

COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

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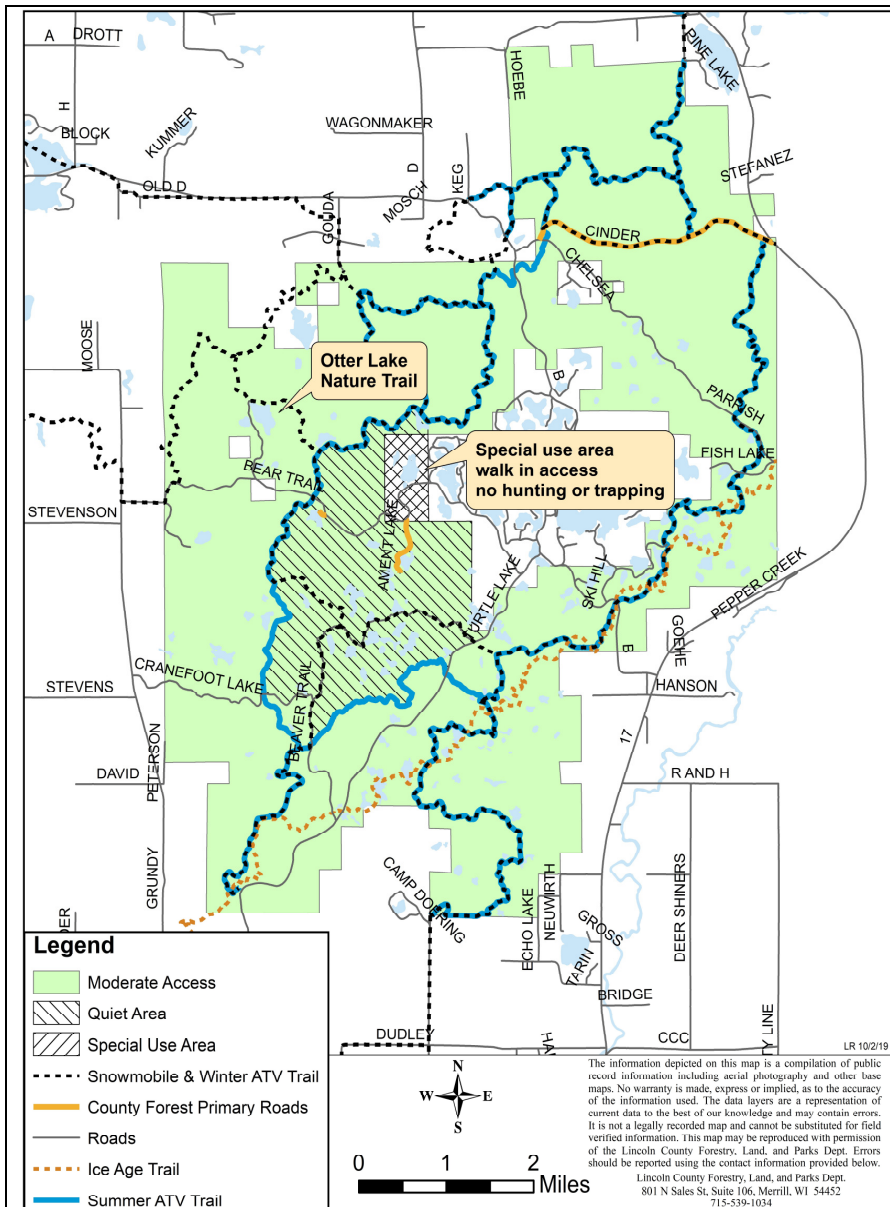
CHAPTER 3000

INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT UNITS

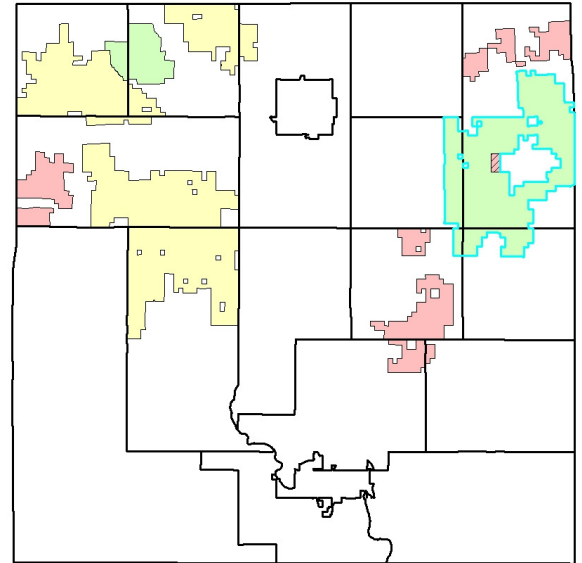
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LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE UNIT-HARRISON BLOCK



Lincoln Co. - Block Location



Limited access areas (red areas on map)

Very limited recreational motor vehicle travel is allowed in this area. Certain exceptions are allowed. Access to lakes and very limited designated snowmobile and ATV trails may be developed.

Intermediate access areas (yellow areas on map)

Select secondary roads and trails are open to recreational motor vehicle travel. Designated snowmobile and ATV trails are allowed to be developed.

Moderate access areas (green areas on map)

Many secondary roads and trails are open to recreational motorized use unless closed to protect sensitive or erodible soils. Snowmobiles and ATVs can ride on designated and other open roads and trails.

GOALS

- *Develop a hiking trail around Roothouse Lake on Wirth property.
- *Maintain quiet area on Wirth Property and surrounding area.
- *Expand the Turtle Lake Road ATV parking lot.
- *Possible turnaround on north end of Town Hall Road.
- *Open Cinder Road to ATV traffic from Hwy 17 to Parish Road.
- *Camping shelter on the Ice Age Trail in Harrison, possibly at Bus Lake.
- *Backcountry trail system around the lakes of Beaver Trail Road and Ski Hill Road for biking, hiking, paddle portage, snowshoe and backcountry ski.

