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September 7, 2017

Sam Weber, Chairperson  
Big Blake Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District  
1988 S. Baker Road  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Subject: Big Blake Lake Management Plan Approval Request

Dear Ms. Weber,

This letter is to notify the Big Blake Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District that the 2016-2021 Big Blake Lake Comprehensive Management Lake Plan meets the criteria of NR 191.45 and thus the Wisconsin DNR has approved the Plan. Management activities identified in the plan are eligible for funding under Administrative Code chapters NR 190, NR 191, and NR 198 subject to the eligibility requirements of those programs.

Furthermore, the Department must certify that all proposed projects recommended in an approved plan comply with the provisions of the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA). This certification could involve additional public informational meetings or other environmental assessment action.

It has been a pleasure to work with you and the Big Blake Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District and I look forward to continuing to protect and improve the Big Blake Lake ecosystem and watershed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Smith'.

Alex Smith  
Lake Biologist

CC: Katelin Anderson – Polk County LWCD  
Mark Hazaga, Aaron Cole, Victoria Ziegler – DNR