

From: [Amanda Brazee](#)
Cc: [Steve Hobbs](#)
Subject: FW: FA-09 & HA-05
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Attachments: [Bushmen LakeTrail map.pdf](#)

Dear Members:

Attached and below is additional information regarding FY 2018 proposals HA 05, Wildlife and Rare Species Habitat and FA09, Bushmen Lake. 3-hole punched hard copies will be provided at this Thursday's meeting for your binders.

Sincerely,
Amanda

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hobbs, Steve" <shobbs@conservationfund.org>
Subject: Re: LSOHC
Date: August 1, 2016 at 11:00:01 AM CDT
To: Jane Kingston <janehkingston@gmail.com>

Hi Jane,

You had a few questions regarding our proposals so here are my answers:

For HA05 Wildlife and Rare Species Habitat, there is a structure on one of the proposed parcels that would be torn down, which is done at the seller's expense. That is often the case and we've done it before.

To pick these sites in HA05, we sat down with DU, PF, TNC & DNR to go through everyone's lists. Because our organization doesn't focus on a particular species or interest, we are free to simply work on DNR's highest rated sites. The sites in our proposal represent most of the highest rated sites by DNR's rating system. They are also the most cost-effective (i.e. not expensive, not productive ag land) sites of the hundreds on DNR's list. This is our first proposal that we would manage in this landscape and the first time someone has approached the problem this way. We are basing success on the efficacy of delivering conservation outcomes, and not just acres protected. I'm not sure this all came across in our written proposal so I apologize if that is not the case. The sites we purchase would be mostly owned by DNR, but there may also be some USFWS ownership, depending on what makes sense.

We are actively working with some of these landowners now, in advance of even getting the funding (which is not the norm because it entails using resources that won't be reimbursed) to get land under option and close in July 2017. Our goal would be to have all the money spent within months of getting it. That saves everyone money.

For FA-09 Bushmen Lake, attached is a map that shows the one trail that is the old railroad grade from long ago (tracks are all gone). From there is a spur trail that goes south to

Bushmen Lake, that is the only trail to Bushmen Lake and is only passible by foot for more than half its length. There is also a short loop trail that is just suitable for foot traffic. The land is always gated with no trespassing allowed by Potlatch. This is the crown jewel in their portfolio in MN and one of their most prized positions in the country.

Feel free to share with LSOHC staff and other council members if you think that this information would be beneficial. Thanks for your help and let me know if you have any questions.

Steve Hobbs

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