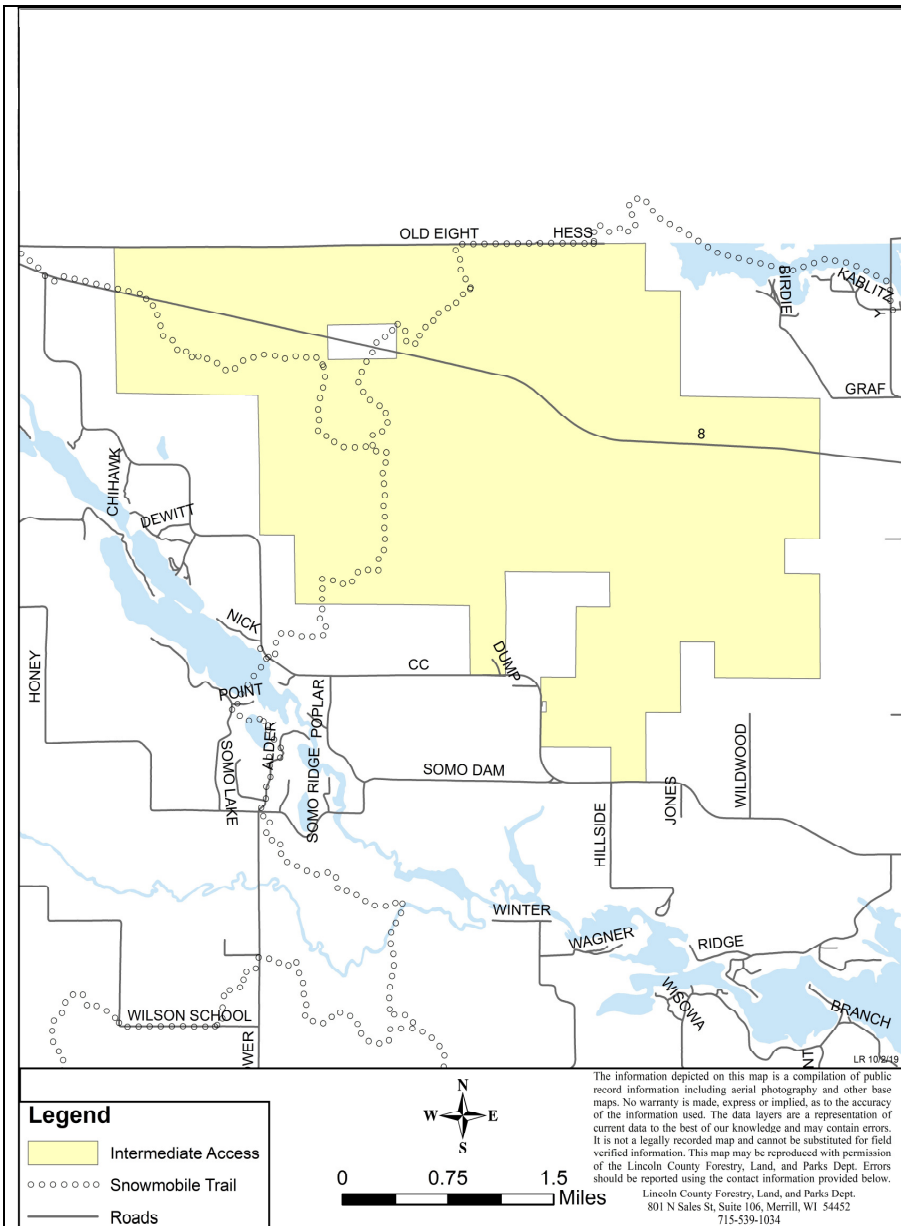
GENERAL OVERVIEW AND CONSIDERATIONS

This block consists of approximately 26,360 acres of county forest land and includes 319 acres of special use county forest land. The main cover types found on this block are northern hardwoods and oak (51%) and aspen (24%). The Topography in the block ranges from nearly level to very steep and soils in the block, for the most part are well drained. No hunting or trapping is allowed north of Bear Trail Road on the Wirth Special Use Property. With the large amounts of northern hardwoods and oak on this block, goals include maintaining or expanding the aspen type for diversity on the landscape and developing high quality stands of hardwood saw timber.

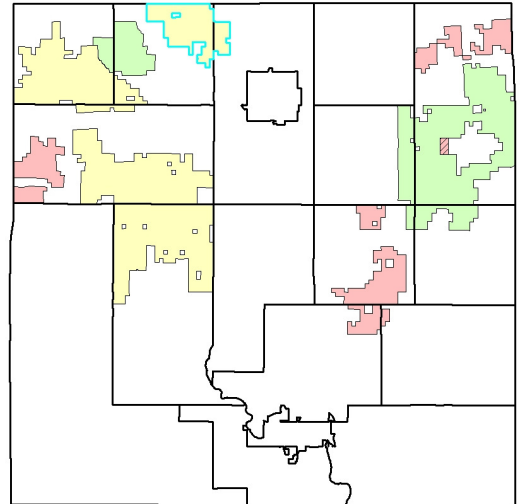
The main concern for access in this block is to control erosion on steep slopes. Forest roads and recreational trails must be located following natural contours and use soil stabilization methods, and must be maintained annually. This block has the largest human population in proximity of the county forest and has the most motorized miles of recreational trails. Access to this block is very good via county and town roads. With these considerations this block has been designated for moderate motor vehicle use.

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HIGHWAY 8 BLOCK ACCESS CONDITIONS



Lincoln Co. Block Location



Limited access areas (red areas on map)

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Intermediate access areas (yellow areas on map)

Select secondary roads and trails are open to recreational motor vehicle travel. Designated snowmobile and ATV trails are allowed to be developed.

Moderate access areas (green areas on map)

Many secondary roads and trails are open to recreational motorized use unless closed to protect sensitive or erodible soils. Snowmobiles and ATVs can ride on designated and other open roads and trails.

GENERAL OVERVIEW AND CONSIDERATIONS

This block consists of approximately 6,940 acres of county forest land. The main cover types found on this block are aspen (37%) and northern hardwoods, oak, white birch (18%) which are all important for timber and wildlife habitat. Goals for this block include perpetuating the white birch cover type and increasing the pine type. The Topography is flat and soils in the block range from moderately well drained to somewhat poorly drained.

