

**Lincoln County**  
**Forestry, Land and Parks Committee**  
**Monday, June 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**801 N. Sales Street, Conference Room 107**

**AGENDA**

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approve minutes of May 9, 2016 meeting.
3. Review year to date budget report.
4. Comments from members of the public or invited guests.
5. Open timber sale bids.
6. Lincoln County 5-Year Recreation Plan – Fred Heider.
7. WDNR Report – Bill Groth.
8. Review Administrator’s written report.
9. Close timber sales.
10. Set next meeting date.
11. Set date and authorize advertising for tax delinquent land sale.
12. Leave to view and establish minimum bids for tax delinquent properties:
  - a. 2006 E. Main Street, Merrill
  - b. W2704 State Road 64, Merrill
  - c. Monterey Drive, Merrill – PIN #016-3107-123-9968
  - d. N8222 Big Pine Lane, Irma
  - e. 105 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Tomahawk
  - f. N6780 Mistwood Drive, Tomahawk

Return to Merrill

13. Adjourn meeting.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

Forestry, Land and Parks Committee  
Members - Carl Vander Sanden, Kevin Koth (E), Robert Reichelt, William Bialecki, Cory Nowak

Administration Coordinator  
Other County Board Supervisors  
Department Heads

News Media - Notified on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ m. by \_\_\_\_\_

Bulletin Boards:

Service Center - Posted on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ m. by \_\_\_\_\_ Courthouse -  
Posted on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ m. by \_\_\_\_\_  
Tomahawk Annex - Posted on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ m. by \_\_\_\_\_

There may be a quorum of other Lincoln County committees present at this meeting.  
Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of this meeting. You may contact the County Clerk at 715-539-1019. Please do so as early as possible so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential.

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be held in a location which is reasonably accessible to the public.
2. Must be open to all members of the public unless the law specifically provides otherwise.

#### NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

1. In addition to any requirements set forth below, notice must also be in compliance with any other specific statute.
2. Chief presiding officer or his/her designee must give notice to the official newspaper and to any members of the news media likely to give notice to the public.

#### MANNER OF NOTICE:

Date, time, place, and subject matter, including subject matter to be considered in a closed session, must be provided in a manner and form reasonably likely to give notice to the public.

#### TIME FOR NOTICE:

1. Normally, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
2. No less than 2 hours prior to the meeting if the presiding officer establishes there is a good cause that such notice is impossible or impractical.

#### EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMITTEES AND SUB-UNITS:

Legally constituted sub-units of a parent governmental body may conduct a meeting during the recess or immediately after the lawful meeting to act or deliberate upon a subject which was the subject of the meeting, provided the presiding officer publicly announces the time, place, and subject matter of the sub-unit meeting in advance of the meeting of the parent governmental body.

#### PROCEDURE FOR GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION:

1. Motion must be made, seconded, and carried by roll call majority vote and recorded in the minutes.
2. If motion is carried, chief presiding officer must advise those attending the meeting of the nature of the business to be conducted in the closed session, and the specific statutory exemption under which the closed session is authorized.

#### STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS UNDER WHICH CLOSED SESSIONS ARE PERMITTED:

1. Deliberation of judicial or quasi-judicial matters. Sec. 19.85(1)(a)
2. Considering dismissal, demotion, or discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the person is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action is taken. The person under consideration must be advised of his/her right that the evidentiary hearing be held in open session and the notice of the meeting must state the same. Sec. 19.85(1)(b).
3. Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee. Sec. 19.85(1)(c).
4. Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. Sec. 19.85(1)(d).
5. Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Sec. 19.85(1)(c).
6. Considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public would likely have an adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Sec. 19.85(1)(f).
7. Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(g).
8. Considering a request for advice from any applicable ethics board. Sec. 19.85(1)(h).

#### CLOSED SESSION RESTRICTIONS:

1. Must convene in open session before going into closed session.
2. May not convene in open session, then convene in closed session and thereafter reconvene in open session within twelve (12) hours unless proper notice of this sequence was given at the same time and in the same manner as the original open meeting.
3. Final approval or ratification of a collective bargaining agreement may not be given in closed session.

#### BALLOTS, VOTES, AND RECORDS:

1. Secret ballot is not permitted except for the election of officers of the body or unless otherwise permitted by specific statutes.
2. Except as permitted above, any member may require that the vote of each member be ascertained and recorded.
3. Motions and roll call votes must be preserved in the record and be available for public inspection.

#### USE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT:

The meeting may be recorded, filmed, or photographed, provided that it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting or the rights of the participants.

#### LEGAL INTERPRETATION:

1. The Wisconsin Attorney General will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.
2. The municipal attorney will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.

**PENALTY:** Upon conviction, any member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting held in violation of Subchapter IV, Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, or who otherwise violates the said law shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$300.00 for each.

**Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee**  
**Minutes of Monday, May 9, 2016 @ 9:00 A.M.**  
**Lincoln County Service Center, Conference Room 107**  
**801 N. Sales St., Suite 106, Merrill, WI 54452 \*\*715-539-1034\*\***

**Members Present:** Carl Vander Sanden, Robert Reichelt, Corey Nowak, William Bialecki, Kevin Koth

**Members Excused:**

**Members Absent:**

**Visitors:** Jim Bauer, Dean Bowe, Nick Behrens, Lee Rahlf, Sue Beilfuss, Jim Lokemoen, Bill Groth, Kevin Kleinschmidt, Deb Gerdes and others.

**1. Call meeting to order.** The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Committee met on Monday, May 9, 2016 in Conference Room 107, Lincoln County Service Center. The meeting was called to order by Kevin Kleinschmidt at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Election of officers.**

**a. Chair.** Kevin Kleinschmidt requested nominations for Chair of the Forestry, Land and Parks Committee. Robert Reichelt nominated Carl Vander Sanden. There were no other nominations. Motion by Reichelt, second by Koth that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Carl Vander Sanden as Chair. All ayes. Motion carried.

**b. Vice Chair.** Carl Vander Sanden requested nominations for Vice-Chair. Carl Vander Sanden nominated Robert Reichelt. There were no other nominations. Motion by Koth, second by Bialecki that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Robert Reichelt as Vice-Chair. All ayes. Motion carried.

**c. Secretary.** Carl Vander Sanden requested nominations for Secretary. William Bialecki nominated Corey Nowak, second by Koth. Corey Nowak nominated Kevin Koth. No second. Motion by Koth, second by Vander Sanden that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Corey Nowak as Secretary. All ayes. Motion carried.

**3. Approve minutes of April 11, 2016 meeting.** Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Bialecki to approve minutes of April 11, 2016 meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

**4. Review year to date budget report.** The Committee reviewed year to date budget report and placed on file.

**5. Comments from members of the public or invited guests.** No comments.

**6. Open and award timber sale bids.** Kevin welcomed those present, made introductions and explained the bid opening procedure. Timber sale bids were opened and read. One hundred and one bids were received on seventeen jobs totaling \$1,249,493.55. Motion by Koth, second by Bialecki to award sales to high bidders pending any necessary reference checks or mathematical errors. All Ayes. Motion Carried. One job received no bid. The committee will accept bids on the remaining sale at the June 13, 2016 Forestry Committee meeting.

7. Approve 2017 budget. Kevin distributed and reviewed copies of the 2017 preliminary budget and answered questions. Discussion followed. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Reichelt to approve 2017 preliminary budget as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Approve 2017 Capital Outlay request. Kevin distributed and presented Capital Outlay request and long-range Capital Improvement/Outlay equipment replacement schedule. Motion by Bialecki, second by Reichelt to approve 2017 Capital Outlay request and replacement schedule as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. WCFA Summer Tour June 16-17, 2016. Motion by Koth, second by Vander Sanden to approve attendance at the WCFA Summer Tour, authorizing mileage and per diem for committee members who attend. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Disposition of 1968 John Deere tractor. Motion by Vander Sanden, second by Bialecki to attempt to sell tractor to the highest bidder. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. WDNR Report – Bill Groth. Bill informed the committee that fire season has been quiet around the Merrill area and they have been setting up timber sales. There was a 7 acre prescribed burn on Prairie River property, and the DNR will offer five timber sales on state land.

12. Review Administrator’s written report. The Administrator’s report was reviewed and placed on file.

13. Close timber sales.

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| T026-14 | Bruce Broeking           | Close and refund cash bond   |
| T027-14 | Bruce Broeking           | Close and refund cash bond   |
| T007-13 | Central Wisconsin Lumber | Close and refund cash bond except for \$3290.32 to be withheld for uncut wood. |

Motion by Nowak, second by Koth to close sales per Kevin’s recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. Set next meeting date. The next Forestry, Land & Parks Committee Meetings are set as follows:  
Monday, June 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107  
Monday, July 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., LCSC Conference Room 107

15. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Nowak, second by Bialecki to adjourn at 10:05 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

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| 0062 FORESTRY             |                 |                    |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 0000 DIVISION             |                 |                    |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62000000 511000           | 0               | 0                  | 0              | 16,589.72    | .00          | -16,589.72       | 100.0%*  |
| 62000000 520000           | 0               | 0                  | 0              | 6,282.44     | .00          | -6,282.44        | 100.0%*  |
| 62000000 582001           | 5,000           | 0                  | 5,000          | .00          | .00          | 5,000.00         | .0%      |
| TOTAL DIVISION            | 5,000           | 0                  | 5,000          | 22,872.16    | .00          | -17,872.16       | 457.4%   |
| 0100 FORESTRY STATE AID   |                 |                    |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62010000 511000           | 32,200          | 0                  | 32,200         | 32,323.20    | .00          | -123.20          | 100.4%*  |
| 62010000 520000           | 13,800          | 0                  | 13,800         | 21,548.80    | .00          | -7,748.80        | 156.2%*  |
| TOTAL FORESTRY STATE AID  | 46,000          | 0                  | 46,000         | 53,872.00    | .00          | -7,872.00        | 117.1%   |
| 0101 WILDLIFE HABITAT     |                 |                    |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62010100 511000           | 650             | 0                  | 650            | .00          | .00          | 650.00           | .0%      |
| 62010100 520000           | 200             | 0                  | 200            | .00          | .00          | 200.00           | .0%      |
| 62010100 571000           | 4,040           | 0                  | 4,040          | 1,051.52     | .00          | 2,988.48         | 26.0%    |
| 62010100 596001           | 150             | 0                  | 150            | .00          | .00          | 150.00           | .0%      |
| TOTAL WILDLIFE HABITAT    | 5,040           | 0                  | 5,040          | 1,051.52     | .00          | 3,988.48         | 20.9%    |
| 0102 CCF                  |                 |                    |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62010200 511000           | 1,957           | 0                  | 1,957          | .00          | .00          | 1,957.00         | .0%      |
| 62010200 520000           | 734             | 0                  | 734            | .00          | .00          | 734.00           | .0%      |
| 62010200 571000           | 1,223           | 0                  | 1,223          | .00          | .00          | 1,223.00         | .0%      |
| 62010200 596001           | 978             | 0                  | 978            | .00          | .00          | 978.00           | .0%      |
| TOTAL CCF                 | 4,892           | 0                  | 4,892          | .00          | .00          | 4,892.00         | .0%      |
| 0103 SNOWMOBILE STATE AID |                 |                    |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62010300 595000           | 78,350          | 0                  | 78,350         | 11,295.51    | .00          | 67,054.49        | 14.4%    |

