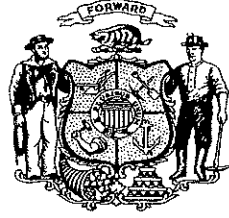


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## Joint Committee on Finance

November 21, 2022

Secretary Preston D. Cole  
Department of Natural Resources  
101 South Webster Street  
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Secretary Cole:

We are writing to inform you that the Joint Committee on Finance has reviewed the Department's request, originally received on November 1, 2022, pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Stats., concerning the acquisition of 56,259 acres of working forest conservation easement from Pelican River Forest LLC, located in the Towns of Pelican, Monico, Schoepke, Stella, Piehl, Pine Lake, Sugar Camp and Three Lakes, Oneida County, the Town of Crandon, Forest County, and the Town of Elcho, Langlade County. The request would encumber \$3,000,000 from the 2022-23 fiscal year land acquisition appropriation for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program and commit an additional \$1,028,000 for the purchase price from the fiscal year 2023-24 land acquisition appropriation for the purchase closing in 2023-24. Additionally, \$67,900 would be provided for transaction costs in 2023-24.

An objection has been raised to this request and a meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance will be scheduled. Therefore, the request is not approved at this time.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Howard Marklein in black ink.

Howard Marklein  
Senate Chair

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Mark Born  
Assembly Chair

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cc: Members, Joint Committee on Finance  
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Brian Pahnke, Department of Administration