

COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS OF 15 YEAR PLAN/FUTURE
AMENDMENT LIST**



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2021-2035 Burnett County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan Updating Schedule and Public Participation Approval

The following will be the process used to update the next Burnett County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan (15-Year Plan). This process has been reviewed and approved by the Burnett County Natural Resources Committee on August 9, 2019.

Below meets the minimum requirement for updating the next Burnett County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

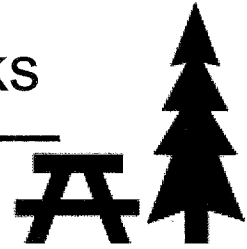
1. Bring 1-2 updated draft chapters to committee for approval. (Hope to start before January 2020, with hopes of having draft plan completed by June 2020)
2. Hold one listening session after the draft plan is approved to kick off the public comment period. Public comment needs to be at least a 30- day comment period. Kick off meeting can be accomplished by using the following methods.
 - a. Open House or done during a regularly held Committee meeting.
 - b. Public notice of comment period is required, newspaper, TV, web site, e-mails etc.
 - c. Comments can be obtained by written or verbal communication. (Comment period to be completed by August 15th 2020)
3. After 30-day comment period, comments are to be addressed and any necessary plan amendments made with Committee approval of draft plan. (September meeting)
4. Once the draft plan has been approved by the Natural Resources Committee, it should be sent onto DNR for draft plan review, in case changes are needed prior to approval of Final Plan. (Send to DNR by October)
5. After review by DNR if changes are needed, it will require a final Draft Plan Approval by the Natural Resources Committee. (November Meeting)
6. Final County Board Approval of 15-Year Plan. (November Board Meeting)
7. Send to DNR for Final Draft Approval by **December 2020.**

This is the tentative schedule that is required in order to have the plan updated within the required period. If possible, completion dates will be moved up in the process in order to complete the plan ahead of schedule.



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Burnett County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2021-2035

30-Day Public Review/Comment Opportunity

The Burnett County Natural Resources Committee has approved the draft Burnett County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan for years 2021-2035

The public will have the opportunity to review and make comment on the draft plan starting July 9, 2020 through August 9, 2020.

To view the plan, please visit the Burnett County website at www.burnettcounty.com/15yearplan

You may submit written comment directly through the webpage or mail it directly to the Forest & Parks Department at:
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The Burnett County Comprehensive Land Use Plan was released for its 30-Day public comment period on July 9th 2020 and was open for comment until August 9th 2020.

The comment period was initiated during our July 9th 2020 Burnett County Natural Resources Committee meeting. We also ran a notice in the local paper for two weeks prior to opening the plan to inform interested individuals of the comment period.

During this time, the public were welcomed to view the plan on the Burnett County webpage. They could view the entire plan and attachments at this location. They were welcomed to make a written comment by either submitting comment through our web page or they could choose to send written comment directly to the Forest & Parks office. They could also choose to make a verbal comment by contacting the Forest & Parks office and speaking to one of the staff.

At the end of the 30-day comment period, we had received the following comments.

Submitted e-mail's: 5 Comments

Submitted mail in: 0 Comments

Submitted Verbal: 0 Comments

All five written comments request that motorcycles be added to our summer ATV trail system as an allowable vehicle for riding.

During the September 8th, 2016 Natural resources Committee meeting, when the laws first changed to allow for off-road motorcycles on state funded ATV trail, the Committee discussed adding motorcycles. At that time, the local ATV club that maintains our funded trail system was not interested in adding these machines to the trail system. Some Committee members expressed safety concerns with having motorcycles on the same trails as bigger ATV's and UTV's. At that time, the Committee passed a motion to leave the trails as they were, which do not allow for motorcycles during the funded season.

It should be noted that many of the comments made talked about the use of dual use motorcycles on the trails. Dual use motorcycles are motorcycles that are street legal and can also handle off road riding. Our current ordinance does allow for dual use motorcycles on our trails after the funded ATV trail season is done on September 16th each year. As long as the motorcycle is licensed with the DMV, same as a car or truck during the September 16th – December 1st season, they can be ridden on the county forest.

During the Burnett County Natural Resources Committee meeting held on August 13, 2020, the Committee review and discussed the public comments that were received. During this meeting, the committee moved to keep our trail system use the same and decided not to allow the motorcycle use on our state funded trail system. This motion passed.

Later in August after the comment period was up and the committee had already met, we did receive one other written comment. This particular group represented hunting in general and asked that the county continue to allow for areas on the forest that limit motorized trails.

With our current draft of the plan, Burnett County has not made any changes to the current non-motorized areas identified in our LMU's. As of now, we will continue with the same areas that we have had identified in our last 15-Year Plan.