



**Wisconsin Stewardship Network sends Governor  
letter against Forestry Department split**

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This Wisconsin Stewardship Network (WSN) today delivered a letter to Governor Scott McCallum asking he veto the Forestry Department split in the state budget. The letter was signed by nearly 200 individuals from a diverse group of hunting, fishing, conservation, and environmental organizations.

“The groups associated with the Wisconsin Stewardship Network are telling us they fear this Forestry split is just a foot in the door that will lead to more resource management fragmentation in coming years,” said WSN state coordinator Todd Hanson at a morning press conference. “It’s like the old story of stone soup. We’re now being told what a tasty dish this Forestry stone will make, but many groups fear the real objective is to ask for some vegetables and meat down the line. What will be next? Parks? Hunting and fishing activities? It’s best we recognize this stone for what it is and take it out of the pot right now.”



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Honorable Scott McCallum  
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Madison, WI 53707

Dear Governor McCallum,

The State of Wisconsin is blessed not only with dedicated individuals working for our Department of Natural Resources, but with many nongovernmental hunting, fishing, conservation, and environmental group members working as partners on local natural resources matters.

The individuals named at the end of this letter are among these people. They have contacted the Wisconsin Stewardship Network saying they are opposed to a split in the Department of Natural Resources.

I hope you take these people's front-line understandings into consideration and veto the Forestry Department budget item before you. I also invite you to contact any of these individuals to personally discuss their thoughts on the wisdom of maintaining a fully integrated DNR. If you care to do this, I can provide your staff with the phone numbers of many of these people.

Thank you on behalf of your partners in natural resources stewardship.

Sincerely,

Todd Hanson