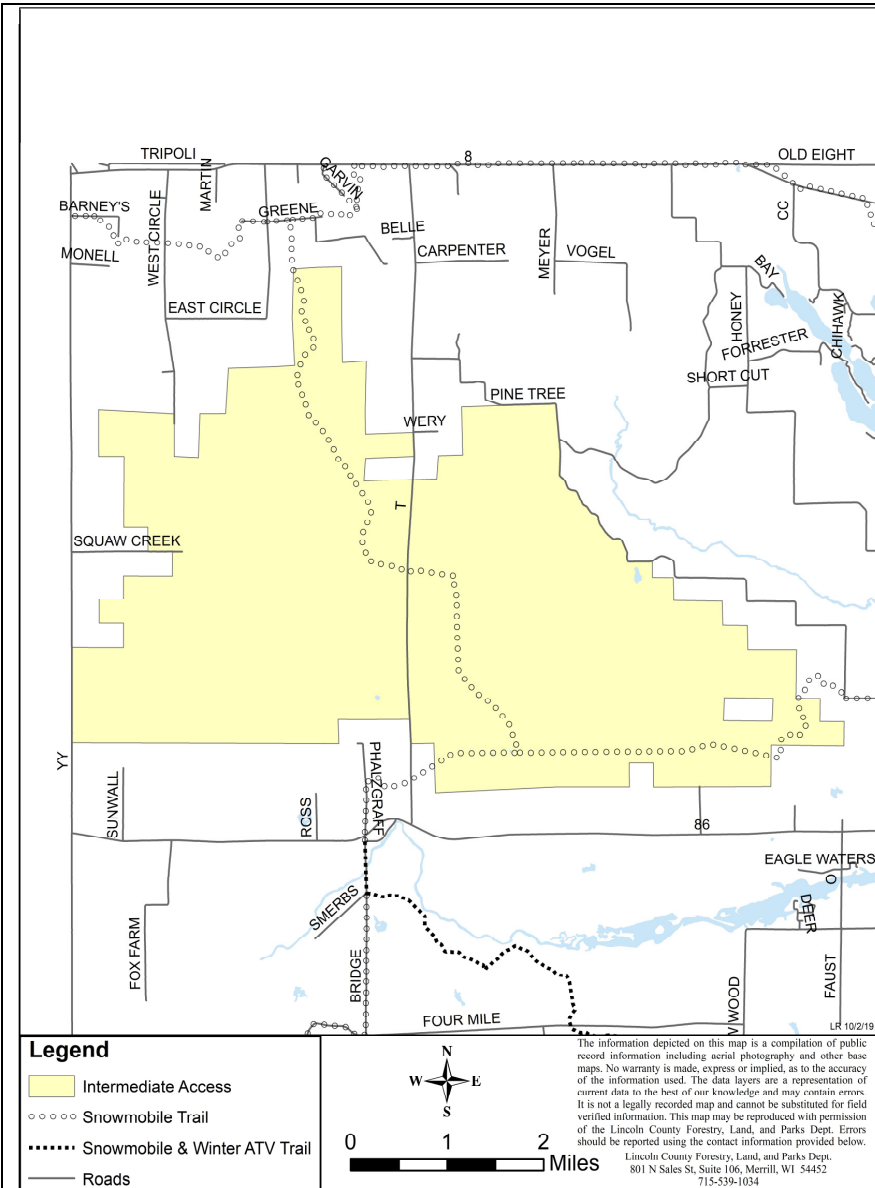
The main concern in this block is to protect the soil from rutting. Approximately 35% of this block is classified as a wetland type so public roads and recreational trails will require major construction and a high level of maintenance to be accessible for summer use. Wetland permit issues and cost of development will make summer access very challenging. With these considerations this block has been designated for intermediate motor vehicle use.

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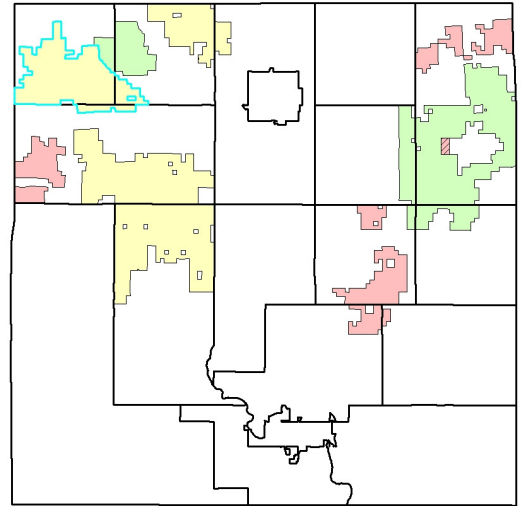
GOALS

*Where appropriate, secondary roads should be improved to a suitable point off primary roads with parking areas and then opened to motorized use. Beyond these points, it will be non-motorized thus creating a quiet area.

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE UNIT-HIGHWAY T BLOCK



Lincoln Co. - Block Location



Limited access areas (red areas on map)

Very limited recreational motor vehicle travel is allowed in this area. Certain exceptions are allowed. Access to lakes and very limited designated snowmobile and ATV trails may be developed.

Intermediate access areas (yellow areas on map)

Select secondary roads and trails are open to recreational motor vehicle travel. Designated snowmobile and ATV trails are allowed to be developed.

Moderate access areas (green areas on map)

Many secondary roads and trails are open to recreational motorized use unless closed to protect sensitive or erodible soils. Snowmobiles and ATVs can ride on designated and other open roads and trails.

GENERAL OVERVIEW AND CONSIDERATIONS

This block consists of approximately 14,320 acres of county forest land. The main cover type found on this block is aspen (53%) which is important for timber and wildlife habitat. Goals for this block is to maintain large blocks of the aspen type. The Topography is flat and soils for the most part are somewhat poorly drained to very poorly drained.

