Report to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse NR 1.29 and 45.10, Wis. Adm. Code Natural Resources Board Order PR-36-10

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

ss. 27.01 (2) (c) and (j), 23.09 (2) (d) 10. and 12., and 27.01 (10) (f), Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None.

Analysis of the Rule - Rule Effect - Reason for the Rule

This rule proposal modifies a section of s. NR 1.29 related to management of lands purchased by the Department of Natural Resources for the Ice Age and North Country Trails.

Currently, there are no rules to specifically guide the management and development of this classification of land.

These rules would provide property managers and other department staff guidance on the management of lands purchased for the Ice Age and North Country Trails. The proposed rules guide and permit some management of these lands such as selective timber harvest, invasive species removal, installation of the Ice Age and North Country trails, and minor support facilities and amenities such as small gravel parking lots and informational kiosks.

This proposal also recommends promulgating administrative rules that modify a section of s. NR 45.10 to allow camping along the Ice Age and North Country Trails for long-distance hikers.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

Public comment period, including public hearing, followed by Natural Resources Board adoption, followed by legislative review.

Description of any Forms (attach copies if available)

None.

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