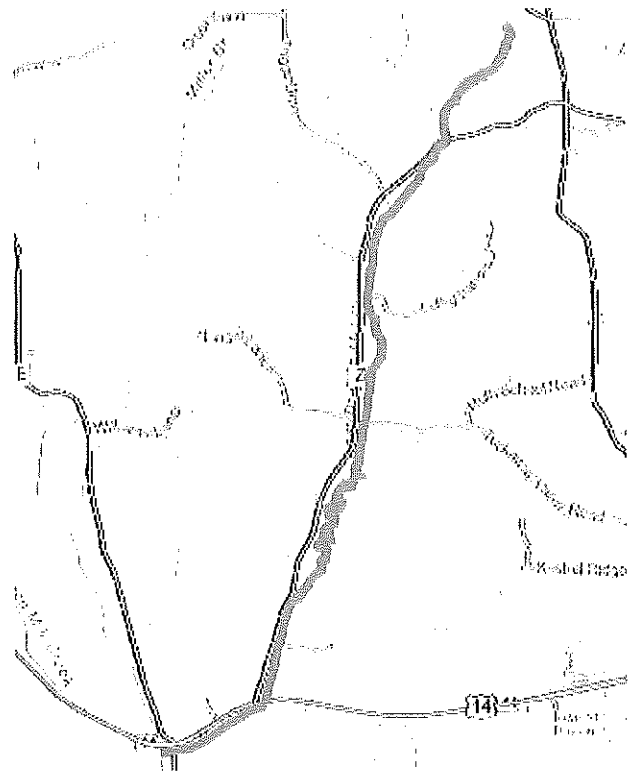


Figure 5. East Branch Mill Creek proposed for reclassification.

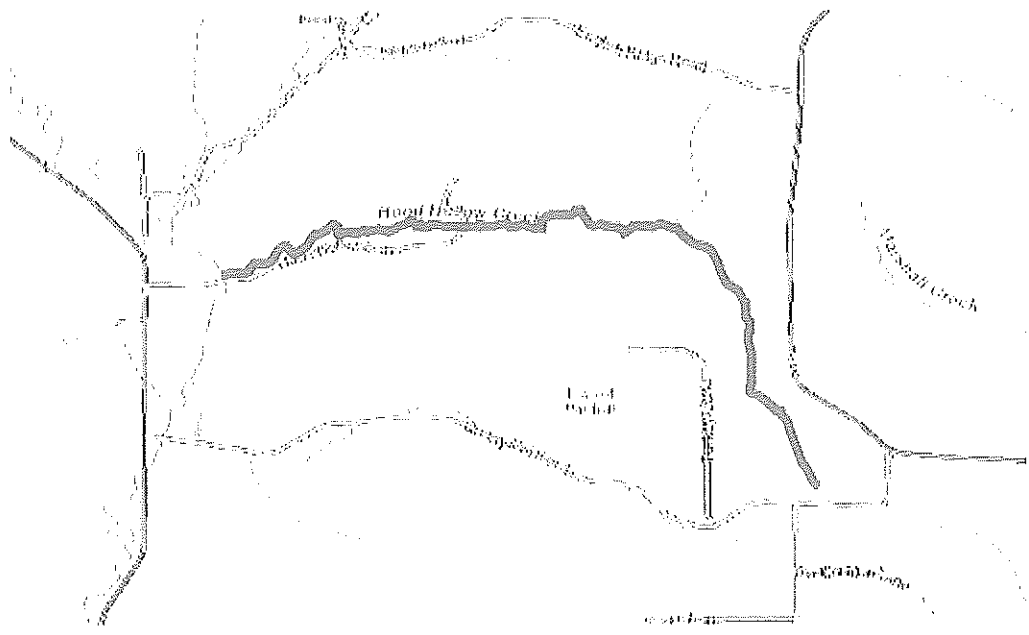


Figure 6. Hood Hollow Creek proposed for reclassification.

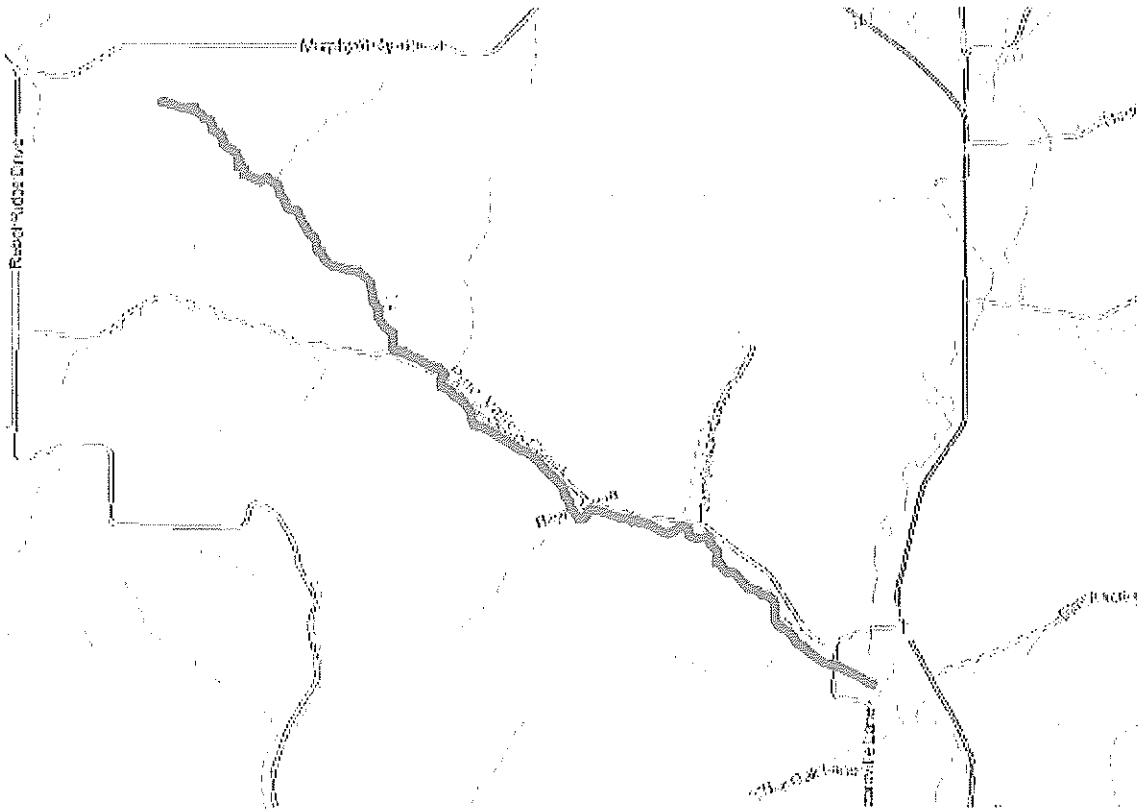


Figure 7. Pine Valley Creek proposed for reclassification.