

December 9, 2016

IP-NO-2016-55-04281

Mr. Greg Wallace
9932 Rich Valley Road
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077-4528

RE: Date of Closure Notification and Notice of Pending Application, Clear Span Bridge Project, Property Located in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 35, Township 35 North, Range 08 West, Township of Atlanta, Rusk County, Wisconsin (PIN 002-01086-0000).

Dear Mr. Wallace:

This letter contains important information regarding your Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) permit application to construct a temporary bridge across Devils Creek, a navigable waterway in Rusk County. Your application has reached its date of closure and is considered complete. Wisconsin law (chapters 30 and 281, Wisconsin Statutes) requires that the public be allowed an opportunity to comment on projects like yours. The next step in the individual permit review process is a Notice of Pending Application and public comment period.

The enclosed document is a "Notice of Pending Application" for your project. The Department will publish the notice on our Internet website. The 30-day period to submit written public comment and the 20-day period to request a public hearing in writing will begin on the date on which the Department first publishes the notice on our Internet website. If a public hearing is held, the period to submit written public comment will end 10 days after the date the hearing is completed.

State law requires that you publish this as a Class 1 Notice, at your expense, in the following paper of record:

Ladysmith News, 120 W 3rd St South, P.O. Box 189
Ladysmith WI 54848-0189, manager@ladysmithnews.com
Phone 715. 532.5591
Fax 715. 532.6644

In addition, state law also requires that you mail a copy of the enclosed notice by U.S. Mail as Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested to interested members of the public. The Department has determined that you must notify the adjoining property owners listed below of your intent. The Department has determined that there are four (4) adjoining property owners. Please send them a copy of the notice of pending application. You may notify others at your discretion.

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Please note; only pages 3 and 4 of this document needs to be published in the newspaper of record. Pages 1 and 2 do not, but they are part of the final document.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 715.634.7463 or by email at Douglas.Casina@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,



Douglas Casina
Water Management Specialist

cc (e-copies): Mike Zimmer – Rusk County Forestry Department
CeCe Tesky – Administrator, Rusk County Zoning Department
Jonathan Bakken –Project Manager, USACOE
Kirk Konichek – Conservation Warden, WDNR

Notice of Pending Application for Proposed Bridge Project

Mr. Greg Wallace, 9932 Rich Valley Blvd., Inver Grove Heights, MN, has applied to the Department of Natural Resources (Department) for a permit to install a clear span bridge across Devils Creek (WBIC 2366600).

The project is located in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 35, Township 35 North, Range 08 West, Town of Atlanta, Rusk County, Wisconsin.

The project shall consist of the placement of a 58.4 foot long by 13.5 feet wide clear span bridge across Devils Creek to allow for seasonal recreational snowmobile use. The bridge will be brought into the project area from its current downstream location, disassembled and reassembled at the project site. New concrete abutments will be installed and the support structure, wood including the wood substructure, decking and railings, shall be rebuilt during frozen conditions.

The new bridge will span an area of water (ordinary high water mark to ordinary high water mark) of 41.5 feet and will provide five (5) feet clearance underneath and allow for navigation. The bridge support structure shall be securely anchored to its concrete abutments to prevent transport downstream. Gravel approaches shall be constructed for ingress/egress to the bridge. No materials shall be deposited on the bed of the waterway. Appropriate erosion controls shall be installed before and remain in-place during project implementation.

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and a public informational hearing, if requested. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11 and 30.12(3m), Stats., and Ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in s. 281.36(3r), Stats. if the project impacts wetlands.

The Department has made a tentative determination that it will issue with/without conditions the permit for the proposed activity.

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see the application and plans, please visit the Department's permit tracking website at:
<https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx>.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

Any person may submit comments and/or request a public informational hearing by emailing Douglas.Casina@wisconsin.gov or writing to Douglas Casina, 10220 State Hwy 27, Hayward, WI 54843 by U.S. mail. If you are submitting general comments on the proposal, they must be emailed or postmarked within 30 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. If you are requesting a public informational hearing, the request must be emailed or postmarked within 20 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. A request for hearing must include the docket number or applicant name and specify the issues that the party desires to be addressed at the informational hearing.

If no hearing is requested, the Department may issue its decision without a hearing. If a public informational hearing is held, comments must be postmarked no later than ten (10) days following the date on which the hearing is completed.

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document.

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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

For the Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Casina', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Douglas Casina
Water Management Specialist

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Date