

TOWN OF PLUM LAKE
Sayner, Wisconsin 54560

July 10, 2007

Wisconsin Natural Resources Board
Madison, WI

The Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Plum Lake has heard from concerned residents and taxpayers, and its committee monitoring Aquatic Invasive Species, over the proposed ATV Trail to be constructed between Lake Tomahawk and Star Lake in the Northern Highlands/American Legion State Forest. Concerns have been expressed over the potential adverse environmental impact of this trail and the potential damaging effect on the quality of life for people living near the trail.

The town board was served a petition signed by approximately 260 residents and taxpayers urging the town to prohibit the use of town roads and town property by ATV's. It received a letter from the Plum Lake Riparian Homeowners Association requesting the same. The board also received a position statement from the Plum Lake Lakes Committee on Aquatic Invasive Species regarding the potential environmental concerns for such a trail through the state forest. The town board agrees with these concerns and urges the DNR Board to not approve of any ATV trail within the Town of Plum Lake in the Northern Highlands/American Legion State Forest that passes through, across, or in close proximity to lake shorelines, wetlands, natural springs, trout streams, State Natural Areas, old growth forest stands, and other ecologically sensitive natural communities.

The town board has taken action at its June 18, 2007, meeting to prohibit ATV use of any town road or town owned property in the Town of Plum Lake. It respectfully requests the DNR Board take our concerns into consideration before making any decision on this proposed ATV trail.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Vernon DeWitt, Jr., Town Chairman
Michael Olson, Supervisor I
Jerry Keller, Supervisor II