

VERBAL TESTIMONY SUBMITTED AT
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LCFM Committee - Public Informational Hearing

**Public Hearing to Solicit Comments on County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan Amendment
to Allow Motorized Access to the Tealey Creek Game Loop Under
Frozen Ground Conditions
March 21, 2018**

Art Kunstmann, 29271 117th Street, New Auburn, WI 54757

“My name is Art Kunstmann, live in the Town of Sampson. Lived there pretty much my whole life. I guess, as far as this proposal for the 3.2 on the Tealey Loop, I’m very against it. The main reason is that I work for the Forestry Department and a lot of my work has to do with picking up trash and garbage. All I can see is this is a potential area for an extreme amount of garbage being dumped. It’s remote....it’s got a loop....it’s got 2 entrances so people can just drive through, dump it out and come back out. If this proposal does go through or anything, what I would like to see is a sunset clause on it...say in 2 or 3 years, that you revisit and see if there is any other questions or problems up there and address those at that time.

Thank you.”

Jim Flater, 30906 County Road E, Holcombe, WI 54745

“Jim Flater, Town of Birch Creek. As I have ...we have a number...about ¾ of a mile of land adjoining this area. I have seen comments of.....people have made comments that are in favor of this...saying that this should be open for access. It has always been open for access. It is a beautiful area...it is easily accessible for hiking. It makes a nice loop where they can come in and park on the main road, and do a 4 mile hike, and come right back without having to backtrack on that.

My concerns are also the cost to do upgrades and to maintain for a limited number of users that are going to be able to use this. I mean, they’re going to have to have 4-wheel drive trucks, so forth, to go in there. And then maintenance. If they have to plow it to get it frozen ground condition, that is going to displace the other users that are in there possibly using it, as far as snowshoers, cross country skiers, the other people that are in there.

There are other hunting groups that actually get permission to hunt my land and they have no problem of hiking in and they hike all the way across through that same area....and they have no problem with that.

But I am against it and also, as for the reason as Art had mentioned, is the possibility of littering and then also my concern is illegal hunting that would be going on in there because of the remoteness and the easy in and out two ways, it would be hard to catch anybody....the poaching and stuff like that.

Thank you.”