

Date: March 17, 2010

Dear Assembly Committee on Natural Resources member \_\_\_\_\_,

Re: Administrative Code NR 52 (CR 09-77)

As a Wisconsin resident one of the truly unique “fabrics” of our state is how conservation minded and outdoors enthused our residents are. This “fabric” is reflected by the creation and funding of Knowles-Nelson. As you know, funding of this type and amount is truly unique amongst states.

However I am concerned the way Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is administratively managing Knowles-Nelson is preventing recreational bicycling on Knowles-Nelson funded projects. The proposed Administrative Code NR 52 (CR 09-77) before you places additional obstacles in this process and does not insure that the citizens are fairly represented. As a constituent I am asking you for two simple things:

1. Acknowledge the 2005-2010 Wisconsin SCORP report that identifies bicycling as an outdoor family activity that Wisconsinites list higher than any of the existing Nature-based Outdoor Activities (NBOA).
2. Instruct the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources department through policy included in NR 52, that bicycling must be given the exact equal considerations, protection and implantation with regards to Knowles-Nelson lands as any of the existing NBOA’s per Chapter 23. Specifically, the reason this request should be included and fits into NR 52 is that the review process of NR 52 will then prevent the department from eliminating recreational bicycling on Knowles-Nelson funded projects without a fair public review process. If prohibition of bicycling should arise, NR 52 lays out the process for review and therefore the Wisconsin citizen is protected.

By having bicycling go through the NR 52 process the public, that is funding the land purchase, at lease gets to be heard; thereby protecting the Wisconsin Citizen.

Thank you for your time and consideration in these two simple requests.

Very Truly Yours,

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