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| TOTAL SNOWMOBILE STATE AID          | 78,350          | 0                | 78,350         | 11,295.51    | .00          | 67,054.49        | 14.4%    |
| 0104 ATV STATE AID                  |                 |                  |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62010400 511000 10104 ATV SALARIES  | 9,585           | 0                | 9,585          | 3,526.77     | .00          | 6,058.23         | 36.8%    |
| 62010400 520000 10104 ATV FRINGE    | 3,195           | 0                | 3,195          | 1,634.82     | .00          | 1,560.18         | 51.2%    |
| 62010400 571000 10104 ATV MISCELLAN | 1,598           | 0                | 1,598          | 1,179.01     | .00          | 418.99           | 73.8%    |
| 62010400 595000 10104 ATV CLUB EXPE | 23,565          | 0                | 23,565         | 7,349.92     | .00          | 16,215.08        | 31.2%    |
| 62010400 596001 10104 ATV EQUIPMENT | 1,598           | 0                | 1,598          | 2,173.06     | .00          | -575.06          | 136.0%*  |
| TOTAL ATV STATE AID                 | 39,541          | 0                | 39,541         | 15,863.58    | .00          | 23,677.42        | 40.1%    |
| 0106 FOREST ROAD AID                |                 |                  |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62010600 511000 10106 FOREST ROAD S | 4,120           | 0                | 4,120          | 1,053.31     | .00          | 3,066.69         | 25.6%    |
| 62010600 520000 10106 FOREST ROAD F | 1,648           | 0                | 1,648          | 396.15       | .00          | 1,251.85         | 24.0%    |
| 62010600 571000 10106 FOREST ROAD M | 824             | 0                | 824            | 253.38       | .00          | 570.62           | 30.8%    |
| 62010600 596000 10106 FOREST ROAD E | 1,648           | 0                | 1,648          | 566.64       | .00          | 1,081.36         | 34.4%    |
| TOTAL FOREST ROAD AID               | 8,240           | 0                | 8,240          | 2,269.48     | .00          | 5,970.52         | 27.5%    |
| 0108 COUNTY FORESTRY                |                 |                  |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62010800 511000 CO FORESTRY SAL AN  | 272,184         | 0                | 272,184        | 68,762.05    | .00          | 203,421.95       | 25.3%    |
| 62010800 511001 CO FORESTRY PER DI  | 1,500           | 0                | 1,500          | 948.60       | .00          | 531.40           | 63.2%    |
| 62010800 520000 CO FORESTRY FRINGE  | 140,614         | 0                | 140,614        | 29,362.09    | .00          | 111,251.91       | 20.9%    |
| 62010800 531010 CO FORESTRY AUDIT   | 1,700           | 0                | 1,700          | .00          | .00          | 1,700.00         | .0%      |
| 62010800 531320 CONTRACTED SERVICE  | 5,000           | 0                | 5,000          | .00          | .00          | 5,000.00         | .0%      |
| 62010800 551000 CO FORESTRY INSURA  | 10,000          | 0                | 10,000         | .00          | .00          | 10,000.00        | .0%      |
| 62010800 552001 CO FORESTRY TELEPH  | 1,500           | 0                | 1,500          | 221.02       | .00          | 1,278.98         | 14.7%    |
| 62010800 554001 PRINTING ALLOCATIO  | 800             | 0                | 800            | 211.28       | .00          | 588.72           | 26.4%    |
| 62010800 555000 CO FORESTRY TRAVEL  | 5,000           | 0                | 5,000          | 404.00       | .00          | 4,596.00         | 8.1%     |
| 62010800 560000 CO FORESTRY OFFICE  | 1,500           | 0                | 1,500          | 341.62       | .00          | 1,158.38         | 22.8%    |
| 62010800 571000 CO FORESTRY MISCEL  | 23,000          | 0                | 23,000         | 12,410.72    | .00          | 10,589.28        | 49.6%    |
| 62010800 591000 CO FORESTRY DEPREC  | 90,000          | 0                | 90,000         | .00          | .00          | 90,000.00        | .0%      |
| 62010800 596001 CO FORESTRY EQUIPM  | 35,000          | 0                | 35,000         | 12,456.05    | .00          | 22,543.95        | 35.6%    |
| 62010800 596002 CO FORESTRY BUILDI  | 11,250          | 0                | 11,250         | .00          | .00          | 11,250.00        | .0%      |

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| 62010800 596005 ROAD AIDS ALLOCATI  | 25,000          | 0                 | 25,000         | .00          | .00          | 25,000.00        | .0%      |
| TOTAL COUNTY FORESTRY               | 626,048         | 0                 | 626,048        | 125,117.43   | .00          | 500,930.57       | 20.0%    |
| 0109 PARKS                          |                 |                   |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62010900 511000 PARKS SALARIES AND  | 66,047          | 0                 | 66,047         | 25,405.12    | .00          | 40,641.88        | 38.5%    |
| 62010900 511001 PARKS PER DIEM      | 1,500           | 0                 | 1,500          | .00          | .00          | 1,500.00         | .0%      |
| 62010900 520000 PARKS FRINGE        | 31,526          | 0                 | 31,526         | 12,550.55    | .00          | 18,975.45        | 39.8%    |
| 62010900 531320 CONTRACTED SERVICE  | 50,000          | 0                 | 50,000         | .00          | .00          | 50,000.00        | .0%      |
| 62010900 551000 PARKS INSURANCE     | 3,300           | 0                 | 3,300          | .00          | .00          | 3,300.00         | .0%      |
| 62010900 552001 PARKS TELEPHONE     | 800             | 0                 | 800            | 83.18        | .00          | 716.82           | 10.4%    |
| 62010900 554001 PRINTING ALLOCATIO  | 700             | 0                 | 700            | 164.32       | .00          | 535.68           | 23.5%    |
| 62010900 535000 PARKS TRAVEL TRAIN  | 400             | 0                 | 400            | .00          | .00          | 400.00           | .0%      |
| 62010900 560000 PARKS OFFICE SUPPL  | 1,500           | 0                 | 1,500          | 90.39        | .00          | 1,409.61         | 6.0%     |
| 62010900 570000 PARKS RECREATIONAL  | 15,000          | 0                 | 15,000         | .00          | .00          | 15,000.00        | .0%      |
| 62010900 571000 PARKS MISCELLANEOU  | 8,000           | 0                 | 8,000          | 748.24       | .00          | 7,251.76         | 9.4%     |
| 62010900 596001 PARKS EQUIPMENT AL  | 20,000          | 0                 | 20,000         | 3,132.44     | .00          | 16,867.56        | 15.7%    |
| 62010900 596002 PARKS BUILDING ALL  | 8,750           | 0                 | 8,750          | .00          | .00          | 8,750.00         | .0%      |
| TOTAL PARKS                         | 207,523         | 0                 | 207,523        | 42,174.24    | .00          | 165,348.76       | 20.3%    |
| 0110 FORESTRY BUILDING              |                 |                   |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62011000 511000 FORESTRY BUILDING   | 0               | 0                 | 0              | 695.90       | .00          | -695.90          | 100.0%*  |
| 62011000 520000 FORESTRY BUILDING   | 0               | 0                 | 0              | 247.73       | .00          | -247.73          | 100.0%*  |
| 62011000 571000 FORESTRY BUILDING   | 0               | 0                 | 0              | 3,067.54     | .00          | -3,067.54        | 100.0%*  |
| 62011000 596001 FORESTRY BUILDING   | 0               | 0                 | 0              | 469.26       | .00          | -469.26          | 100.0%*  |
| TOTAL FORESTRY BUILDING             | 0               | 0                 | 0              | 4,480.43     | .00          | -4,480.43        | 100.0%   |
| 0112 LAND AGENT                     |                 |                   |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62011200 511000 LAND AGENT SALARIE  | 7,543           | 0                 | 7,543          | 3,033.61     | .00          | 4,509.39         | 40.2%    |
| 62011200 511001 LAND AGENT PER DIEM | 2,000           | 0                 | 2,000          | .00          | .00          | 2,000.00         | .0%      |
| 62011200 520000 LAND AGENT FRINGE   | 4,329           | 0                 | 4,329          | 1,721.41     | .00          | 2,607.59         | 39.8%    |
| 62011200 552001 LAND AGENT TELEPHO  | 500             | 0                 | 500            | 47.53        | .00          | 452.47           | 9.5%     |
| 62011200 554001 PRINTING ALLOCATIO  | 400             | 0                 | 400            | 93.90        | .00          | 306.10           | 23.5%    |

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| 62011200 555000                     | LAND AGENT TRAVEL  | 200                  | 200            | .00          | .00          | 200.00           | 0.0%     |
| 62011200 560000                     | LAND OFFICE SUPPLI | 800                  | 800            | 51.66        | .00          | 748.34           | 6.5%     |
| 62011200 571000                     | LAND AGENT MISCELL | 700                  | 700            | .00          | .00          | 700.00           | 0.0%     |
| 62011200 596001                     | LAND AGENT EQUIPME | 1,600                | 1,600          | .00          | .00          | 1,600.00         | 0.0%     |
| 62011200 596002                     | LAND AGENT BUILDIN | 5,000                | 5,000          | .00          | .00          | 5,000.00         | 0.0%     |
| TOTAL LAND AGENT                    |                    | 23,072               | 23,072         | 4,948.11     | .00          | 18,123.89        | 21.4%    |
| 0113 BEAVER                         |                    |                      |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62011300 532000                     | BEAVER EXPENDITURE | 6,874                | 6,874          | 4,130.00     | .00          | 2,744.00         | 60.1%    |
| TOTAL BEAVER                        |                    | 6,874                | 6,874          | 4,130.00     | .00          | 2,744.00         | 60.1%    |
| 0114 FORESTRY EQUIPMENT             |                    |                      |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62011400 511000                     | EQUIPMENT SALARIES | 0                    | 0              | 4,077.52     | .00          | -4,077.52        | 100.0%*  |
| 62011400 520000                     | EQUIPMENT FRINGE   | 0                    | 0              | 1,486.33     | .00          | -1,486.33        | 100.0%*  |
| 62011400 543000                     | EQUIPMENT REPAIR A | 0                    | 0              | 6,927.63     | .00          | -6,927.63        | 100.0%*  |
| 62011400 562001                     | EQUIPMENT FUEL     | 0                    | 0              | 3,907.00     | .00          | -3,907.00        | 100.0%*  |
| 62011400 571000                     | EQUIPMENT MISCELLA | 0                    | 0              | 72.20        | .00          | -72.20           | 100.0%*  |
| 62011400 596001                     | EQUIPMENT EQUIPMEN | 0                    | 0              | -20,823.56   | .00          | 20,823.56        | 100.0%   |
| TOTAL FORESTRY EQUIPMENT            |                    | 0                    | 0              | -4,352.88    | .00          | 4,352.88         | 100.0%   |
| 0115 PHOTO                          |                    |                      |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62011500 561410                     | PHOTO EXPENDITURE  | 11,121               | 11,121         | .00          | .00          | 11,121.00        | 0.0%     |
| TOTAL PHOTO                         |                    | 11,121               | 11,121         | .00          | .00          | 11,121.00        | 0.0%     |
| 0116 PD GRT AND PARKS IMPROVEMENTS  |                    |                      |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62011600 571000                     | PARKS IMPROVE -MIS | 126,486              | 126,486        | .00          | .00          | 126,486.00       | 0.0%     |
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| 0117 MISC DAM                       |                    |                      |                |              |              |                  |          |

