

ORDINANCE FOR
SLOW-NO-WAKE AREA

A SOLE ORDINANCE TO REGULATE BOATING UPON THE WATERS OF DEERSKIN LAKE, VILAS COUNTY, CITY OF EAGLE RIVER, TOWN OF WASHINGTON, SECTION 6, 11E, 40N, BOARD of the VILAS COUNTY, CITY OF EAGLE RIVER, TOWN OF WASHINGTON of DEERSKIN LAKE do ordain as follows:

Section I. Applicability and Enforcement

- (a) The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of Deerskin Lake, Vilas County, City of Eagle River, Town of Washington, Section 6, 11E, 40N.
- (b) This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the Vilas County, City of Eagle River, Town of Washington of Deerskin Lake.

Section II. Intent

The intent of this ordinance is to provide a sensitive area protection to a shallow, delicate and fragile bay whose aquatic plants are being destroyed by excessive boat traffic. The area also contains a loon nest which was lost due to wave action. The lake contains minimal structure to support fish habitat and reproduction, therefore, protection of all aquatic vegetation is necessary. The proposed No-Wake bay is 2-3' deep and not conducive to high speed motor boat usage, therefore, the ordinance would result in little impact on the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests and the capability of the water resources.

Section III. State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted

State boating laws as found in ss. 30.50 to 30.71, Wis. Stats., are adopted by reference.

Section IV. Definitions

- (a) "Slow-no-wake" means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.
- (b) "Public access" means by access to the waters by means of public property.
- (c) "North-East Bay" means all surface waters North of an imaginary line extending from the public access on Deerskin Park Road (Point A, N.E. shoreline) approximately 2000' to the opposite N.W. shoreline at the border marker of the Nicolet-Chequamegon National Forest. (Point B more specifically)
Point A: East Shoreline:
N 45° 58. 856'
W 089 09. 751'
Point B: West Shoreline:
N45° 58. 879'
W089 10. 090'
- (d) "Sensitive Area Protection"

North-East Bay of Deerskin Lake with a depth of 2-3' contains at least Eleven (11) identified aquatic plants some designated special concern species plus an active loon nest. (DNR Aquatic Plant report is enclosed.)

(e) "Minimal Structure"

No gravel, rock bars, deep holes. (Lake averages 6' deep) or significant drop-offs. Bottom structure is mostly sandy.

Section V. Controlled Area

North-East Bay of Deerskin Lake, beginning North of a straight line extending approximately 2000' from shore to shore from the Deerskin Park public access (boat landing) which is the Northeast side of bay on Deerskin Park Road to the Nicolet Forest Property boundary on the Northwest shoreline.

Section VI. Posting Requirements

The Vilas County, City of Eagle River, Town of Washington and the Deerskin Lake Association shall place and maintain a synopsis of this ordinance at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Vilas County, City of Eagle River, Town of Washington pursuant to the requirements of NR 5.15 Wis. Admin. Code.

Section VII. Penalties

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in Wis. Stat. 30.80, and deposits as established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference, are hereby adopted by reference and all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment deleted.

Section VIII. Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Vilas County, City of Eagle River, Town of Washington Board would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section IX. Effective Date

This section will become effective upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 200_____.

