

Report to
Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse
NR 45, Wis. Adm. Code
Natural Resources Board Order No. FR-38-10

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

s. 27.01 (17), Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

Analysis of the Rule – Rule Effect – Reason for the Rule

s. 27.01 (17) Stats., created under 2009 Wisconsin Act 54, requires the Department to promulgate a rule that specifies when and where golf carts are allowed in the Governor Thompson State Park and the Peshtigo River State Forest. Before the Department took ownership of the lands now consisting of the State Park and State Forest, golf cart use was occurring on certain Wisconsin Public Service property and boat landings. s. 27.01 (17) Stats. further directs the Department to authorize the use of golf carts to approximately the same time and locations as golf carts were used before the Department purchased lands from Wisconsin Public Service.

The proposed rule: defines "golf cart" as a vehicle that can go no more than 20 miles per hour, can carry one to two people and equipment, and is intended for the game of golf; authorizes the use of golf carts in the Governor Thompson State Park and the Peshtigo River State Forest; describes specifically, which areas on the above mentioned properties are authorized for golf cart use; and describes operational requirements.

Interested/impacted parties include local units of government, primarily the town of Stephenson and Marinette County; local businesses, primarily service industries; year-round and seasonal residents; public safety agencies; and Wisconsin Public Service.

The rule represents a change in statute, but it does not represent a change in "historical use" before the Department obtained ownership. The Department does not currently have statutory authorization to allow golf carts on Department owned and maintained roads open for public use.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

Public hearings, Natural Resources Board final adoption, followed by legislative review.

Description of any Forms

None

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