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 62011700 MISC DAM MISCELLAN          | 6,469              | 0                        | 6,469             | .00          | .00          | 6,469.00            | .0%         |
| TOTAL MISC DAM                       | 6,469              | 0                        | 6,469             | .00          | .00          | 6,469.00            | .0%         |
| 0185 FOREST ACCESS PLAN              |                    |                          |                   |              |              |                     |             |
| 62018500 571000 FOREST ACCESS MISC   | 34,342             | 0                        | 34,342            | .00          | .00          | 34,342.00           | .0%         |
| 62018500 596000 FOREST ACCESS EQUI   | 14,718             | 0                        | 14,718            | .00          | .00          | 14,718.00           | .0%         |
| TOTAL FOREST ACCESS PLAN             | 49,060             | 0                        | 49,060            | .00          | .00          | 49,060.00           | .0%         |
| 0241 CCF- MISCELLANEOUS              |                    |                          |                   |              |              |                     |             |
| 62024100 571000 CCF- MISCELLANEOUS   | 3,219              | 0                        | 3,219             | .00          | .00          | 3,219.00            | .0%         |
| TOTAL CCF- MISCELLANEOUS             | 3,219              | 0                        | 3,219             | .00          | .00          | 3,219.00            | .0%         |
| 0245 RUFF GROUSE                     |                    |                          |                   |              |              |                     |             |
| 62024500 571000 RUFF GROUSE MISCEL   | 5,577              | 0                        | 5,577             | .00          | .00          | 5,577.00            | .0%         |
| TOTAL RUFF GROUSE                    | 5,577              | 0                        | 5,577             | .00          | .00          | 5,577.00            | .0%         |
| 0261 UNDERDOWN IMPROVEMENTS - HORSE  |                    |                          |                   |              |              |                     |             |
| 62026100 571000 10083 MISCELLANEOUS  | 7,642              | 0                        | 7,642             | .00          | .00          | 7,642.00            | .0%         |
| TOTAL UNDERDOWN IMPROVEMENTS - HORSE | 7,642              | 0                        | 7,642             | .00          | .00          | 7,642.00            | .0%         |
| 0262 RECREATIONAL TRAILS ACCOUNT     |                    |                          |                   |              |              |                     |             |
| 62026200 511000 10077 RTA 74214 - W  | 0                  | 0                        | 0                 | 2,892.02     | .00          | -2,892.02           | 100.0%*     |
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| 62026200 571000 RMA 74214 MIS     | 0               | 0                   | 0              | 342.50       | .00          | -342.50          | 100.0%** |
| 62026200 596001 RMA 74214 EOU     | 0               | 0                   | 0              | 2,026.11     | .00          | -2,026.11        | 100.0%** |
| TOTAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS ACCOUNT | 0               | 0                   | 0              | 6,400.73     | .00          | -6,400.73        | 100.0%   |
| 0265 RECREATION OFFICER - GRANT   |                 |                     |                |              |              |                  |          |
| 62026559 598000 TRANSFER OUT      | 72,967          | 0                   | 72,967         | .00          | .00          | 72,967.00        | .0%      |
| TOTAL RECREATION OFFICER - GRANT  | 72,967          | 0                   | 72,967         | .00          | .00          | 72,967.00        | .0%      |
| TOTAL FORESTRY                    | 1,333,121       | 0                   | 1,333,121      | 290,122.31   | .00          | 1,042,998.69     | 21.8%    |
| TOTAL EXPENSES                    | 1,333,121       | 0                   | 1,333,121      | 290,122.31   | .00          | 1,042,998.69     |          |
| GRAND TOTAL                       | 1,333,121       | 0                   | 1,333,121      | 290,122.31   | .00          | 1,042,998.69     | 21.8%    |

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## 2016 Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Plan (ORP) Survey Results Summary

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Lincoln County Forestry, Land, & Parks advertised the survey once in the Tomahawk paper and once in the Merrill paper. NCWRPC mailed survey notices to each town, both cities, both libraries, and emailed or mailed survey notices to a whole list of outdoor recreation groups provided by Forestry, Land, & Parks.

We received 125 responses to the Survey. Respondents were allowed to skip questions, so several questions had slightly smaller response groups.

About 2/3s of respondents live or have a summer home in Lincoln County, with the remaining respondents probably members of one of the contacted clubs.

Through an IP address analysis of who took the survey, it appears that only a few people took the survey twice (could be husband and wife). Nobody appears to have "stuffed the ballot box."

Three men took the survey for every woman who took the survey, and they were from a variety of age groups.

### **Key Findings of the ORP Survey:**

- The top recreational activities, in order, from respondents are:
  1. Walking/hiking 68%
  2. ATV / UTV Riding 65%
  3. Boating, Canoeing, Kayaking 60%
  4. Fishing 56%
  5. Hunting 51%
- Respondents were mostly satisfied with the condition of Lincoln County Managed facilities. Comments said that they would like campground restrooms to be cleaner, and possibly other amenities to be available, which were specific to each campground.
- A big theme to the comments was to increase trails and amenities for ATVs and UTVs. Off-road motorcycles should also be included as part of this group.
- Bicycling improvements was the other major, but less than ATVs, theme among comments.
- Many people commented about having difficulty finding what is available for outdoor recreation. NCWRPC noticed that a countywide tourism bureau does not exist, and that neither Chamber of Commerce links to the Lincoln County Forestry, Land, & Parks website. The Merrill Chamber did not even link to the City's own recreation website.

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Chapter 5  
**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The development of an efficient outdoor recreation plan depends upon establishing specific recreation and open-space goals and objectives from public participation. These goals and objectives are meant to guide county and local officials as they work towards providing a recreation system to meet the needs of Lincoln County's residents and visitors to the area.

**Goal 1**

**Protect, restore, and enhance Lincoln County's natural resources for outdoor recreation.**

Objectives

1. Follow Best Management Practices for water quality and for invasive species control in development of trails and recreation facilities.
2. Purchase land within county forest blocking.
3. Continue Recreational Officer position.
4. Provide for a balance of legitimate recreational opportunities to a wide variety of diverse groups and reduce user conflict by keeping incompatible uses separate from one another while still protecting the natural resources of the county in a sustainable manner.
5. Protect and preserve the environmental integrity of the natural resources in Lincoln County so future generations will have use and enjoyment of our public lands.

**Goal 2**

**Open more ATV/UTV/off-road motorcycle (collectively OHVs) trails in Lincoln County.**

*OHV = Off Highway Vehicle, which includes ATVs, UTVs, off-road motorcycles, and possibly 4x4s.*

Objectives

1. Review where county forest roads could be opened to OHVs.
2. Review how to establish ATV or OHV connections to adjacent counties from primarily the Harrison Hills area.
2. Determine where OHV trail loops off of county forest roads could be developed.
3. Promote development of a privately developed ATV intensive use area (ATV playground at least 15 acres in size) on private land.
4. Promote development of a privately owned OHV campground with public trail access.

**Goal 3**

**Create a one stop location for tourism and outdoor recreation information.**

Objectives

1. County should create a countywide tourism bureau.
2. Encourage both the Merrill Chamber and the Tomahawk Chamber to create significant website links to the Forestry, Land, & Parks website for outdoor recreation information.

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#### **Goal 4**

#### **Continue to improve and develop Lincoln County's outdoor recreation facilities.**

##### Objectives

1. Develop new facilities as outlined in 5-year Capital Improvement tables and as opportunities and funding sources become available and the ability to maintain these facilities is established.
2. Maintain and improve existing recreational facilities as outlined in 5-year capital improvement tables and as opportunities and funding sources become available.
3. Work with user groups to meet specific needs and desires for recreation on the Lincoln County Forest.
4. Continue to develop and improve all types of recreational trails.
5. Cooperate with various governmental agencies to improve all outdoor recreation facilities within Lincoln County.
6. Improve and protect access to water resources.
7. Continue to qualify Lincoln County and local governmental units for eligibility of state and federal financial aid programs which require outdoor recreational planning.
8. Continue planning and developing recreational facilities to accommodate the elderly and handicapped.

# Lincoln County ORP Survey

## Response Summary

Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation...

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Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Survey