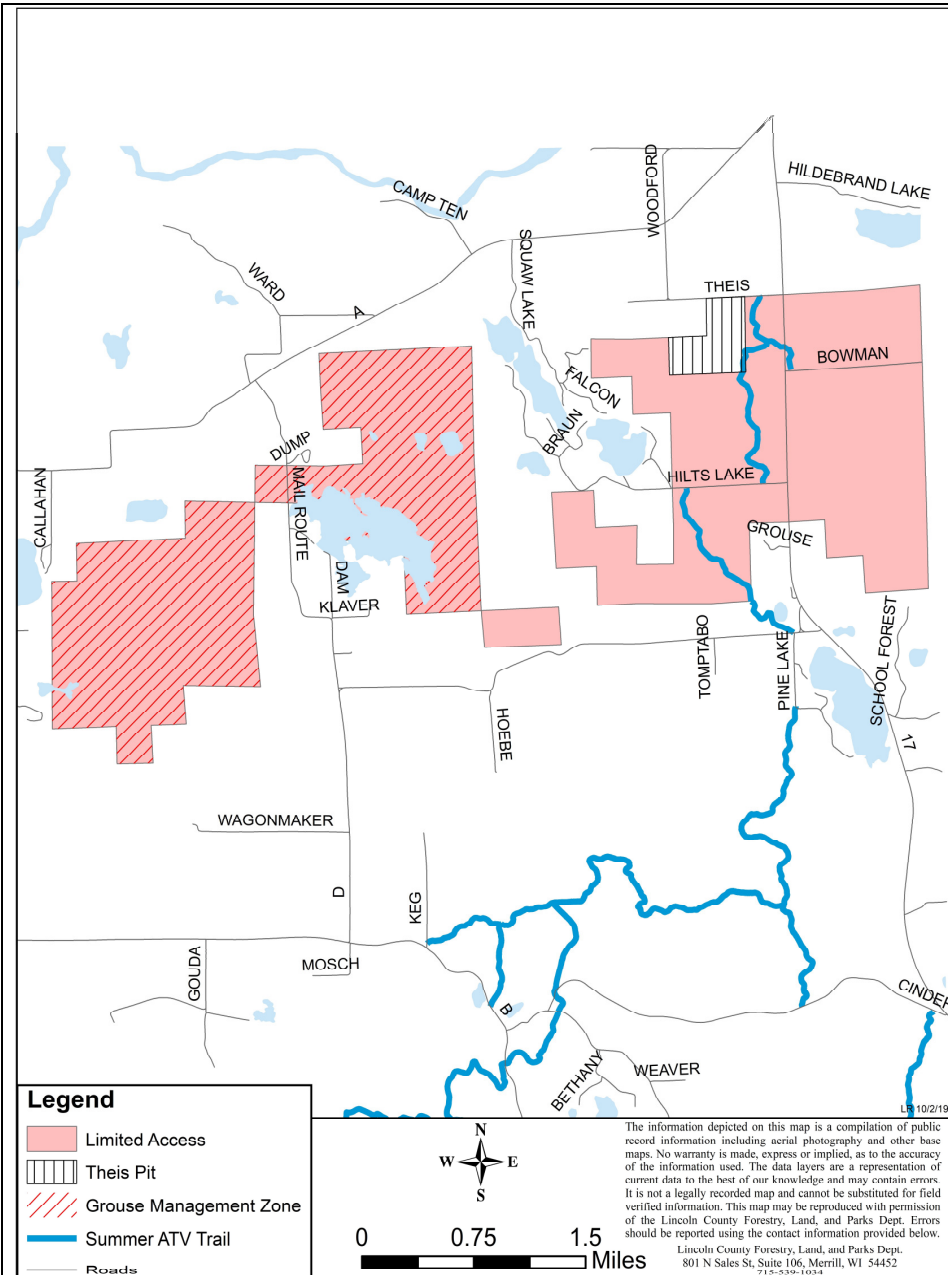
The main concern in this block is to protect the soil from rutting. Approximately 40% of this block is classified as a wetland type so public roads and recreational trails will require major construction and a high level of maintenance to be accessible for summer use. Wetland permit issues and cost of development will make summer access very challenging. With these considerations this block has been designated for intermediate motor vehicle use.

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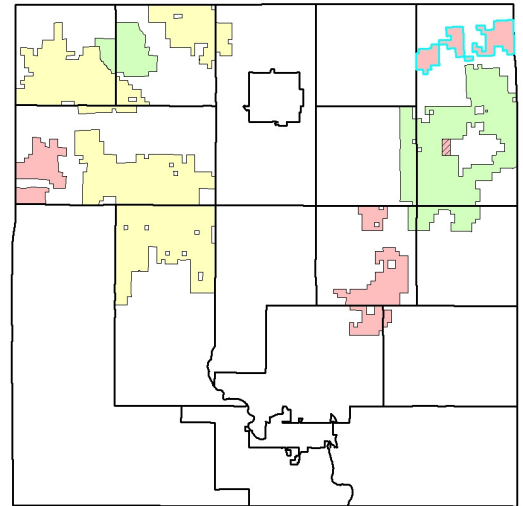
GOALS

- *Work with Spirit Valley Riders to create an ATV trail to Tripoli gas station.
- *Work with Somo Area ATV/UTV Club to develop loop type trail south of Pine Tree Lane and west of Wilson School Road.

LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE UNIT-MAIL ROUTE BLOCK



LINCOLN CO. - BLOCK LOCATION



Limited access areas (red areas on map)

Very limited recreational motor vehicle travel is allowed in this area. Certain exceptions are allowed. Access to lakes and very limited designated snowmobile and ATV trails may be developed.

Intermediate access areas (yellow areas on map)

Select secondary roads and trails are open to recreational motor vehicle travel. Designated snowmobile and ATV trails are allowed to be developed.

Moderate access areas (green areas on map)

Many secondary roads and trails are open to recreational motorized use unless closed to protect sensitive or erodible soils. Snowmobiles and ATVs can ride on designated and other open roads and trails.

GENERAL OVERVIEW AND CONSIDERATIONS

This block consists of approximately 4,430 acres of county forest land. The main cover type found on this block is aspen (40%) which is important for timber and wildlife habitat. The western portion of this unit is one of the county's ruffed grouse management areas. As a result, maintaining diverse age classes of the aspen type is a goal on this block. A secondary goal is to maintain an intermingling of quality hardwood stands. The Topography is rolling and soils in the uplands are well drained.

