

Resolution on the Use of Rockets at Bong Recreational Area, Kenosha County

Whereas, Bong Recreational Area in Kenosha County is a multi-purpose recreational property owned by the Department of Natural Resources in Kenosha County, and

Whereas, the firing of amateur rockets has been a long-time use authorized by the Bong Recreational Area Master Plan for many years, and

Whereas, the rockets are authorized to be fired from the same portion of the Bong property which is designated and used as a Class 1 Dog Trialing Area, and

Whereas, the rockets fired at the facility have substantially evolved over the years to be very large and increasingly more dangerous, and

Whereas, there have been several times when the firing of rockets has caused danger to other people and animals using the Bong property, and

Whereas, the firing of rockets has lessened the usefulness of the Class 1 Dog Trialing Grounds at Bong, and

Whereas, the Class I Dog Trialing Grounds at Bong are very important for dog trialing and training for many dog owners in Southeast Wisconsin and Northeastern Illinois, and

Whereas, it is highly important for safety purposes and to maintain the value of Bong as a dog training and trialing facility to move the use of rockets from that portion of the Bong Recreational grounds established as a dog training and trialing location.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its Annual Meeting held on April 11-12, 2014 in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin requests the Department of Natural Resources to relocate rocketry from the dog trialing and training areas on the Bong Recreational Area to other locations on the property or to another current or future DNR property in southeastern, Wisconsin.

Submitted by:
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