

Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management
Public Informational Meeting & Hearing
Frozen Ground Only Motorized Vehicle Access To Chippewa County Forest Tealey Creek Game Loop - Sections
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, T32N R7W, Town of Birch Creek
February 15, 2018

Item #1 – Convene Public Informational Hearing.

The public informational meeting and hearing was called to order by D. Masterpole (LCFM) at 7:00 p.m. Agency staff present were M. Dahlby and D. Masterpole (LCFM), and D. Hutchison (DNR).

Item #2 – Overview of the Request and Public Participation Process.

D. Masterpole presented a portion of a Power Point report (2/15/18, on file). That report focused on the purpose of the meeting and the process to be followed in considering a request to consider motorized access to the Tealey Creek Game Loop.

Item #3 - Overview of Public Comments to Date.

M. Dahlby directed members of the public to the following written materials provided for their reference at the meeting:

1. Verbal and written testimony from the 2/1/18 public hearing.
2. Draft report titled: Preliminary LCFM Staff Report: Technical and Operational Considerations Relating to Proposed Frozen Ground Motorized Access to the Tealey Creek Game Loop, Chippewa County Forest: Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, T32N, R7W, Town of Birch Creek (2/15/18).

Item #4 – Overview of the Technical Analysis and Report with Considerations for Drat Plan Amendment.

M. Dahlby (LCFM) presented a portion of a Power Point report (2/15/18, on file). The report focused on:

1. The location and physical characteristics of the Tealey Creek Game Loop.
2. The terms and conditions that are currently applied to secondary roads currently open under frozen ground conditions.
3. The content of a technical analysis and report, including methods, preliminary findings, & management options.

Members of the public posed questions regarding the materials provided.

LCFM staff addressed the questions.

Item #5 – Receive Public Comment and Testimony.

D. Masterpole opened up the hearing to receive public comment and testimony at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The following individuals provided oral or written testimony at the hearing: A. Bowe, L. Braden, J. Flater, S. Gygi, and A. Sazama.

Written testimony for the hearing record will be accepted, if received by the Dept., no later than 2/20/18 at 4:30 p.m.

Item #6 – Close Hearing.

The draft technical analysis and report, and a full record of oral and written testimony will be compiled and made available to the public on the County website at Land Conservation & Forest Management Dept./Forest & Trails/2006-2020 County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan/Current Plan Amendment.

The hearing was closed and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.