The main concern in this block is to control erosion on steep slopes. Forest roads and recreational trails must be located following natural contours and use soil stabilization methods. Access to this block is very good via state and town roads. With these considerations this block has been designated for limited motor vehicle use.

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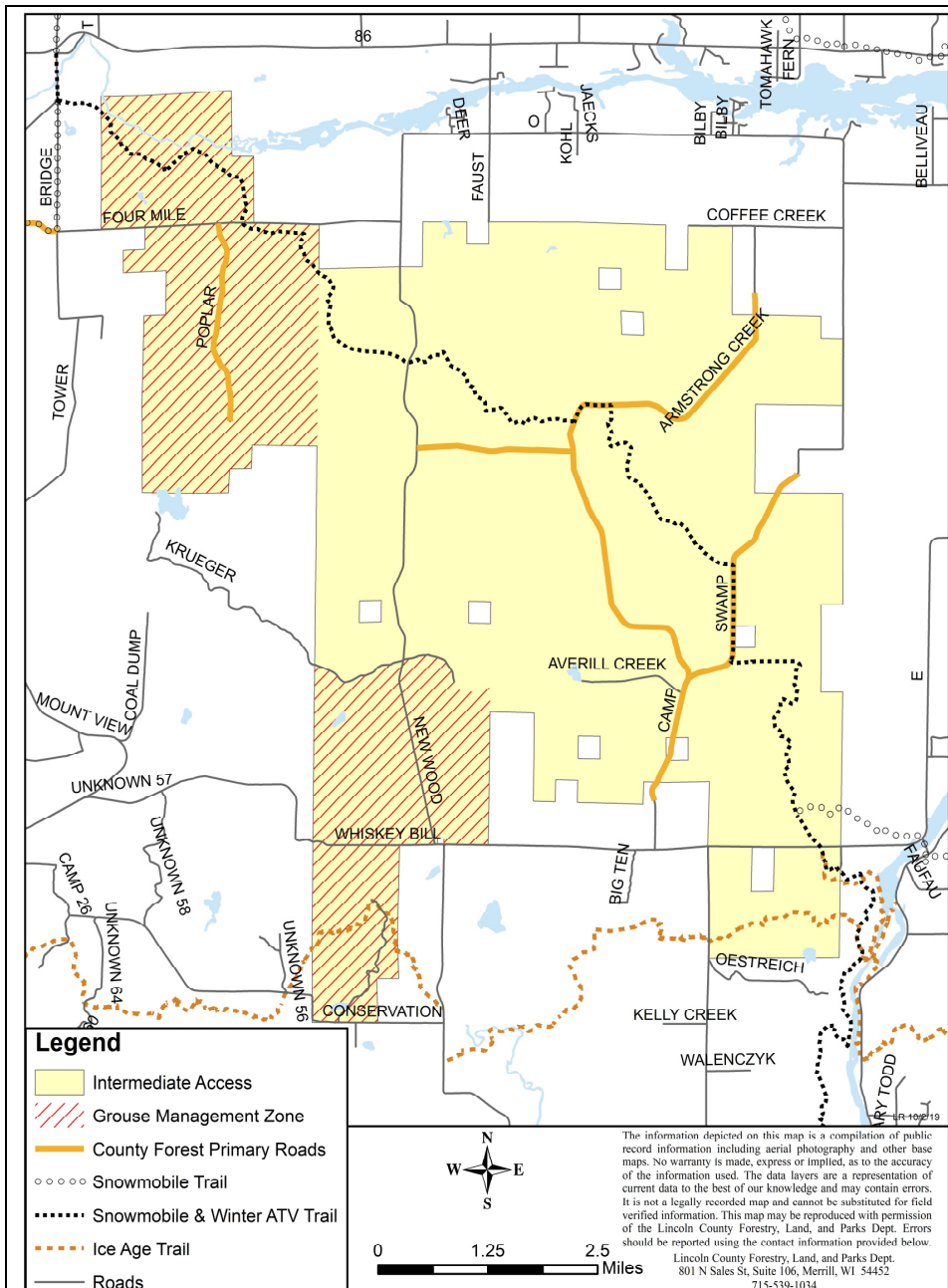
GOALS

*Maintain ruffed grouse hunter walking trails on the western portion of this block.

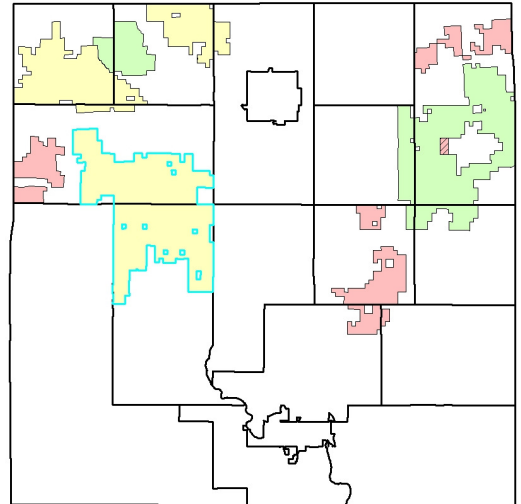
*A quiet area will be maintained in this block, as only limited motorized vehicle use will be allowed.

*Explore the potential to develop an ATV intensive use area in the Theis Pit that connects to the Harrison Hills ATV trail system after this area no longer functions as an active gravel pit.

NEW WOOD BLOCK ACCESS CONDITIONS



Lincoln Co. - Block Location



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Intermediate access areas (yellow areas on map)

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Moderate access areas (green areas on map)

Many secondary roads and trails are open to recreational motorized use unless closed to protect sensitive or erodible soils. Snowmobiles and ATVs can ride on designated and other open roads and trails.

GENERAL OVERVIEW AND CONSIDERATIONS

The block consists of approximately 30,690 acres of county forest land. The main cover type found on this block is aspen (51%) which is important for timber and wildlife habitat. This block contains two of the county's ruffed grouse management areas. Goals for the grouse management areas are to maintain different age classes of the aspen type. Goals on the rest of this block include maintaining or expanding the northern hardwood type for diversity on the landscape. The topography in the block is flat and the soils are somewhat poorly drained to very poorly drained.

