

Resource REVIEW

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From The LSRA President

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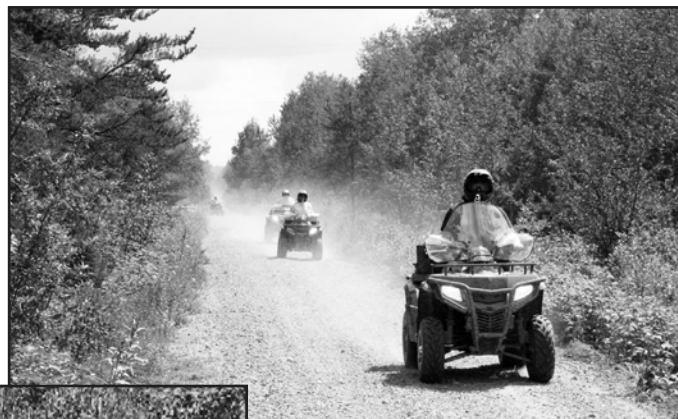
We, like everyone else are trying to cut cost. Please remember to keep your dues current and ask a friend or business associate to join LSRA. Working together we will promote access to our public lands for sustainable and responsible multiple use. Membership is the key to access for tomorrow.

Contact has been made in Washington from LSRA regarding the Snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park Winter Use Planning Team. We attended the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Resource Advisory committee meeting in Crandon, WI. Local committees must work together in recommending projects that will benefit resources on the Huron

Manistee forest regarding hunting and snowmobiling, Washington is slow to react. Meetings were held with the Governors of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota with timber sales and management plans as well as economic problems and needs. As you can see the problems don't go away. Be involved and talk to your elected representatives.

Have a great year.

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LSRA President



Current Actions

Steve Guthrie, a professional forester, recently testified in Washington, DC on behalf of Nicolet Hardwoods Corporation, Lakes States Lumber Association, and the Hardwood Federation. Lake States Resource Alliance, made a small contribution towards Steve’s travel expenses.

At the May 5th hearing in regards to the Proposed Forest Planning Rule, Steve stated, *“Unfortunately, the Proposed Rule under consideration today seeks to take the National Forest System further down the road where timber harvesting takes a back seat to landscape concerns, forest restoration, and nearly every current scientific concern except timber management.”*

Steve continued his testimony, pointing out a variety of issues such as: the increased cost of implementing this rule, lack of timber production in older stands and other areas containing higher quality hardwood on US Forest Service lands, keeping a healthy balance between growth and harvest, and the lack of research regarding the impact this proposed rule would have on the timber production industry. Guthrie testified, *“Given the current high unemployment rate in our country, it is very important that we assess the value of our available forest resources and the number of*

jobs those resources can provide. A recent analysis by the Minnesota DNR found that \$1 of timber value produced \$41.60 of value-added economic activity.”

A letter to the Secretary of Agriculture was sent out May 11th requesting a 90-day extension on the Proposed Forest Planning Rule. No formal answer had been received as of June 14th.

Steve Guthrie is a professional forester who has worked in the forest products industry since 1977. He joined Nicolet Hardwoods Corporation in 2007. As the Woodlands Manager for Nicolet Hardwoods, Mr. Guthrie is responsible for managing 35,000 acres of company timberland, and directing the hardwood log procurement program for the company sawmills at Laona, Wisconsin and Amasa, Michigan. Steve has been active in the forestry community, serving on the Wisconsin Governor’s Council on Forestry, Chairman of the Wisconsin Paper Council Forest Practices Committee, Chairman of the AF&PA Federal Timber Purchasers Committee, Board President of Trees For Tomorrow Natural Resources Specialty School, and numerous other professional activities.

2011 Proposed Forest Planning Rule can be found at: www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule and Steve Guthrie’s testimony can be found at: <http://agriculture.house.gov/pdf/hearings/Guthrie110505.pdf>

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