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CROW WING COUNTY ANNOUNCES PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR FOOLS LAKE CAMPGROUND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

Crow Wing County has announced that an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAWS) has been prepared for a proposed expansion to the Fools Lake Campground & RV Park, which is a 65 acre campground located adjacent to Fool Lake, in Sections 24 and 25 of Mission Township in Crow Wing County, MN. The campground currently consists of 12 primitive and 20 modern campsites. The proposed expansion will create 36 additional modern campsites. An EAW is required for Fools Lake Campground & RV Park because the campground expansion is over the threshold of 25 sites for a lake classified as Natural Environment according to Minnesota Rules 4410.43 subp. 20a.

An EAW is a document which is designed to set out the basic facts necessary to determine whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for a proposed action. The purpose of the EAW process is to disclose information about potential environmental impacts of a project. The worksheet contains 31 questions focusing on the project's environmental setting, the potential for environmental harm, and plans to reduce the harm.

Public comments on the EAW will be accepted at a public hearing during the Crow Wing County Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment Meeting on Thursday, May 17th on the 3rd Floor of the Historic Courthouse at 5:00 PM. Comments can also be submitted in writing to:

Crow Wing County Land Services Department
Environmental Services Division
322 Laurel Street, Suite 14
Brainerd, MN 56401
218-824-1125
218-824-1126- fax
environmental.services@co.crow-wing.mn.us

The public can review the EAW at the Crow Wing County Land Services Building, online at www.co.crow-wing.mn.us or request a copy on CD. All comments must be received by May 30th, 2012. A decision on the need for an EIS will be made by the Crow Wing County Board on June 12th, 2012.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact Environmental Services at (218) 824-1125 or environmental.services@co.crow-wing.mn.us to discuss land use and water protection activities. Crow Wing County information and resources can be found at www.co-crow-wing.mn.us

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