The major concern in the block is to protect the soil from rutting. Approximately 30% of this block is classified as a wetland type so public roads and recreational trails will require major construction and a high level of maintenance to be accessible for summer use. Wetland permit issues and cost of development will make summer access very challenging. With these considerations this block has been designated for intermediate motor vehicle use.

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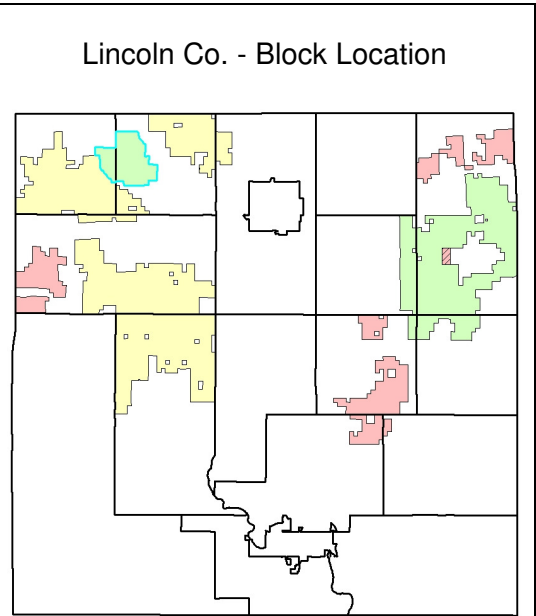
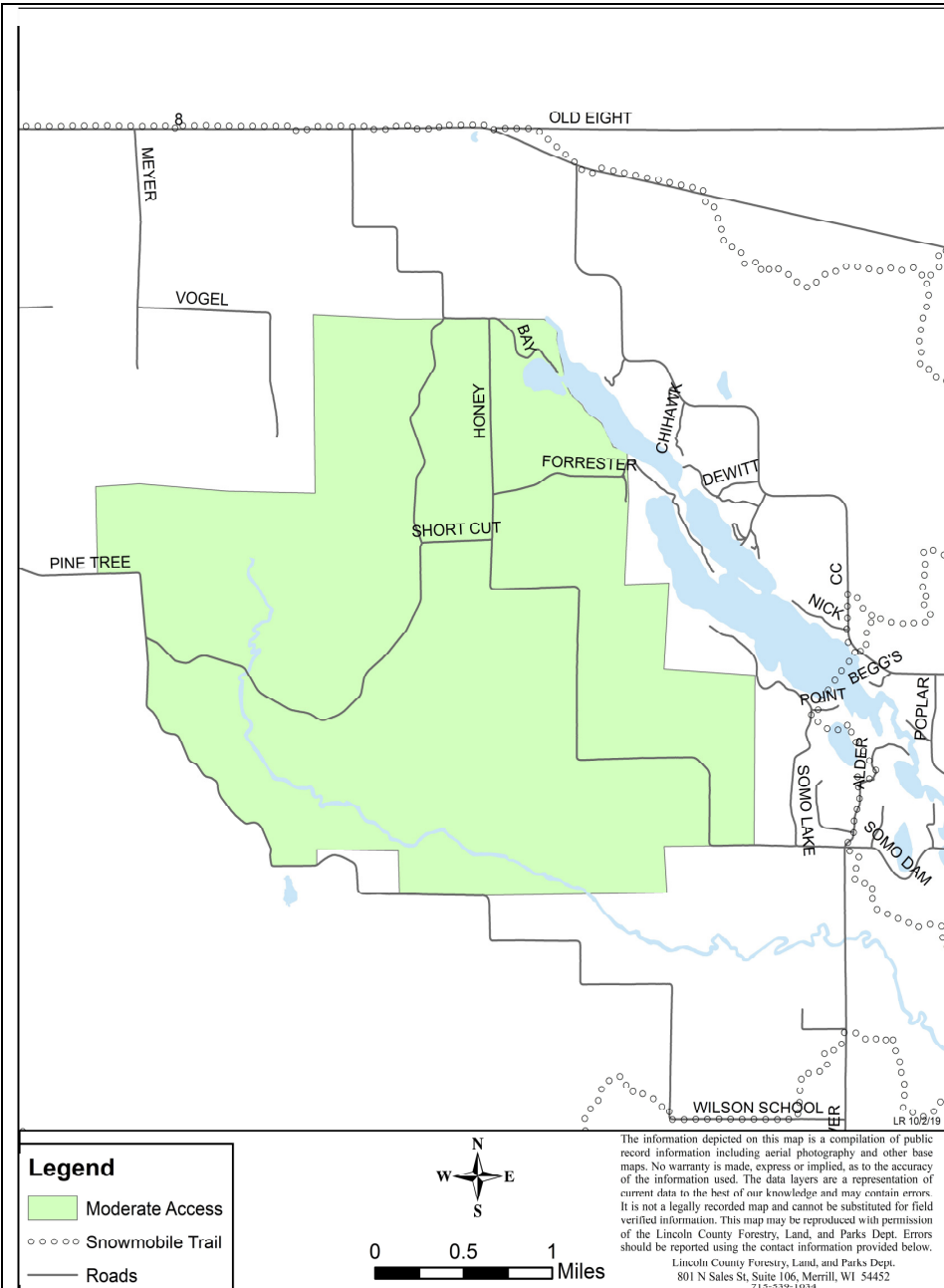
GOALS

*Conduct trail rehabilitation and gate Snowmobile Trail west of Swamp Road to enhance snowmobile and winter ATV use on Corridor 19.

*Maintain ruffed grouse hunter walking trails on this block.

*Snowmobile trail from CTH E to Swamp Road open for ATV use (gated on ends) from May 1 to December 1 unless posted closed.

PINE TREE LANE BLOCK ACCESS CONDITIONS



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Moderate access areas (green areas on map)
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GENERAL OVERVIEW AND CONSIDERATIONS

This block consists of approximately 5,130 acres of county forest land. The main cover types found on this block are aspen (35%) and pine (30%) which are both important for timber and wildlife habitat. Management goals on this block are to maintain the aspen and increase the pine type. The Topography is flat and soils range from moderately well drained to very poorly drained.

