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Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry – Bureau of Forestry Field Operations
Timber Sale Handbook 2461

Stakeholder Comment & Response Summary

Why did we update the handbook?

The Timber Sale Handbook is updated every 2 years to incorporate and codify any approved policies and guidance that have occurred since the previous update.

Summary of Process

The Timber Sale Handbook was posted for a 21-day public comment period on the DNR Division of Forestry's "Stakeholder Input Opportunities for Forestry documents" webpage from April 3, 2024 through April 24, 2024. DNR staff were notified through the Department's internal newsletter and more specifically through the Division of Forestry's internal newsletter. External stakeholders were notified via the Division of Forestry Stakeholder Input Opportunities for Forestry Documents webpage and via direct emails where appropriate.

Summary of Comments

The Department extends its sincerest thanks and appreciation to those who provided comment and feedback on the proposed changes. A total of 10 individuals/organizations provided comments on the draft version. The comments can be summarized as follows. A complete list of all comments can be made available upon request.

Page	Comment	Response
41-2	Incorrect guidance for approval on this sentence. "If the reappraisal changes the appraised value, it must be resubmitted for approval prior to sale."	Guidance updated to provide clear direction
32-12	No clear guidance on approval process when adding additional acres to established sales.	Guidance updated to provide clear direction
22-2	Update GIS map disclaimer.	Updated
32-3	Examples?	Found in Silviculture guidance
64-2	Farm Service isn't FDIC NCUA. Is it covered?	Legal Approved this language as is.
83-1	Under the 4 th paragraph it states: The contractor should be notified that they may be responsible for the damages exceeding the performance bond, and if not paid the Department <u>will</u> pursue the collection of unpaid damages. I think "will" should be changed to "may" because we don't seem to go after damages above the performance bond.	Language corrected
25-2	Silv handbook listed. Also handbook number.	Updated
74-1	Tier 1 has occurrence spelled wrong.	Updated
33-1	Habitat Manager to have timber sale approval	No change to current approval process.
22-1	Wherever we use "WisFIRS" first, make sure acronym is spelled out. The first time you reference the application say the Wisconsin Field Inventory and Reporting System (WisFIRS) Public Lands application.	Reviewed/corrected