MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications for the Shooting Range Grant Program.

Shooting range grants are available to counties, cities, villages, towns, other governmental agencies or units, clubs or organizations, businesses or corporations and education institutions. Grants are awarded every two years for private shooting ranges and twice a year for public ranges. Recipients must provide a cost share amount.

Eligible projects include archery ranges, backstops and berms, target holders, restroom facilities, shooting benches, baffles, trenches, signs, gun racks, platforms, protective fencing and other items the DNR deems essential for a project. Most projects include improving the range to make it compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, increasing safety aspects and developing shooting lanes for a variety of firearms. Indoor ranges may be eligible as well, including classroom, storage and restroom facilities.

This grant program is administered as a reimbursement program. This means grant recipients must incur and pay all costs associated with the project before seeking reimbursement from DNR. No grant advances are possible. It is possible for grantees to request partial (quarterly) reimbursements from the DNR during the life of the project. More information is available by searching the DNR website, dnr.wi.gov, for “Shooting Range Grant Program.”

Public and private shooting range grant applications are due on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016. To learn more about DNR grant programs search the DNR website, dnr.wi.gov, for keyword “grants.”

New WWF Office Address as of September, 1, 2016

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New WWF Affiliate Club
Apostle Island Sports Fisherman’s Association
Welcome!
President’s Report
September 2016

September is here and it is the start of the fall hunting season. As a vital time to be in the outdoors in Wisconsin! If you have not already done so, make those plans with family and friends to get out and enjoy the outdoors and Wisconsin’s magnificent wildlife. I know that is where I will be several times in the upcoming months.

As far as Wisconsin Wildlife Federation business, we continue to work to protect the future of sportsmen and women’s access to public lands. As you know by following the August Federation, Wisconsin, and other media in Wisconsin, members of the US Congress have been working to sell off or transfer National Forests, Fish and Wildlife Refuges, National Parks and Bureau of Land Management lands. This is a real threat and it is important that you as good conservationists let your US Senators and US Representatives know that sportsmen and women depend on these lands to hunt, fish, and trap.

At the August WWF Board of Directors meeting, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation video on the need to protect the public use of Federal lands by hunters, anglers, trappers and other recreational users was shown. It is very professionally done and shows sportsmen and women throughout the county calling for continued Federal ownership of the National Forest, Parks, Refuge and Bureau of Land Management lands. The video is called “This Land is Your Land” and it can be viewed at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3MyYK41b9U. Just as important once again it time to distribute and sell the popular Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Raffle Calendar that has aaffle drawing for every day of the year – 365 raffle prizes that have a total retail value of over $100,000. If you have not received your 2016 Raffle Calendar please just call our Business Manager Ruth Ann Lee at 920-623-9975 or email her at RuthAnn@wiwf.org. The Federation thanks each of you that have either purchased or sold our raffle calendars. The revenue from these sales is vital for the Federation to continue to support conservation education and strong conservation policies for you and all other Wisconsin sportsmen and women.

Have a great Fall! George Borchert President

WWF Protects Lake Access for Sportsmen

In September 2015 the DNR proposed to sell a parcel of land with 765 feet of frontage on Rest Lake in Vilas County to a private individual which would therefore restrict public access to an important public waterway in northern Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation has a strong policy to oppose the sale of public access to Wisconsin’s public waterways and lands and we strongly opposed the sale of the Rest Lake property by DNR when it was up for approval by the Natural Resources Board. The September 2015 Board meeting was the first opportunity for the public to weigh in on the sale.

The Federation indicated that the loss of this frontage would be damaging to Wisconsin sportsmen and women and asked the Board to either deny the sale or if they felt it was necessary to sell the property, that the buyer replace the land with other lake frontage in northern Wisconsin. To their great credit, the Natural Resources Board listened to the Federation and directed the DNR to reevaluate the proposed sale.

In August 2016 the Department came back to the Natural Resources Board with a proposed trade with the private property owner whereby the DNR would sell the Rest Lake 1.75 acre property with 765 feet of shoreline acreage in exchange for a 42.7 acre property on Mann Lake in Vilas County with 2,300 feet of shoreline frontage. The Mann Lake property is fully wooded and provides excellent outdoor recreational opportunities in addition to the public access to the lake. Department ownership of the Mann Lake property will block well with current DNR ownership on the lake and bring the vast majority of Mann Lake shoreline into public ownership. The Mann Lake parcel had a higher dollar value than the Rest Lake property and the private property owners donated the price differential.