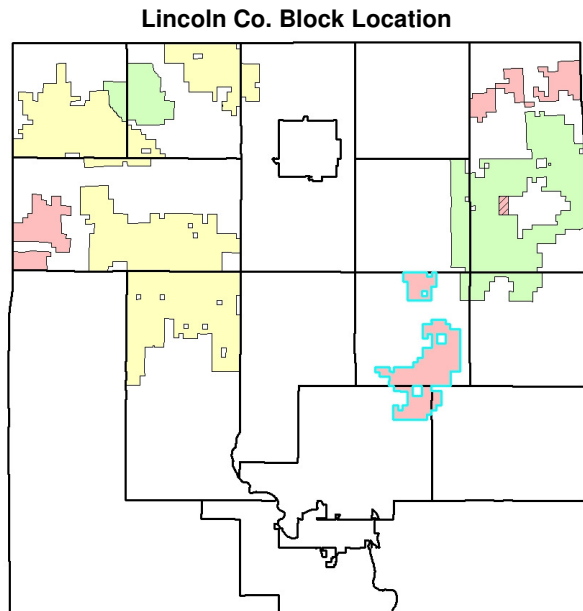
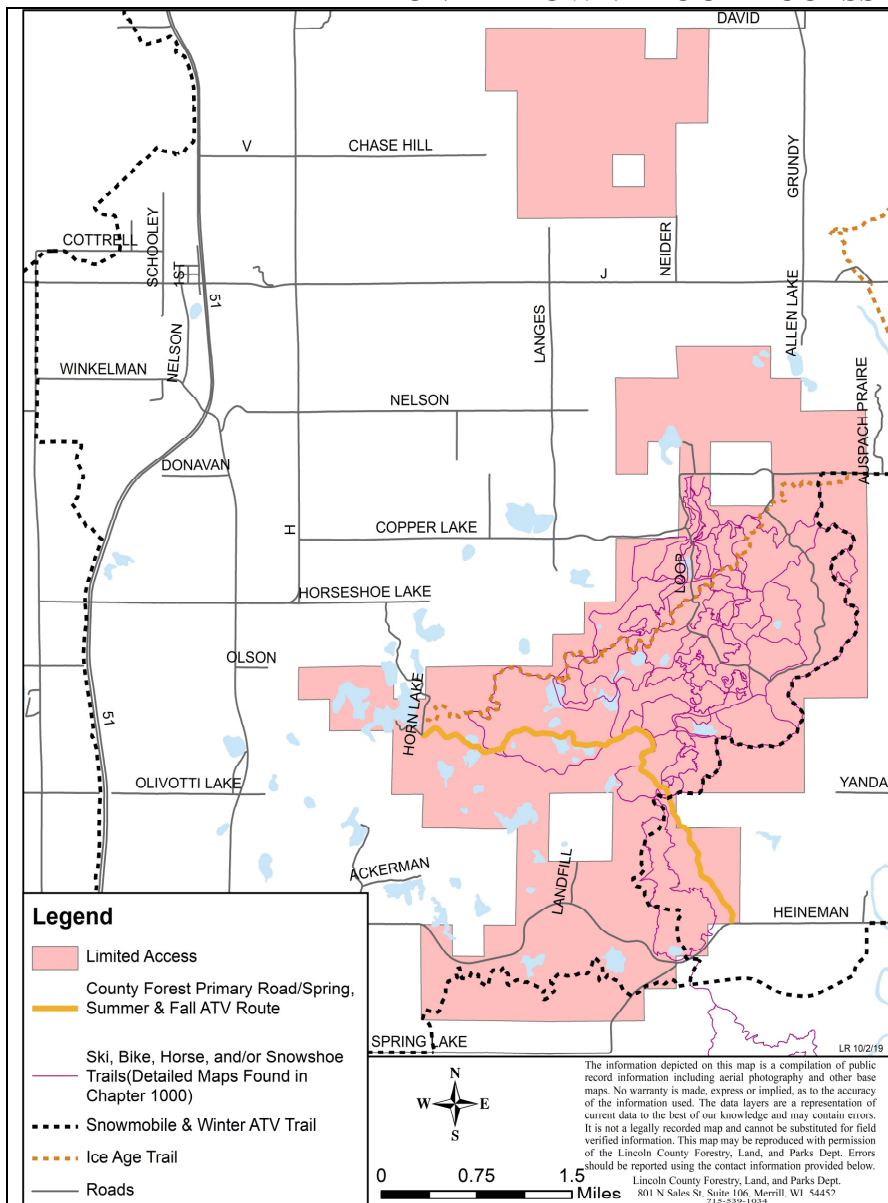
The main concern in this block is to protect the soil from rutting. Public roads and recreational trails in this block require moderate construction and periodic maintenance. Access is relatively good via town roads. With these considerations this block has been designated for moderate motor vehicle use.

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GOALS

- *Work with Somo Area ATV/UTV Club to develop trails to:
 - Posey Rapids
 - Pine Tree Lane to Posey Rapids
 - Short Cut Lane to Posey Rapids

UNDERDOWN BLOCK ACCESS CONDITIONS



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GOALS

- *Maintain ruffed grouse hunter walking trails on this block.
- *A core area be managed to accommodate future growth in non-motorized recreational activities.
- *A quiet area will be maintained in this block, as only limited motorized use will be allowed.
- *Downhill style bike park in the hills surrounding Anderson Lake.
- *Widening of ski trail to and from Loop Road so that skate ski grooming could be viable and dependable.
- *Bridge from Prairie Dells County Park across the river to existing trails.
- *Prairie Dells trail shelter (Work with City of Merrill to accomplish this on City property).