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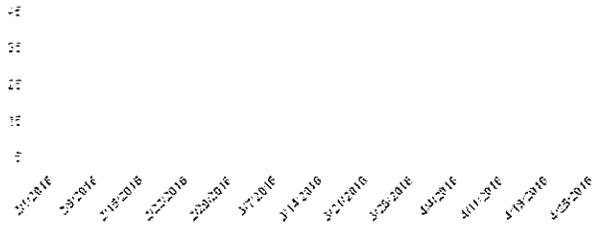
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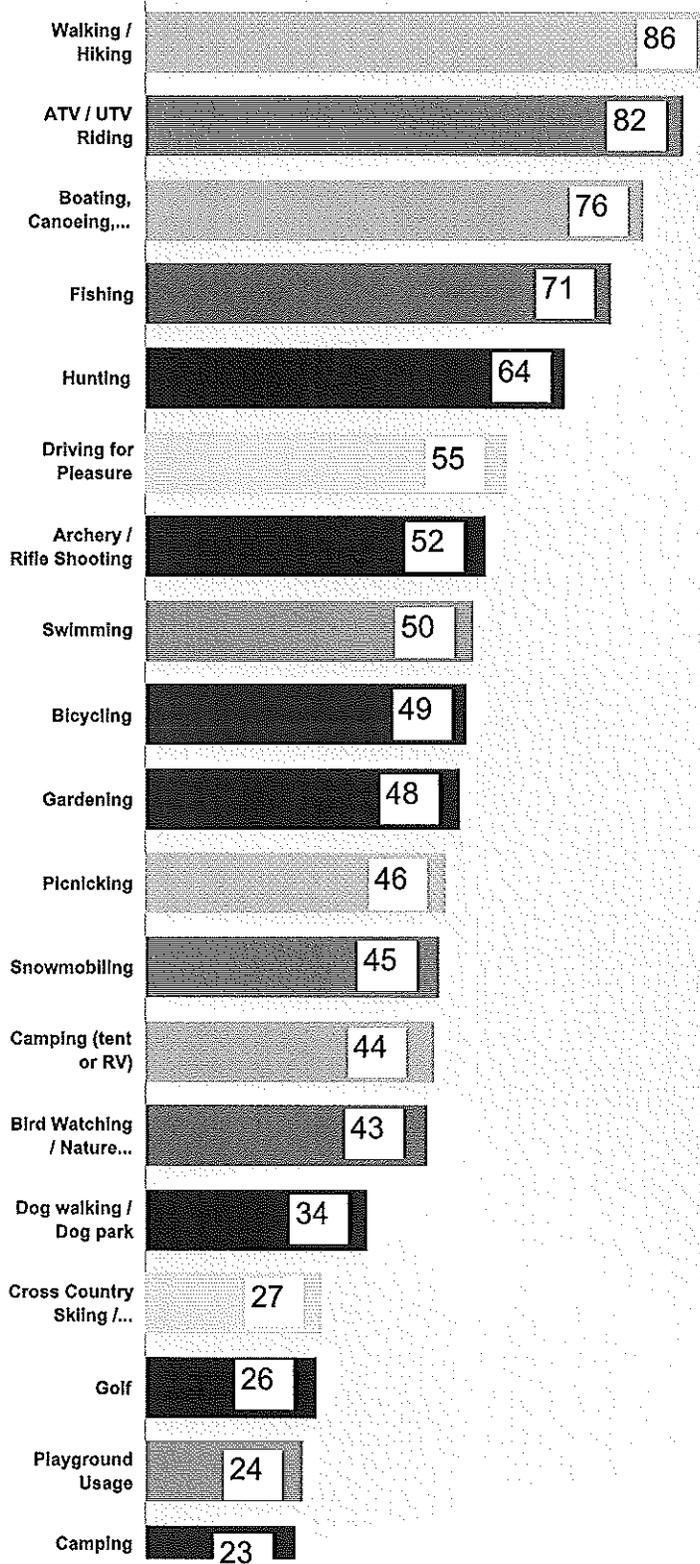
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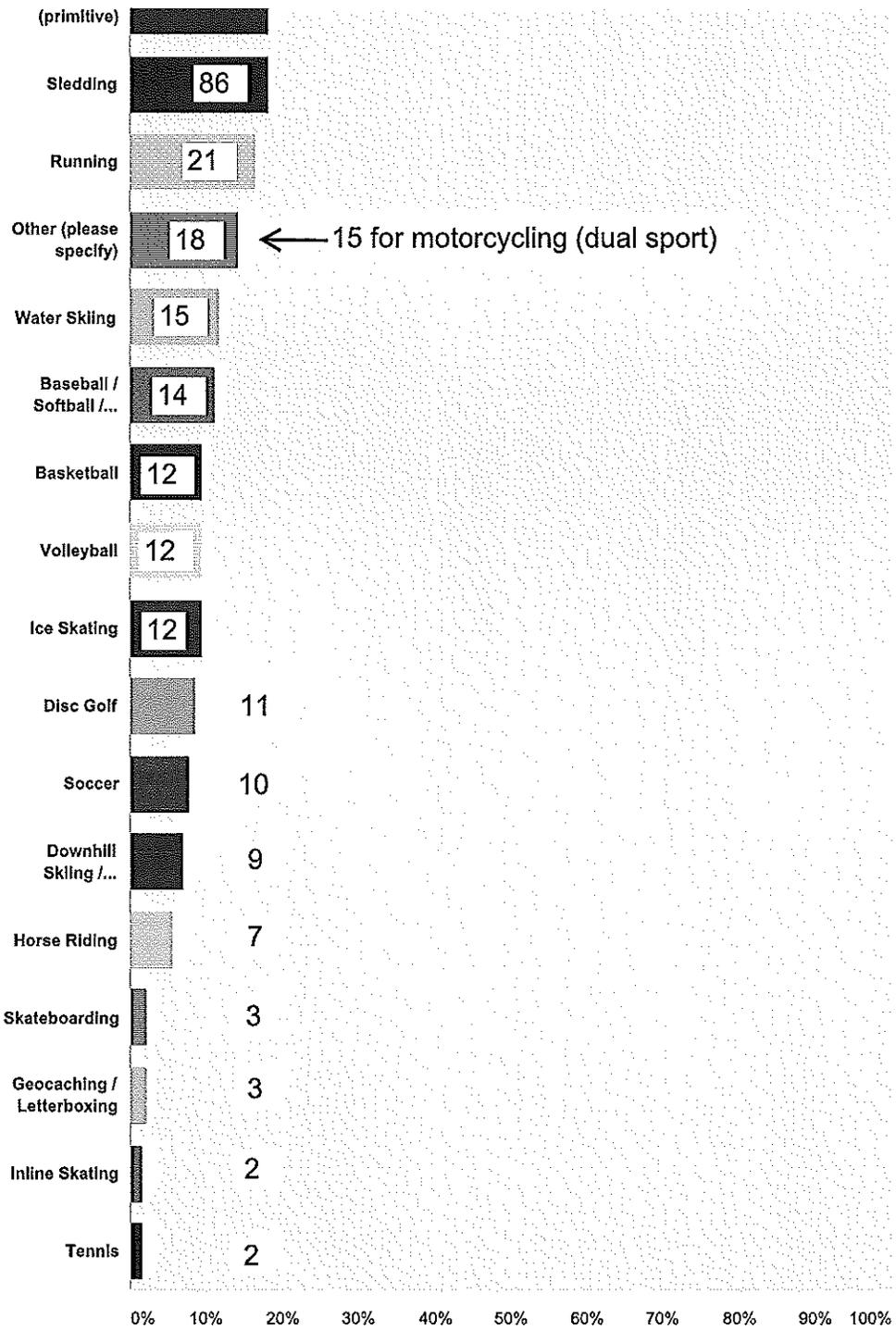
Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Survey

**Q1 Which recreational activities did you participate in during 2015? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0



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| Answer Choices              | Responses | Count |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Walking / Hiking            | 68.80%    | 86    |
| ATV / UTV Riding            | 65.60%    | 82    |
| Boating, Canoeing, Kayaking | 60.80%    | 76    |
| Fishing                     | 56.80%    | 71    |

Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Survey

Q2 LINCOLN COUNTY should investigate the following potential outdoor recreation opportunities?

**Increase ATV/UTV/motorcycle trails – 49 responses**

Play area for ATVs – 2 responses  
Maintain what we have – 1 response

**Increase Bicycling trails/bike lanes – 18 responses**

Winter fat bike trail – 1 response

**Fishing pier/Boat landing – 6 responses**

**Snowmobiles – 6 responses**

More snowmobile trails through Merrill – 1 response

Disk golf course – 5 responses

Walking trails – 5 responses  
Ice Age Trail support – 1 response

Cross-country ski trails near city – 4 responses

Campground Comments (5 responses):

ATV friendly campground – 2 responses  
Camping – 1 response  
Primitive camping for ATV use – 1 response  
More "nice" camping sites for large units – 1 response

A Prairie Dells pedestrian bridge to the new City Forest trails – 2 responses

**Specific Comments:**

- Portage hiking trail from Bill Cross to Newwood Park.
- Expanded use of county forest land for camping, trails, and fishing utilization.
- Fishing/hiking/biking trail on Underdown's Mist Lake
- Adding more places to sit and rest along the Riverbend Trail.
- Swimming area near the Underdown.
- Expand the hiking trails at prairie river park.
- Fishing/kayak/hiking/biking trail to remote Beaver Trail lakes in Harrison Hills.

Q3 Where in LINCOLN COUNTY did you go for outdoor recreation in 2015?

**Harrison Hills ATV TOTAL: 40 responses**

**Harrison Hills (other uses, not ATVing) TOTAL: 5 responses**

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**County Forest (non-ATV use) TOTAL: 33 responses**

**Underdown – 16 responses**

|                      |                       |                          |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Hiking/walking (4)   | Primitive camping (1) | Snow shoeing (1)         |
| Camping (3)          | Nature viewing (1)    | Cross-country skiing (1) |
| Horseback riding (3) | Driving (1)           | Winter hiking (1)        |
| Biking (2)           | Fishing (1)           |                          |

**New Wood – 10 responses**

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| Hunting (3) | Kayaking (1)   |
| Fishing (1) | Playground (1) |

**Otter Lake – 5 responses**

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Camping (2) | Hiking (1) |
|-------------|------------|

**Prairie Dells – 2 responses**

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**Council Grounds TOTAL: 22 responses**

|              |                |            |
|--------------|----------------|------------|
| Swimming (5) | Picnicking (2) | Biking (1) |
| Walking (5)  | Fishing (1)    |            |
| Boating (3)  | Camping (1)    |            |

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**Merrill Parks TOTAL: 20 responses**

