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Portable Tree Stands To Be Removed From County Managed Public Land

Crow Wing County Land Services is reminding hunters that all portable tree stands or free standing stands must be removed from County managed public lands on January 1 2014.

The Crow Wing County Hunting Stand Ordinance states that portable tree stands must be removed no later than one day following the close of Minnesota's big game hunting season, which ends on December 31 2013. Permanent hunting stands are also prohibited by the ordinance.

Portable tree stands or portable free standing stands not removed from County managed public lands are considered abandoned personal property and will be removed pursuant to MN Statute 345.15 and the Crow Wing County Hunting Stand Ordinance.

"The County ordinance regulates the use of hunting stands on County managed public lands. The purpose of the ordinance is to minimize damage to trees, promote both public safety and equitable public use of the public land", stated Kirk Titus, Land Services Supervisor. "Individuals, who do not remove their stands, are essentially making a claim or taking ownership for future use of a particular piece of County land. This is a violation of the ordinance."

For further information on the county Hunting Stand Ordinance, please contact Crow Wing County Land Services at 218-824-1115 or visit the Crow Wing County website at <http://www.co.crow-wing.mn.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1191>.

The County manages 105,000 acres of forest land for timber production and diverse recreational opportunities for multiple users. The sale of timber at public auctions during the year funds the county's management of these lands, while providing revenues to local communities. County forest lands are managed to strict environmental standards established by both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Forest Stewardship Council certification standards.

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