Vilas County, City of Eagle River, Town of Washington, Chairman

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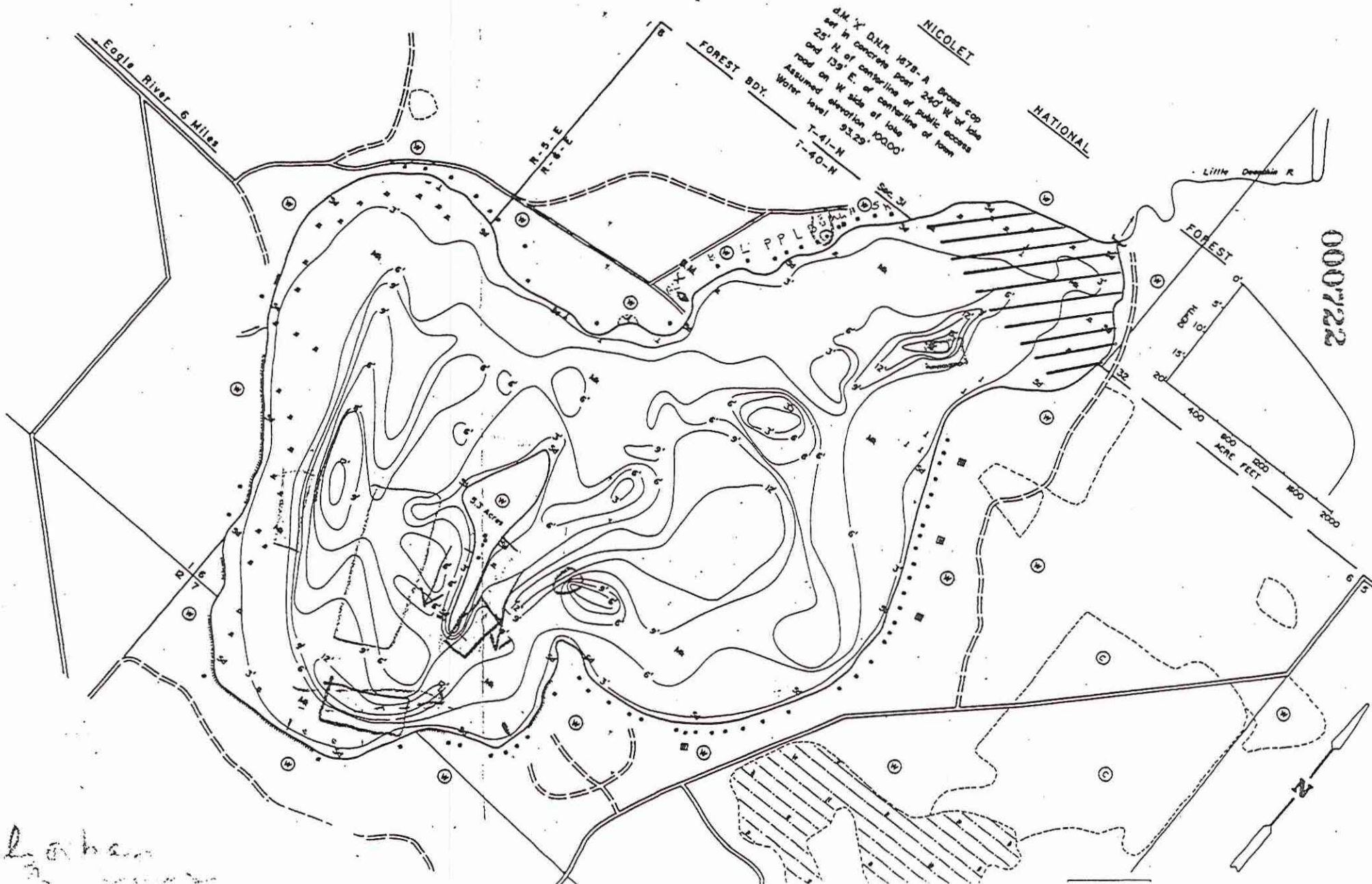
. S. Geological Survey Map is available from us show-
the area (approx. 12 square miles) adjacent to this lake.

order specify Eagle River East
Quadrangle

VILAS COUNTY

Map No. 5488

Proposed "NO-
WAKE AREA"



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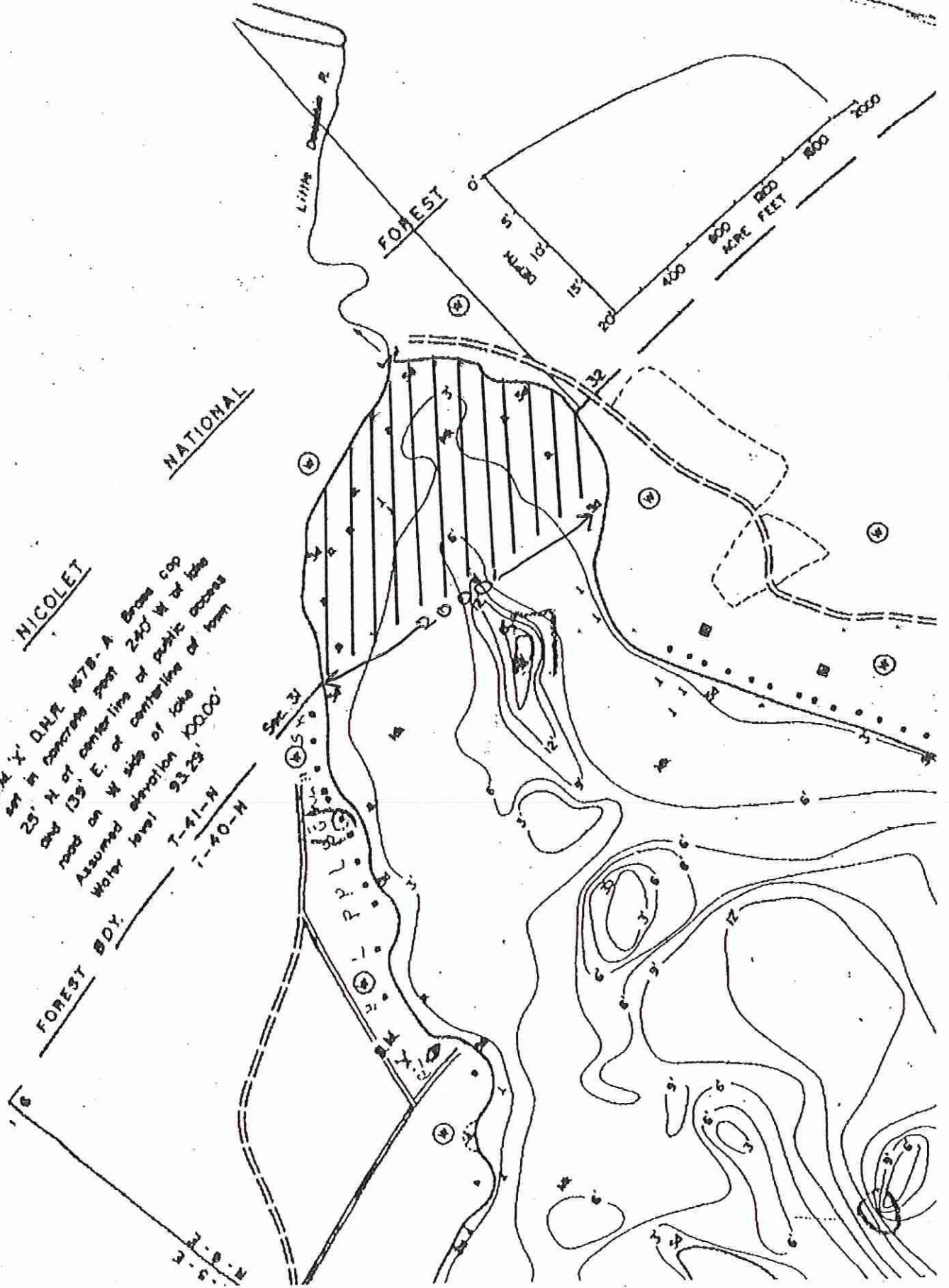
NICOLET