**Tomahawk Parks TOTAL: 13 responses**

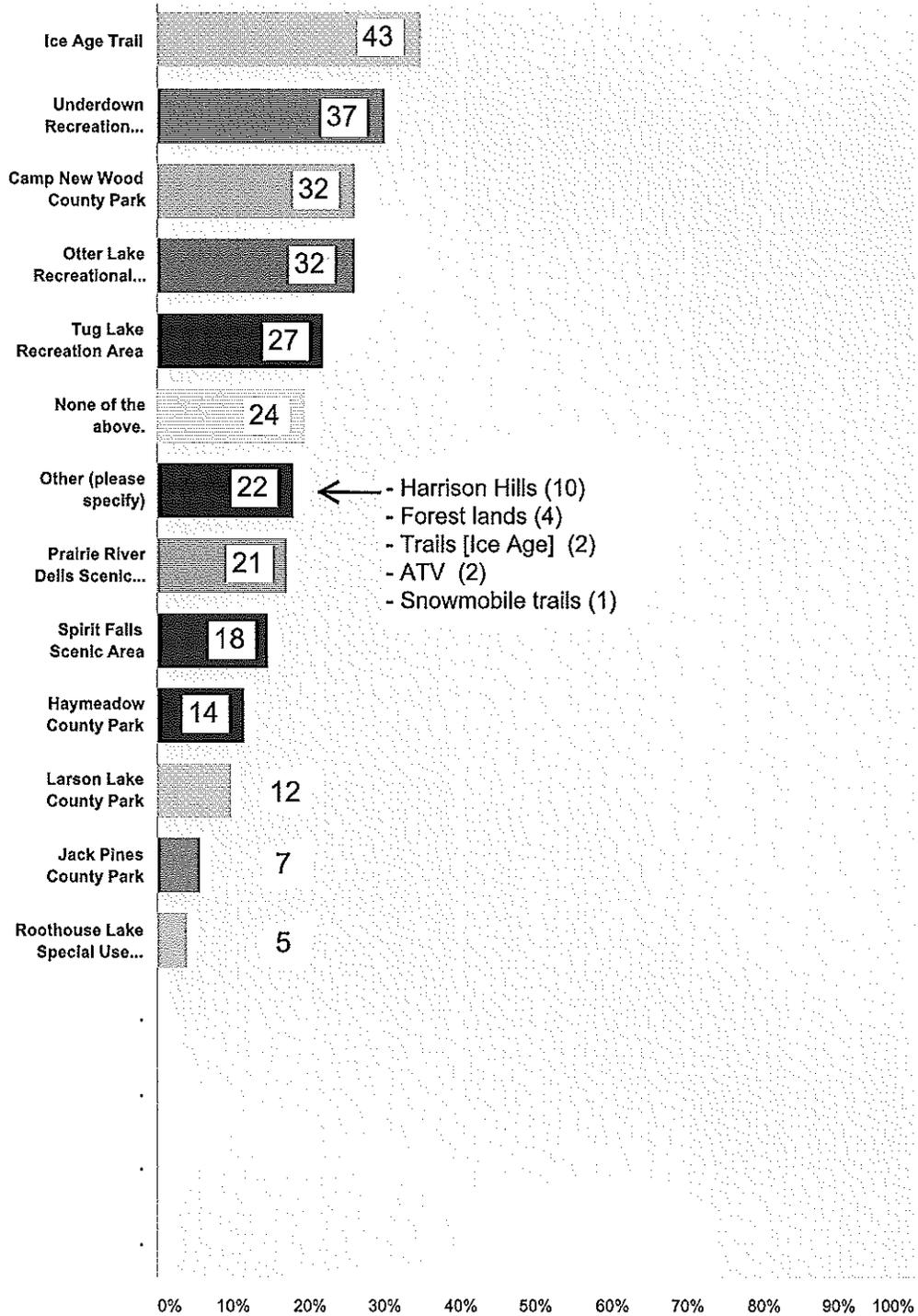
**Wisconsin River TOTAL: 11 responses**

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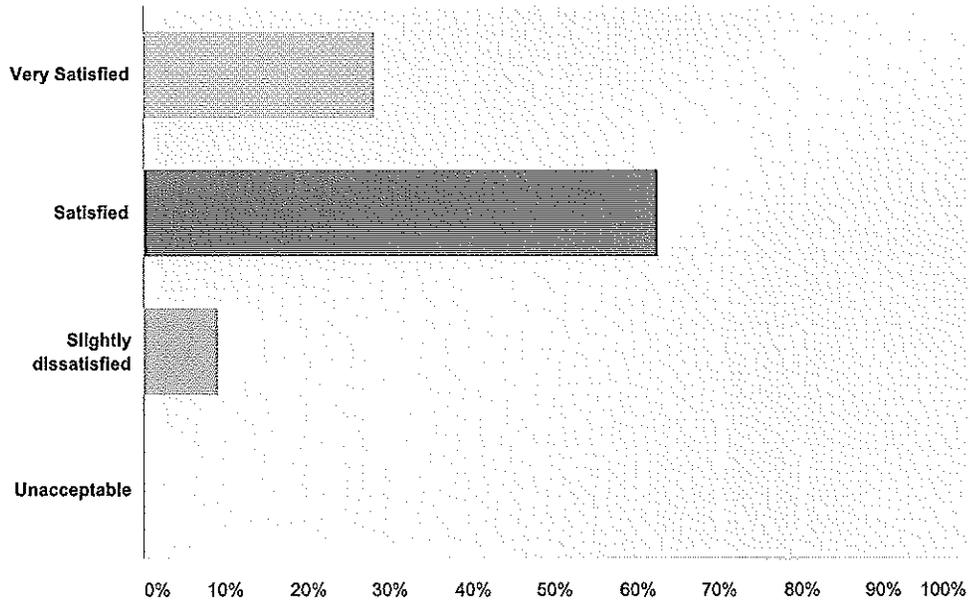
**Q4 Which of the following LINCOLN COUNTY MANAGED facilities have you used or visited in 2015? (Choose all that apply.)**

Answered: 123 Skipped: 2



**Q5 What is your overall satisfaction with the condition of the LINCOLN COUNTY MANAGED facilities you visited in 2015?  
(Choose one.)**

Answered: 99 Skipped: 26



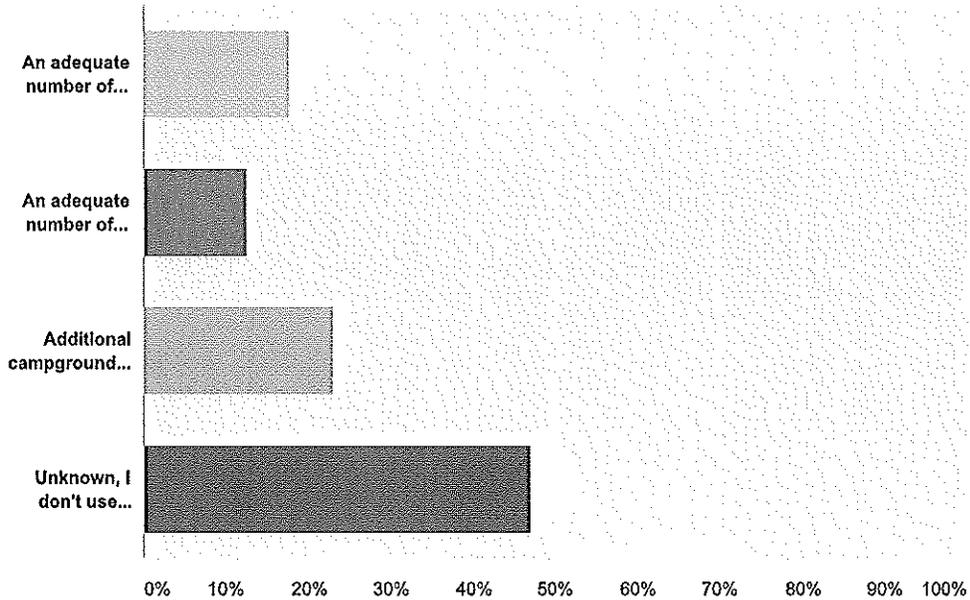
| Answer Choices        | Responses | Count     |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very Satisfied        | 28.28%    | 28        |
| Satisfied             | 62.63%    | 62        |
| Slightly dissatisfied | 9.09%     | 9         |
| Unacceptable          | 0.00%     | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>          |           | <b>99</b> |

**Q6 What improvements are needed at LINCOLN COUNTY MANAGED facilities?**

- Clean restrooms
- Handicap accessibility
- More disc golf and park infrastructure
- The right to have dogs in parks
- More biking and snowshoeing trails, access to Prairie River at Haymeadow park for kayaking.
- Less noise from ATVs while hiking or snowshoeing; cleaner; safer.
- Awareness of where these facilities are located in the county. Have maps of the facilities available.

**Q7 Regarding LINCOLN COUNTY MANAGED campgrounds, do you think that... (Choose one.)**

Answered: 96 Skipped: 29



| Answer Choices   | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| An adequate number of campground facilities exist, and they are in good condition. | 17.71% 17 |
| An adequate number of campground facilities exist, but improvements are needed.    | 12.50% 12 |
| Additional campground facilities are needed.                                       | 22.92% 22 |
| Unknown, I don't use campgrounds.  | 46.88% 45 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>96</b> |

**Q8 What improvements are needed at LINCOLN COUNTY MANAGED campgrounds?**

- . - restroom improvements (4 comments)
- . - Underdown county road pavement to parking lot from J and Copper Lake roads. Underdown electricity and running water. Kiosks in high traffic areas explaining where and why Lincoln County property are.
- . - fire pits/bathrooms/showers
- . - Otter Lake CG needs something better than dirt for campsites. Camp New Wood CG better, but some sites could use improvement.

Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Survey

Q9 Where are additional campground facilities needed  
in LINCOLN COUNTY?

**6 responses – Around lakes in Harrison Hills**

**5 responses – Underdown horse trails/ Underdown area**

**4 responses – Camping with ATV access**

2 responses – Anywhere/all areas near water

1 response – Merrill City Forest once it connects to Prairie Dells

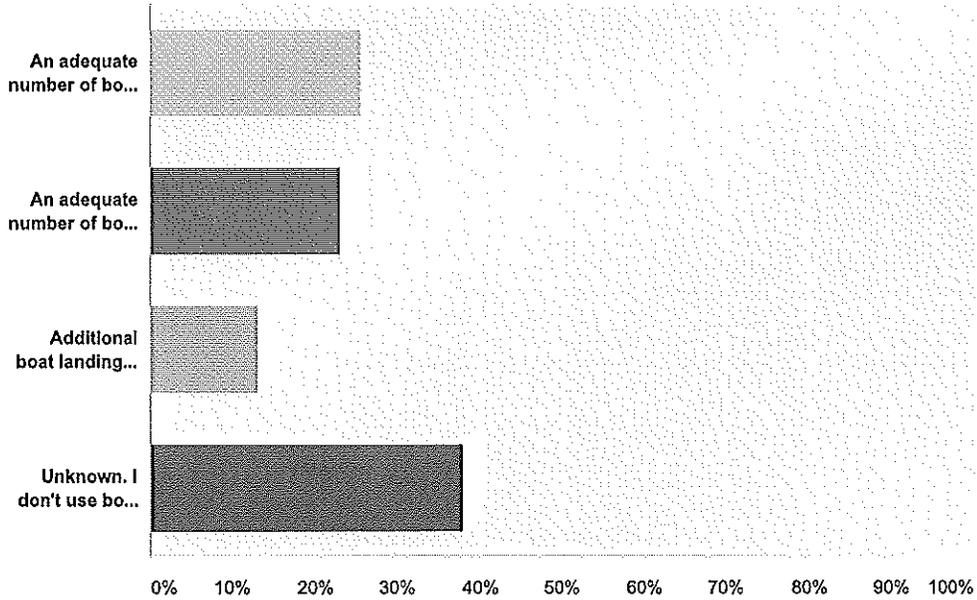
1 response – Around Tomahawk

1 response – All parks and forests

Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Survey

**Q10 Regarding public boat landings and water access, do you think that... (Choose one.)**

Answered: 121 Skipped: 4



| Answer Choices   | Responses |            |
|--|-----------|------------|
| An adequate number of boat landings exist, and they are in good condition. | 25.62%    | 31         |
| An adequate number of boat landings exist, but improvements are needed.    | 23.14%    | 28         |
| Additional boat landings are needed.                                       | 13.22%    | 16         |
| Unknown. I don't use boat landings or water access points.                 | 38.02%    | 46         |
| <b>Total</b>   |           | <b>121</b> |

Q11 What improvements are needed at public boat landings?

**12 responses – Ramps in poor shape**

2 responses – Docks along side landings

1 response – Better non-motor access on Prairie and Wisconsin Rivers

1 response – Monitor boats for invasive species

1 response – Another landing at Tug Lake

Q12 Where are additional boat landings or access points needed in  
LINCOLN COUNTY?

**5 responses – Wisconsin River**

**4 responses – Closed lakes (by gate and berm) need to be opened**

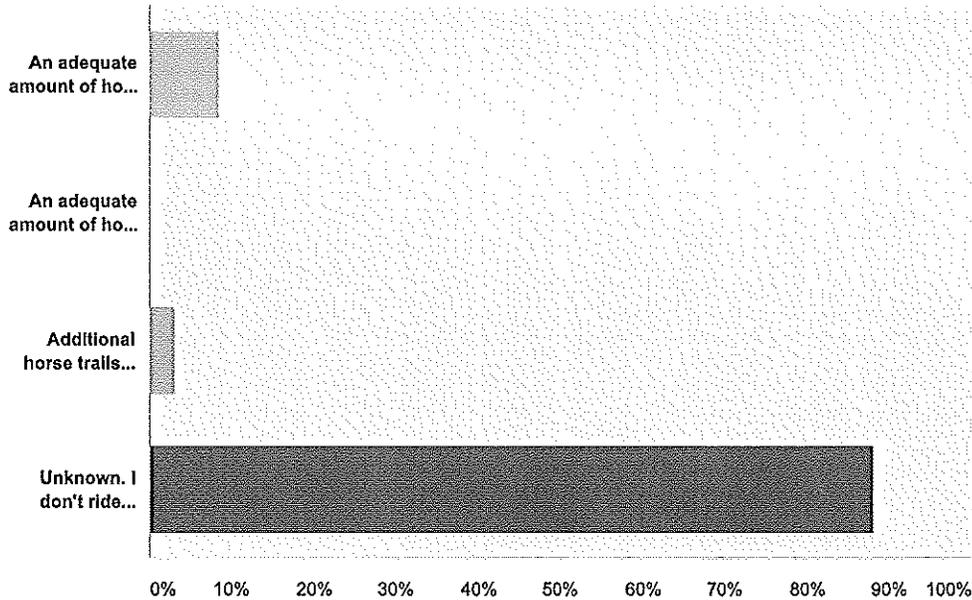
1 response – Lake Alice

1 response – Tug Lake

1 response – Underdown area

**Q13 Regarding horse trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)**

Answered: 93 Skipped: 32



| Answer Choices   | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| An adequate amount of horse trails exist, and are in good condition.   | 8.60% 8   |
| An adequate amount of horse trails exist, but improvements are needed. | 0.00% 0   |
| Additional horse trails or connections are needed.                     | 3.23% 3   |
| Unknown. I don't ride horses on trails.                                | 88.17% 82 |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>93</b> |

**Q14 What horse trail improvements are needed?**

None identified.

