NOTICE OF HEARING

The Department of Natural Resources announces that it will hold a public hearing on a permanent rules to revise Chapter NR 45 which is the principle rule governing the conduct of visitors to the properties and facilities owned, acquired by easement, or leased by the department and to revise NR 51, Administration of the Stewardship grant program.

Hearing Information

Date: February 1, 2016

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: DNR Service Center, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg Wisconsin

Rule Information

This rule will revise a number of provisions in ch. NR 45. Revisions include updating certain fees, modifying the department's closure authority to allow for closure for one or more activities, establishing uniform regulations for DNR shooting ranges, establishing a rule and processes for obtaining and charging fees for special use permit authorizations, and a revision to the provision which allows ATVs on department roads that are open to motor vehicles. Revisions are also included related to camping, to address specific property issues, in response to statutory changes, or to add clarity. The information in this notice is not comprehensive. To view the rule in its entirety please goes to https://health.wisconsin.gov/admrules/public/Rmo?nRmoId=20177

This rule package also updates the language regarding the purpose of the state trails system, defines state water trails and adds the Lake Michigan water trail to the list of state trails. These revisions are within NR 51.

Accessibility

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of information material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Regina Kammes at (608) 267-9481 with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.

Appearances at the Hearing and Submittal of Written Comments

Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before February 1, 2016. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, fax, E-mail, or on the Administrative Rules Web site at https://health.wisconsin.gov/admrules/public/Rmo?nRmoId=20177

These comments have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearing.

Written comments and any questions on the proposed rules should be submitted to:

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Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rule will not have an effect on small businesses, as defined under s. 227.114 (1), Stats.

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