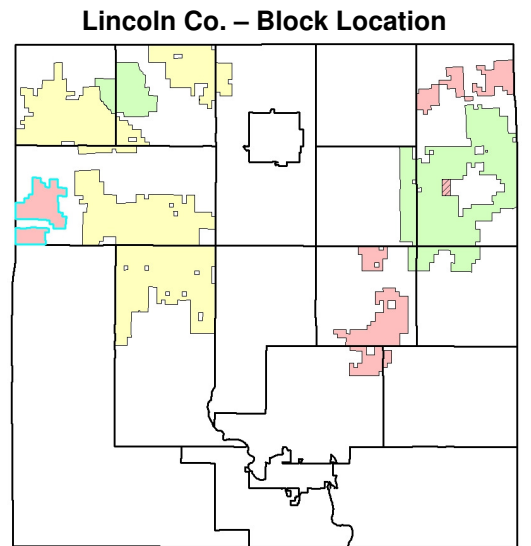
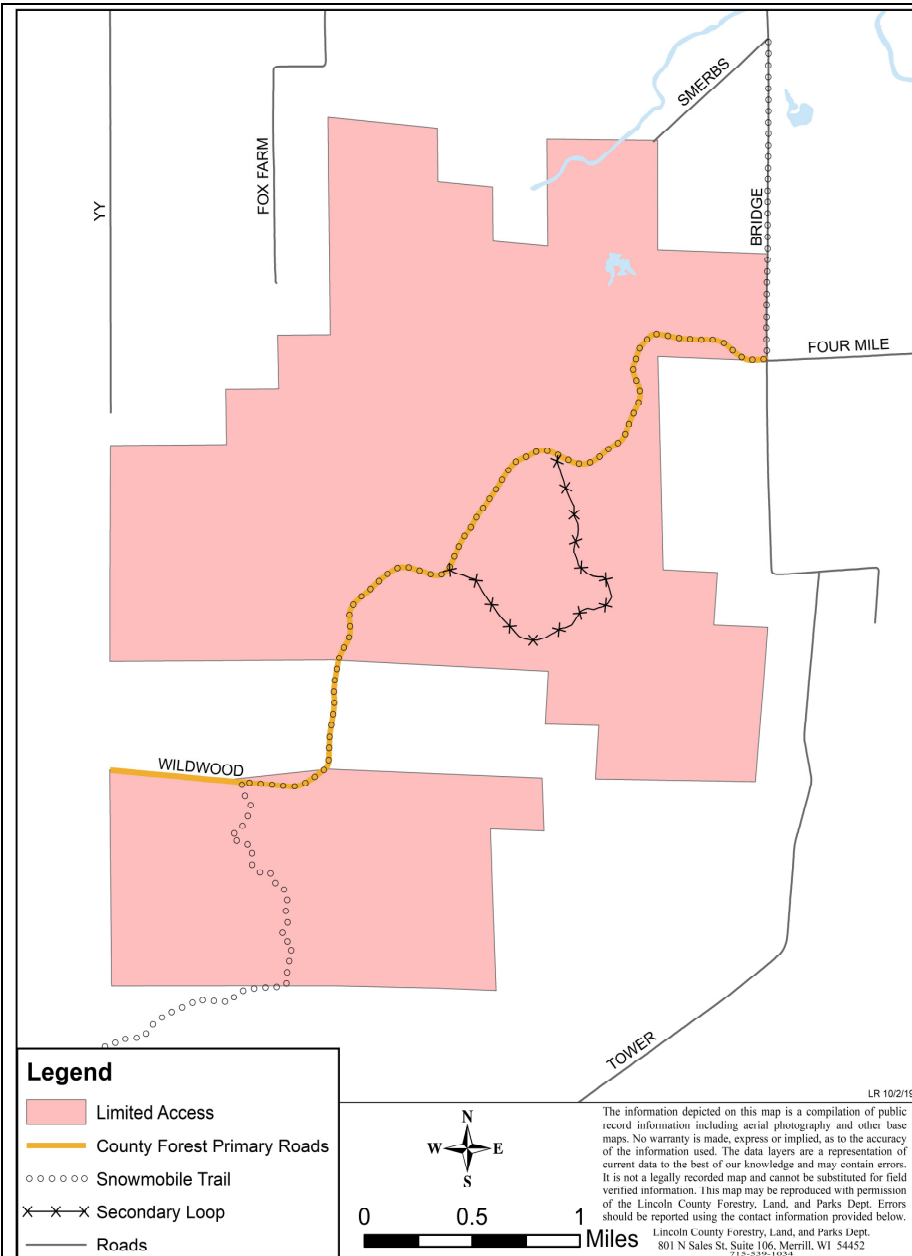
GENERAL OVERVIEW AND CONSIDERATIONS

This block consists of approximately 8200 acres of county forest land. The main cover types found on this block are aspen (25%) and mixed hardwoods (42%) which are both important for timber and wildlife habitat. This entire block is one of the county's ruffed grouse management areas. As a result, maintaining or expanding different age classes of the aspen type for landscape diversity, and maintaining a cover type that will provide shade on the X-C trails are both goals for this block. The Topography in the block ranges from nearly level to very steep and soils in the block, for the most part are well drained.

The main concern in this block is to control erosion on steep slopes and control over use from a wide variety of users. Forest roads and recreational trails must be located following natural contours and use soil stabilization methods. Access to this block is very good via county and town roads. With these considerations this block has been designated for limited motor vehicle use.

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WILD WOOD BLOCK ACCESS CONDITIONS



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Moderate access areas (green areas on map)
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GOALS

- *Secondary Wildwood Loop developed and open to ATV's from May 1 to March 15, and open to snowmobiles during winter season unless posted closed.
- *A quiet area will be established in this block, as only limited motorized use will be allowed.

GENERAL OVERVIEW AND CONSIDERATIONS

The block consists of approximately 4770 acres of county forestland. The main cover types found on the block are aspen (25%) and northern hardwoods (37%) which are both important for timber and wildlife habitat. Management goals for this block are to maintain the aspen and northern hardwood cover types. The topography in this block is flat and the soils range from somewhat poorly drained to very poorly drained.

The major concern in this block is to protect the soil from rutting. Approximately 35% of this block is classified as a wetland type so public roads and recreational trails will require major construction and a high level of maintenance to be accessible for summer use. Wetland permit issues and cost of development will make summer access very challenging. With these considerations this block has been designated for limited motor vehicle use.

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