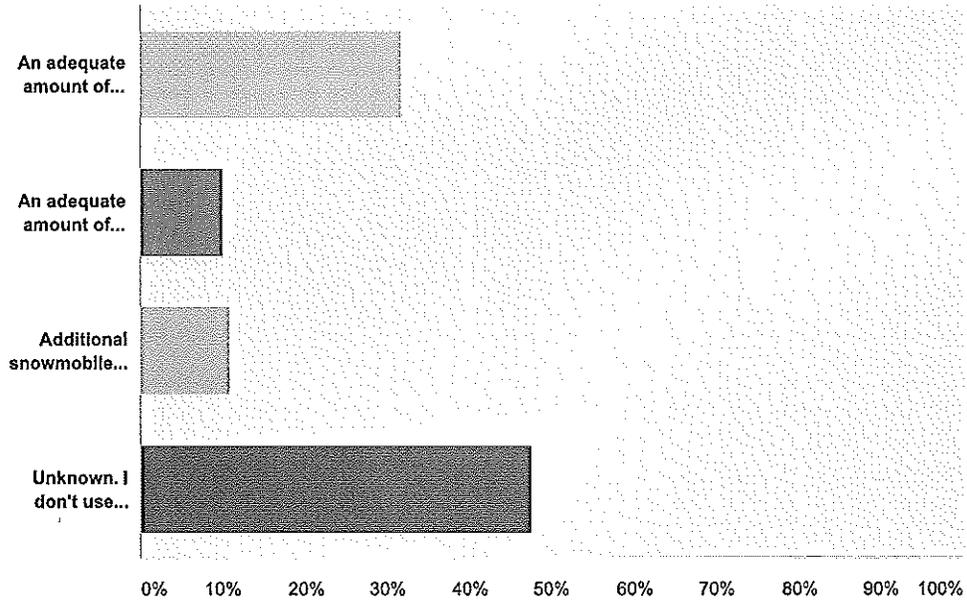
**Q15 Where are additional horse trails needed in LINCOLN COUNTY?**

- The Underdown is great condition, it would be nice to have another area.
- Other scenic areas apart from Underdown. Only public horseriding trailhead in Lincoln County to the best of our knowledge.

Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Survey

**Q16 Regarding snowmobile trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)**

Answered: 120 Skipped: 5



| Answer Choices  | Responses |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| An adequate amount of snowmobile trails exist, and are in good condition.   | 31.67%    | 38         |
| An adequate amount of snowmobile trails exist, but improvements are needed. | 10.00%    | 12         |
| Additional snowmobile trails or connections are needed.                     | 10.83%    | 13         |
| Unknown. I don't use snowmobiles on trails.                                 | 47.50%    | 57         |
| <b>Total</b>  |           | <b>120</b> |

Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Survey

**Q17 What snowmobile trail improvements are needed? (Please identify locations and improvements needed.)**

Answered: 10 Skipped: 115

| #  | Responses   | Date               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | more snow better trail markings   | 4/26/2016 5:00 PM  |
| 2  | not sure  | 4/22/2016 3:42 PM  |
| 3  | marking snowmobile and atv differences  | 3/27/2016 4:36 PM  |
| 4  | More markers especially where dips and corners may be severe.   | 3/24/2016 3:58 PM  |
| 5  | frequent grooming   | 3/24/2016 12:20 PM |
| 6  | better signed   | 3/22/2016 7:02 AM  |
| 7  | More signage - "Gas" & Other signs such as "Tomahawk Area", "Harrison Area", "Rhineland" etc. Also approx miles to nearest gas station, More "business name" signs so we know we are on the right trails. | 3/21/2016 8:39 PM  |
| 8  | More snow!  | 3/21/2016 1:10 PM  |
| 9  | more grooming   | 3/21/2016 9:25 AM  |
| 10 | Make trails wider where needed and improve trail signs.   | 3/20/2016 11:23 AM |

## Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Survey

### Q18 Where are additional snowmobile trails needed in LINCOLN COUNTY?

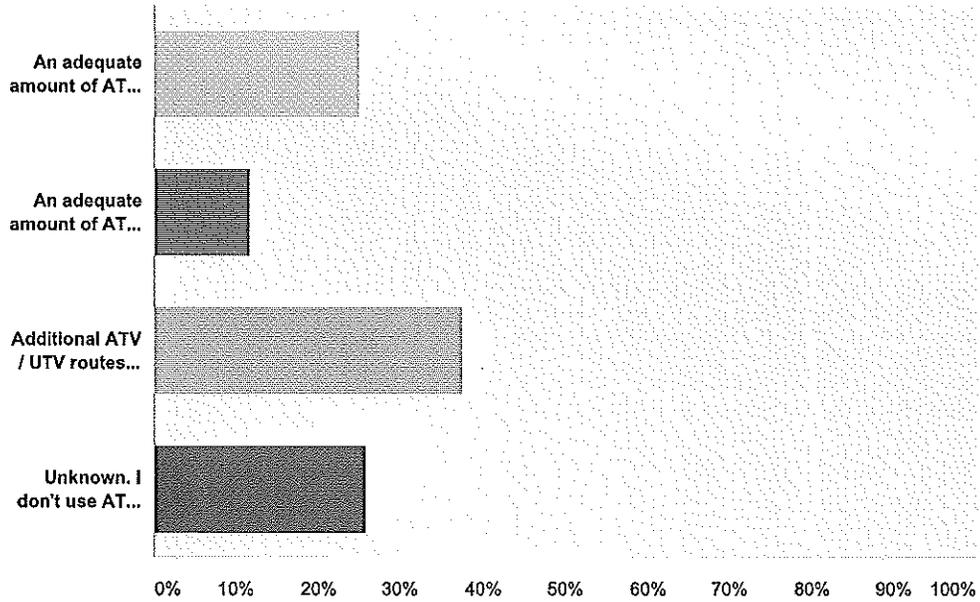
Answered: 11 Skipped: 114

| #  | Responses  | Date               |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1  | In and around the city of Merrill, more access points to the city, straighter wider trails, advertised snow routes to get to places. | 4/27/2016 7:33 PM  |
| 2  | More connecting trails all over the Lincoln County area. Shortage of Land owners who allow trails on their land.                     | 4/22/2016 3:29 PM  |
| 3  | The loss of trails last fall hurt.   | 4/6/2016 7:15 PM   |
| 4  | Always need trails added throughout the county   | 4/6/2016 2:37 PM   |
| 5  | Access to Gleason, Tomahawk, and adjacent counties   | 4/4/2016 1:14 PM   |
| 6  | throughout the county  | 3/21/2016 8:02 AM  |
| 7  | Everywhere there is an opportunity to stay off of private land.....  | 3/20/2016 8:34 PM  |
| 8  | multiple places  | 3/20/2016 12:47 PM |
| 9  | We don't have specifics but areas with more trails draw more tourism   | 3/20/2016 10:43 AM |
| 10 | Every where it is reasonable and connections to other trails lack  | 3/18/2016 11:59 PM |
| 11 | Between Copper Lake Road and County "J". North Town Hall Road to Gleason.  | 3/18/2016 3:20 PM  |

Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Survey

**Q19 Regarding ATV / UTV routes and trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)**

Answered: 120 Skipped: 5



| Answer Choices  | Responses  |
|---|------------|
| An adequate amount of ATV / UTV routes and trails exist, and are in good condition.   | 25.00% 30  |
| An adequate amount of ATV / UTV routes and trails exist, but improvements are needed. | 11.67% 14  |
| Additional ATV / UTV routes, trails, or connections are needed.                       | 37.50% 45  |
| Unknown. I don't use ATVs / UTVs beyond my property.                                  | 25.83% 31  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>120</b> |

Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Survey

**Q20 What ATV / UTV trail or route improvements are needed? (Please identify locations and improvements needed.)**

Answered: 12 Skipped: 113

| #  | Responses  | Date               |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1  | Better identify private land access so when they venture off the marked trail they dont end up in peoples yards  | 4/8/2016 12:32 AM  |
| 2  | Some trails should be wider now with the all the UTV's on the trails.  | 3/30/2016 2:19 PM  |
| 3  | marking atv and snowmobile differences   | 3/27/2016 4:37 PM  |
| 4  | Trails in the Harrison area are poorly maintained  | 3/26/2016 11:09 AM |
| 5  | Better trail markings / maps along Harrison Hills trails   | 3/21/2016 4:30 PM  |
| 6  | I ride the trails a lot, but it wood be nice if they were groomed on a regular basis, they are pretty rough in some areas. And more trails if possible, prefer trail riding to road riding.  | 3/21/2016 1:12 PM  |
| 7  | more signage with posted speed limits  | 3/21/2016 1:09 PM  |
| 8  | Some areas need attention due to erosion from heavy rainfalls, causing deep gullies.   | 3/21/2016 8:16 AM  |
| 9  | More grading of existing trails to make smoother plus better signage.  | 3/20/2016 2:59 PM  |
| 10 | There is a lot of damage from trucks on the Harrison Hills ATV trails. We run into bear hunters all the time and we even came across a Buick car on the trail to Turtle Lake parking lot two years ago. We ATV rides are always blamed for the damage on trails. But it is the trucks that use them in wet weather, early and late season that seems to do the damage. | 3/20/2016 10:15 AM |
| 11 | Eliminate water diversion burms on Harrison Trails. They are a hazard!   | 3/18/2016 3:20 PM  |
| 12 | Smoother trails in the Harrison area.  | 3/18/2016 9:34 AM  |

Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Survey

Q21 Where are additional ATV / UTV routes or trails needed  
in LINCOLN COUNTY?