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214' x' D.M.P. 1578-A Brass Cop
 25' N of concrete post 240' W of top
 rod on W side of centerline of
 road on W side of centerline of
 Assumed elevation 1000'
 Water level 93.25'
 T-41-N
 T-40-N

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- Point "A" = Public Access
- Point "B" = Nicolet/Chequamegon Forest + Border
- X LOON NEST
- B-1 = Buoy 1 - 150' from Point "A"
- B-2 = Buoy 2 - 425' from Point "A"
- B-3 = Buoy 3 - 1000' from Point "A"
- B-4 = Buoy 4 - 1400' from Point "A"
- B-5 = Buoy 5 - 1800' from Point "A"

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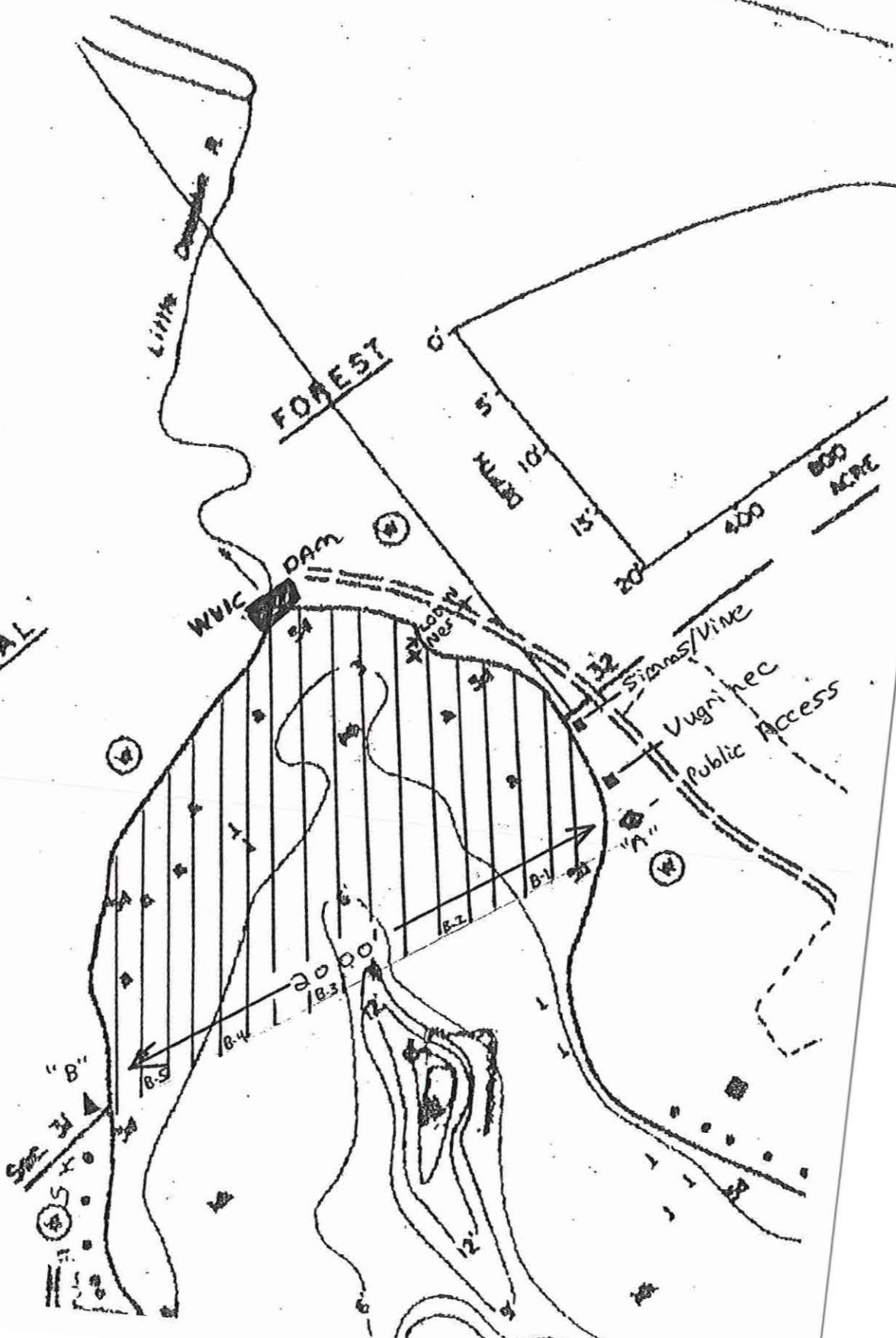
Signs/Vine