Dean Bortz, Editor of the Wisconsin Outdoor News stated before the Natural Resources Board meeting that: “This is going to be a big win for not just sportsmen, but for all citizens if the NRB approves the revamped proposal on August 3. I can’t imagine how many hours WWF volunteers worked on this issue behind the scenes, but Wisconsin’s license buying public owes this organization a big thank you.”

The Federation has been very vigilant in protecting the interests of hunters, anglers and trappers on public lands. The Rest Lake-Mann Lake transaction is an example of what the Federation is doing as the DNR is carrying out the legislative mandate that they are responsible for 50,000 acres of DNR-owned land by 2017. The DNR has been proposing parcels for sale each of the last three years. The Federation has adopted a policy to oppose the sale of any DNR lands that contain or abut lakes or streams. If the sale is to another public organization that guarantees public access to the property. The Federation has been successful in applying this policy to the first two groups of parcels approved by the Natural Resources Board for sale and is taking that position on any parcels in the third group that is going to be proposed to the Board in September or October, 2016.
**WWF Wolverine Information Report**

The UNI held its biennial meeting in Alexandria, Minnesota on May 29th and 30th. The meeting was attended by over 300 delegates from across the nation. The main themes discussed included the conservation of wildlife and the importance of protecting the environment. The meeting concluded with the adoption of several resolutions aimed at addressing the urgent need for conservation efforts.

**WWF Dog Federation Program**

A new program called "Unleash Your Love" has been launched to encourage the adoption of rescue dogs. The program offers financial assistance to individuals who wish to adopt a rescue dog. Participants are also provided with training and support to help them successfully integrate their new pet into their lives.

**WWF Inland Fisheries Committee Report**

The Lake Wisconsin Fish Commission has received an additional $25,000 from the State of Wisconsin for the development of a new fish hatchery. The funds will be used to purchase equipment and to hire staff to operate the hatchery. The hatchery is expected to begin operations in 2023.
Wisconsin is Home to an Abundant Selection of Public Lands

Many tools available to find a new place to spend the outdoors

Each year, thousands of outdoor enthusiasts search the Wisconsin DNR website to find the most suitable hunting areas for their specific needs. Ranging from birdwatching to hunting. For those interested in managed areas, the DNR’s ‘Find Public Hunting Areas’ tool offers the Department of Natural Resources has a number of tools available to help you find your favorite spot in the wild.

Some public lands are open to hunting however, some have closed areas and special regulations and season dates. Be sure to check the property information is also available. To access the wheelchair and walking aids can be found open to all users and all huntsmen can be expected. Pike and Walleye are the most common fish species available in the program.

Public Access Lands atlas

These in search of public hunting and trapping grounds for the open season from Nov. 15 - Dec. 15. Be sure to visit dnr.wi.gov/topic/crime hunting.html for details.

Q:
A: No, this is not a program that requires any or fees if you are an individual or if you choose to do so. You are free to determine your own level of participation.

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A: All leases will end on Aug. 31, 2020 with the potential to renew if funding is available.

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2017 WWF BANQUET CALENDAR

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Additional Information:
- **Steel Challenge and Bowling Pin Mixed Match Schedule**
  - 2016 WWF BANQUET CALENDAR
  - Districts 1-10
  - Dates: March 11, 2017

**WWF “Kitchen News”**

**German Potato Salad**

- Ingredients:
  - 2 T. flour
  - 1 c. water
  - ½ t. sugar
  - 1 T. butter
  - 1½ t. vinegar
  - 1 tsp. salt

Combine all ingredients and boil until thickened. Dice 4 or 5 slices bacon and fry until crisp. Pour sauce and fried bacon over sliced boiled potatoes which have been salted. Serve while warm. Sliced hard cooked eggs and celery may also be used instead of bacon. My mother shared this recipe with me about 50 years ago and I still use it today. My children love it and make it for special occasions.

**Dried Venison Dip**

- Ingredients:
  - 8 oz. cream cheese
  - 8 oz. sour cream
  - 1½ tsp. garlic salt
  - 2 T. mayonnaise
  - ½ tsp. seasoning salt

Mix with small cut pieces of venison or dried beef. Very tasty and easy to make at the last minute.

**Colfax Sportsmans Club 2016 Steel Challenge and Bowling Pin Open Match Schedule**

- Additional Information: [http://www.colfaxsportsmensclub.com](http://www.colfaxsportsmensclub.com)
- Open to Public
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