Definitions:

OHVs = Off Highway Vehicles include:

ATVs (all-terrain vehicles)

OHMs (off-highway motorcycles)

ORVs (off-road vehicles, such as 4x4s)

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**7 responses – Harrison Hills area**

**7 responses – Anywhere or anywhere in forests/county forests**

**4 responses – More trails, not road routes**

3 responses – New Wood

3 responses – Underdown

3 responses – Need to be open to motorcycling too

3 responses – Connect to northern counties

2 responses – Merrill area

2 responses – Merrill to Tomahawk

1 response – Off-road play areas

1 response – OHM trail system should be in future plans

1 response – Make trails wider for UTVs

1 response – Harrison Hills to Tomahawk

1 response – Harrison Hills to Rhinelander

1 response – Harrison Hills to Gleason

1 response – Harrison Hills to Lake Alice

1 response – North and west of Harrison Hills

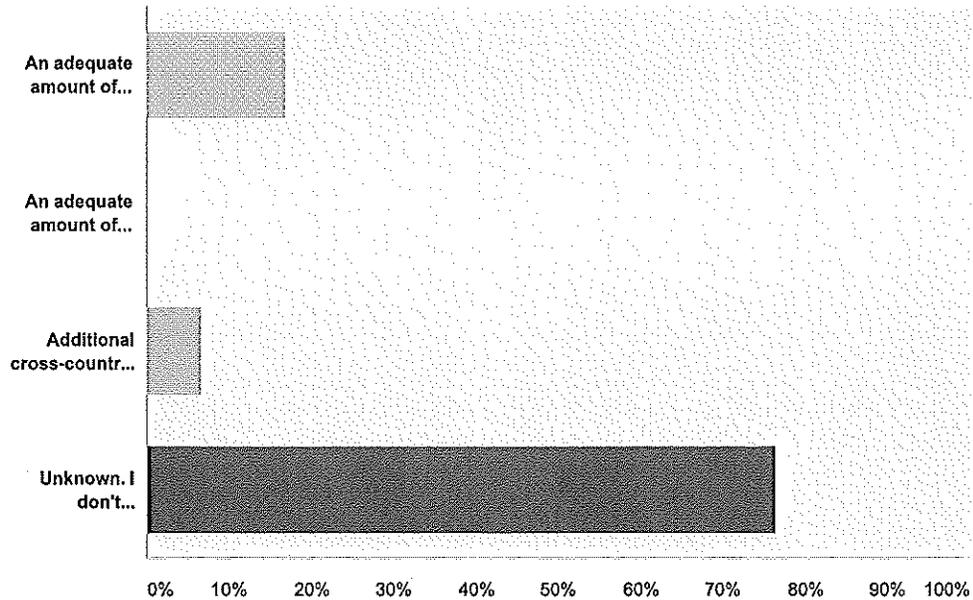
1 response – Hwy 86 to trails

1 response – Northwest corner where forestry roads could be opened to ATV/UTV

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**Q22 Regarding cross-country ski trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)**

Answered: 119 Skipped: 6



| Answer Choices   | Responses |            |
|--|-----------|------------|
| An adequate amount of cross-country ski trails exist, and are in good condition.   | 16.81%    | 20         |
| An adequate amount of cross-country ski trails exist, but improvements are needed. | 0.00%     | 0          |
| Additional cross-country ski trails are needed.                                    | 6.72%     | 8          |
| Unknown. I don't cross-country ski on maintained trails.                           | 76.47%    | 91         |
| <b>Total</b>   |           | <b>119</b> |

**Q23 What cross-country ski trail improvements are needed?**

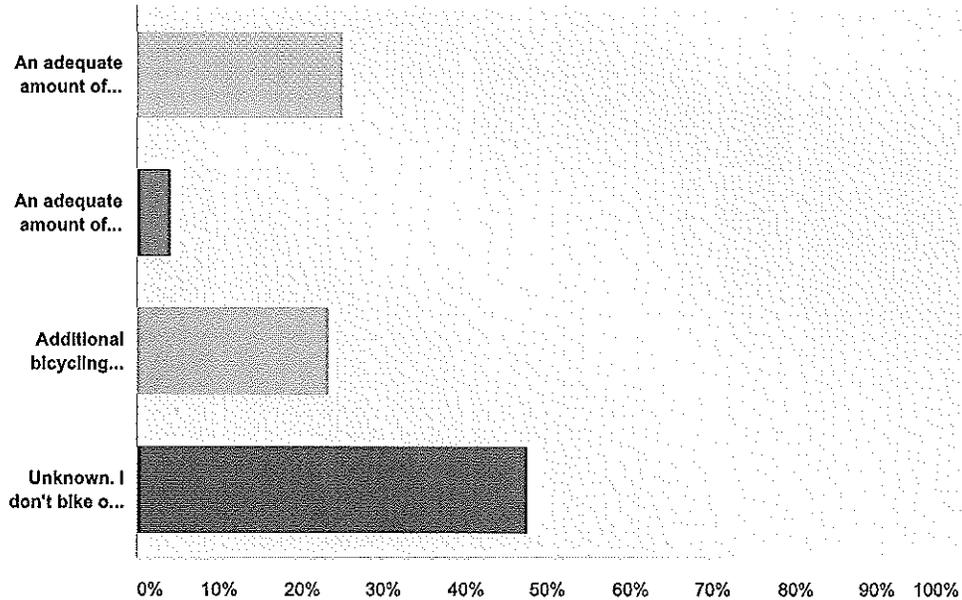
No responses.

**Q24 Where are additional cross-country ski trails needed in LINCOLN COUNTY?**

- Norther part near Tomahawk or Harrison Hills area (3 responses)
- Otter Lake (2 responses)
- Off Cty. B
- County forest, Council Grounds, City Forest
- Near the MARC, and more where you can take your dogs.

**Q25 Regarding bicycling routes and trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)**

Answered: 120 Skipped: 5



| Answer Choices  | Responses |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| An adequate amount of bicycling routes and trails exist, and are in good condition.   | 25.00%    | 30         |
| An adequate amount of bicycling routes and trails exist, but improvements are needed. | 4.17%     | 5          |
| Additional bicycling routes, trails, or connections are needed.                       | 23.33%    | 28         |
| Unknown. I don't bike on roads or trails.   | 47.50%    | 57         |
| <b>Total</b>  |           | <b>120</b> |

**Q26 What bicycle route or trail improvements are needed?**

- 
- more trails
- more signs
- Sarah Park north to county line, eliminate weeds in middle of trail. Some grading/smoothing.
- 
- The connector trail between Underdown and Merrill City Forest should be under construction in 2016. The new City Forest system will provide opportunities for less experienced mountain bikers.
- 
- I think that the bicycle community and counties should seriously consider a user fee or registration program so the cost of all the paved bike trails in the surrounding areas does not fall solely on taxpayers.

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Q27 Where are additional bike routes, trails, or connections needed  
in LINCOLN COUNTY?

**7 responses – Countywide/northern part of county/county forest**

**3 responses – Boulder Junction style of trails**

**3 responses – Tomahawk area**

**3 responses – Merrill to Tomahawk/all along Wisconsin River/County parks to city**

2 responses – Merrill area

2 responses – County Highways need paved shoulders like the new Hwy 17

1 response – Off-road areas that are not as hilly as the Underdown

1 response – Non-ATV, non-horse trails

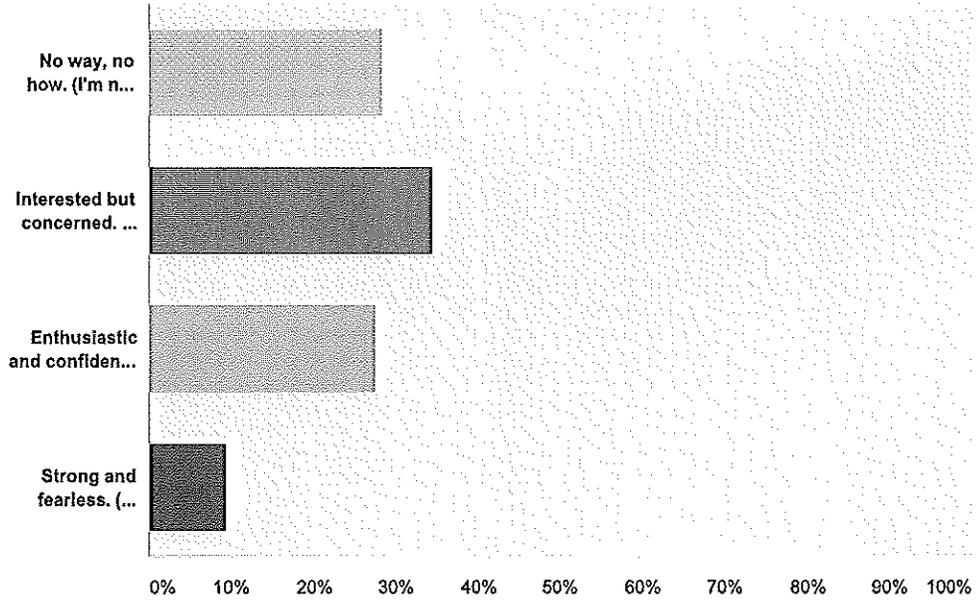
1 response – Extend the trail started

1 response – Lake Alice

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**Q28 What type of bicyclist are you?  
(Choose one.)**

Answered: 116 Skipped: 9

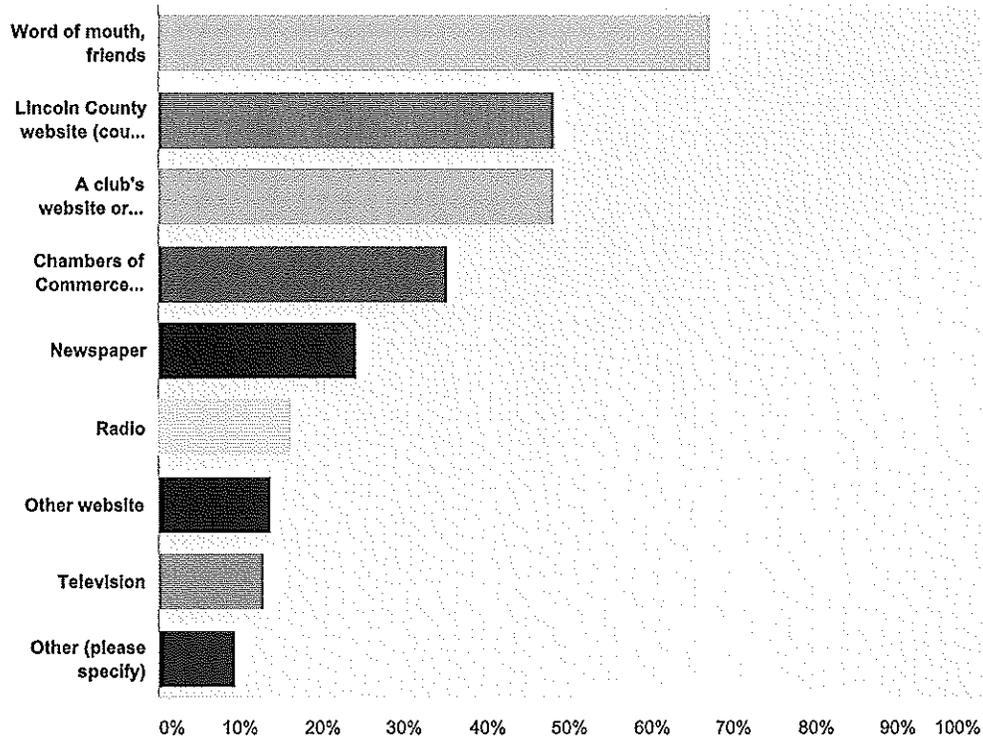


| Answer Choices  | Responses    |
|---|--------------|
| No way, no how. (I'm not interested in biking at all, not even for recreation.)   | 28.45%<br>33 |
| Interested but concerned. (I like riding, but don't do it regularly. I'm generally concerned that my route is not safe to ride, so I don't ride often. I definitely do not ride when the weather is bad.) | 34.48%<br>40 |
| Enthusiastic and confident. (I feel comfortable sharing the road with motor vehicles, but I prefer to ride on separate facilities like bike lanes. I may or may not ride in inclement weather.)           | 27.59%<br>32 |
| Strong and fearless. (I am confident in my abilities and will ride regardless of roadway conditions, amount of traffic, or inclement weather.)  | 9.48%<br>11  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>116</b>   |

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**Q29 How do you obtain information about outdoor recreation activities and locations in LINCOLN COUNTY? (Check all that apply.)**

Answered: 116 Skipped: 9



| Answer Choices  | Responses |
|---|-----------|
| Word of mouth, friends  | 67.24% 78 |
| Lincoln County website (county site or Forestry Dept. web page) | 48.28% 56 |
| A club's website or social media site                           | 48.28% 56 |
| Chambers of Commerce (website, brochures, visitor's bureau)     | 35.34% 41 |
| Newspaper   | 24.14% 28 |
| Radio   | 16.38% 19 |
| Other website   | 13.79% 16 |
| Television  | 12.93% 15 |
| Other (please specify)  | 9.48% 11  |
| <b>Total Respondents: 116</b>                                   |           |

| # | Other (please specify)   | Date              |
|---|--|-------------------|
| 1 | Strava.com website. I use it, plus the app to find the most popular roads in the area. When designing a route on the website, I use the "heatmaps" feature and also "segment explorer" | 4/28/2016 4:29 PM |

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Are you satisfied with how you are finding outdoor recreation information for LINCOLN COUNTY?