Vignette Public Access

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 240 ft of lake
 1/2 mi. E. of center line of lake
 elevation of lake
 33.23 - 100.00



CONDITION REPORT

On July 14, 2001, two loon eggs were lost into the 50° water after 2 weeks incubation due to excessive high speed boat activity. In 1997, we successfully fledged one loon chick. Prior to that it was 18 years ago that a loon chick hatched.

Thru the years as boat size and traffic has increased, fishing populations and successes have dwindled. As the lake is approximately 300 acres and has no structure such as rock or gravel bars or significant drop-offs the aquatic plant population is integral to support our fishing interests.

Plants are increasingly being destroyed by boat and personal watercraft activity in the shallow areas. After an extensive plant survey by DNR Aquatic Plant Specialist, Laura Herman, (Report is enclosed), she concluded integral plants are being uprooted and destroyed, resulting in less desirable species replacing them. The proposed "No-Wake" area is of special concern due to its shallow depth of 2-3 feet and the increased appearance of water shield plants - - a potentially invasive species.

The proposed "No-Wake" area will protect our loon nest in the future from excessive wave and action and boat and personal watercraft noise at high speeds. The shoreline erosion problem will be lessened protecting various endangered plants also found in Ms. Herman's report. The fish and other wildlife habitat will be protected resulting in the enjoyment of these resources by all. Slower recreational usage by all will result in safer conditions in a shallow, fragile bay with a rather limited egress and ingress, plus a public access safety issue that would be improved.

There would seem to be no one adversely affected by this ordinance as by no means is it our intent to deny access to this area of the lake. It is a popular fishing locale and potentially good Large mouth and Small mouth bass habitat. Enjoyment of this area would only be enhanced. The shoreline is U.S. Forest Service and Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company property and they support the protection status. Two property owners are involved:

Nick/Cindy Vugrinec
2595 Deerskin Park Road
Eagle River, WI 54521 Phone No. 479-7785

Simms/Vine
2601 Deerskin Park Road
Eagle River, WI 54521 Phone No. 479-9573

They are lake association members and have our whole-hearted support and may be contacted to verify their commitment.

Should this regulation not be adopted we shall continue to see aquatic plants and the fragile substrate disturbed and destroyed. Wildlife (loons, frogs, fish, waterfowl, eagles, otters, beavers, muskrats and mink) to name a few, will leave the area. The shoreline will continue to erode resulting in loss of many desirable and endangered plants. The undesirable water shield plants will replace the desirable species and possibly choke off the entire bay, per Laura Herman. Anglers will lose valuable fish habitat and fish populations will decline. High speed boat and personal

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watercraft activity in a shallow small bay increase the risk of injury to persons involved. Boats entering and exiting the public access will have a safer, slower speed resulting in safety to this aspect.

At the July 14, 2001, annual meeting of the Deerskin Lake Association no opposition to this proposal was voiced. It was voted on and Passed as noted in the enclosed minutes.



9-3-01

Susan Puncochar, Water and Land Chairman of Deerskin Lake