Yes

No (please explain)

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Do you have any other concerns or comments?

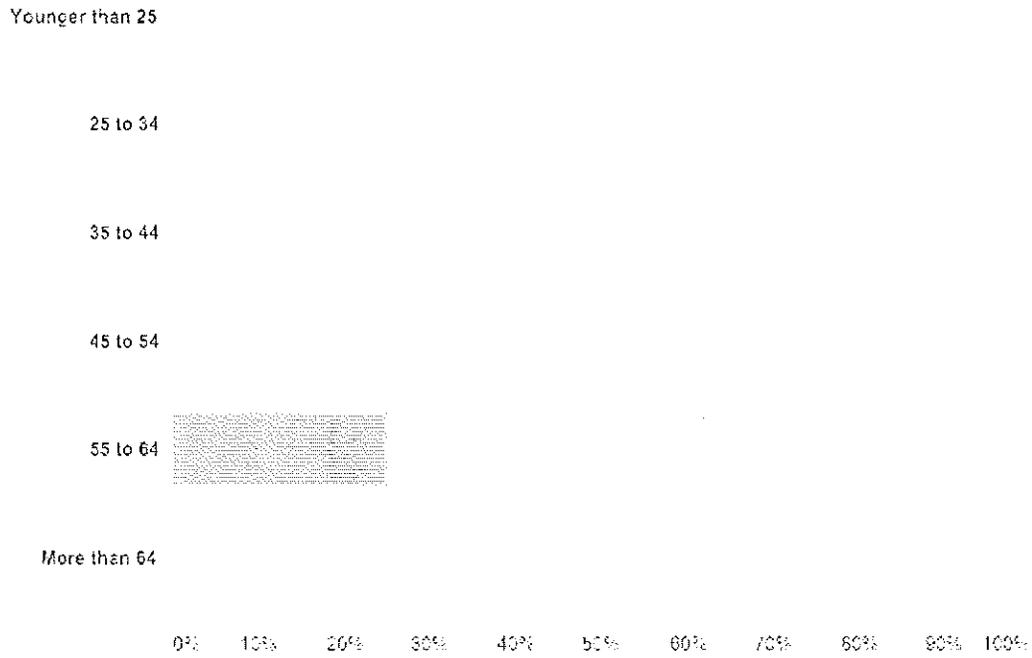
No

Yes (please explain)

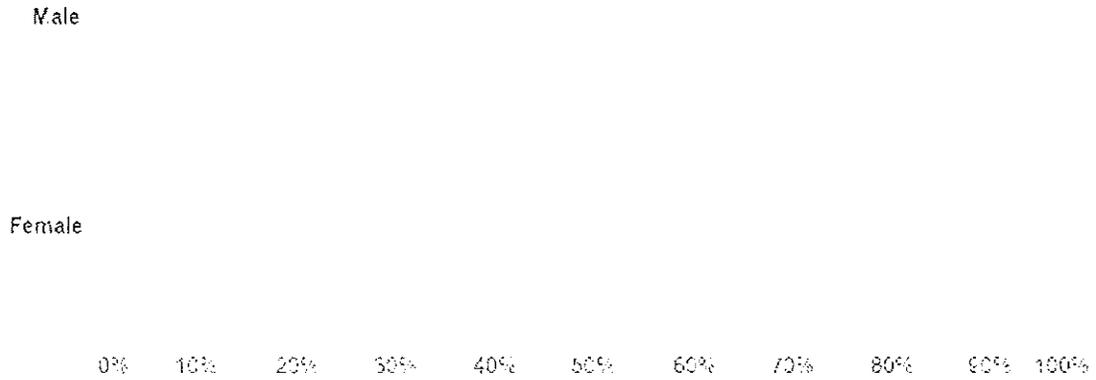
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# Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Survey

## What is your age?



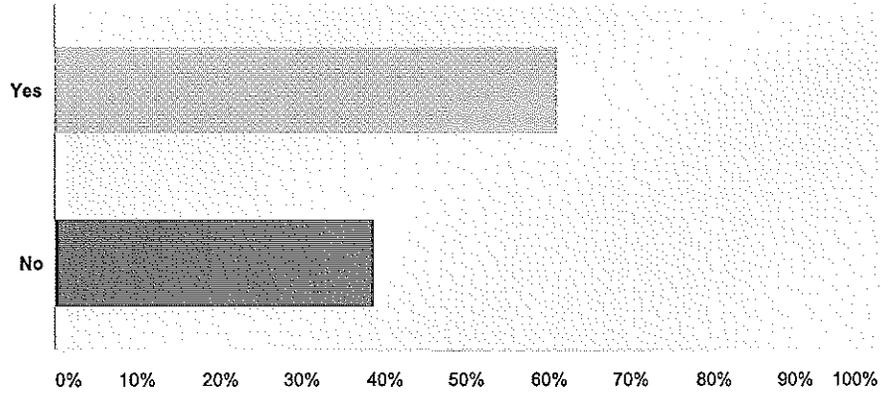
## What is your gender?



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**Q34 Do you live in or own a summer home in LINCOLN COUNTY?**

Answered: 116 Skipped: 9

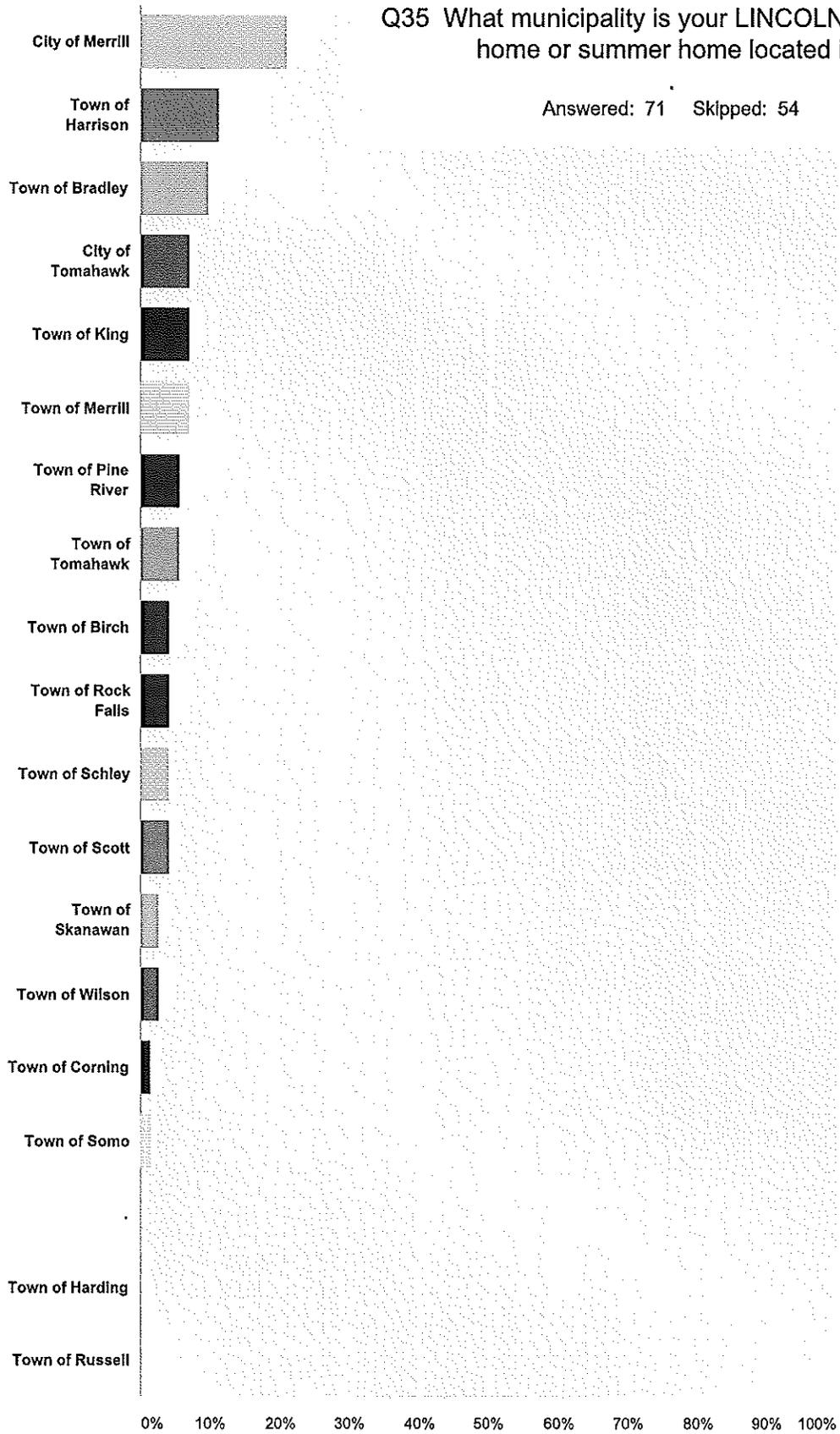


| Answer Choices | Responses |            |
|----------------|-----------|------------|
| Yes            | 61.21%    | 71         |
| No             | 38.79%    | 45         |
| <b>Total</b>   |           | <b>116</b> |

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Q35 What municipality is your LINCOLN COUNTY home or summer home located in?

Answered: 71 Skipped: 54



**County Forest Administrator's Report**  
**Department Activity May 1, 2016 – May 31, 2016**

Specific Activities:

5/4-Department Head Meeting  
5/9- Forestry, Land and Parks Committee Meeting and Spring Timber Sale  
5/24-Tax Delinquent Land Procedure Meeting  
5/26-Department Head Meeting

General Activities

Lincoln County 5-Year Rec. Plan  
2016 Spring Timber Sales  
2016 Fall Timber Sales  
2015 Budget  
2016 Budget  
CCF Grant  
2015-16 Snowmobile and ATV Grants  
2016 Park Projects  
Seasonal Forestry Worker Position  
Snowmobile Bids  
Invasive Plant Monitoring Program  
Harrison Dam  
Safety Plan  
Park and Campground Issues  
Hiawatha Trail Issues  
Forest Certification Issues  
Tax Delinquent Parcels  
County Forest Roads  
Contact with Recreational Officer on Issues  
Access Permits  
Handicapped Hunter Permits  
Beaver Trapping Issues  
Timber Sale Monitoring and Administration  
Ice Age Trail Issues  
Single Track Bike Trail Issues  
Pine Lake ATV Trail  
Snowmobile/ATV Trail Issues  
Underdown Horse Club Issues  
Worked with Public on Issues Brought to Office  
Work with Loggers on Issues Brought to Office  
Preparation of Information for Committee Meeting