



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: December 14, 2021

Title of Item: Public comment period for Strategic Plan and Tactical Plan

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Submitted by: Dennis Thompson		Department: Land
Presenter (Name and Title): Dennis Thompson, Interim Land Commissioner		Estimated Time Needed: 15 Minutes
Summary of Issue: A public comment period is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on December 14, 2021 for Aitkin County Land Department's updated Strategic Plan and Tactical Plan.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: NA		
Recommended Action/Motion: Hold public comment period.		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.



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AITKIN COUNTY PUBLIC COMMENTS

Aitkin County Land Department is seeking comments on its 2022-2026 Tactical Plan. Send comments to: acld@co.aitkin.mn.us or by mail at: 502 Minnesota Avenue North, Aitkin, MN, 56431

To get a copy of the plan call (218) 927-7364 or go to: <https://www.co.aitkin.mn.us/departments/Land/landhome.html> Comments will be accepted until 4:30 pm on December 15, 2021. A public comment period will take place at 5:00 pm on December 14, 2021 in the Government Center Board Room Third Floor -307 2nd Street NW, Aitkin, MN, 56431

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Comments received for the Strategic Plan 2021.

Comment	Commenter	ACLD Response
Table 18 should be MHc36 and not MHc35	Andy Kett – MN DNR	It has been corrected.
I'm likely missing something but table 6 on page 36 lists NH types by Forest Ecological Systems. It is split into "even age" and "uneven age". The acres of uneven age appears to be 83 acres. Yet in other areas of both the strategic and tactical plans there appear to be thousands of acres being treated as uneven age each decade.	Mark Jacobs	The acres listed for Northern Hardwoods – Uneven were actually for Balm of Gilead. The table has been corrected.
I read that 68% of county timber is harvested under frozen conditions. I worry that there is a trend of increasing "cutting under winter conditions only". Logging equipment has developed to be lighter on the land with modern cut to length harvest systems and wider flotation tires/tracks. These changes have helped protect the site during harvest. Summer/fall logging under good weather conditions are needed to help keep loggers viable and staying in the industry. Steady work is also needed to keep existing trucks hauling wood. There is a definite truck shortage/lack of new young drivers in our area. Please offer summer logging opportunities on the right soils and weather conditions.	Paul Agurkis – Savanna Pallets	Thanks for the comment and yes, we agree – summer logging is a vital component to a healthy forest industry. Over the past 3 years, ACLD has allocated over \$200,000 for road improvement projects in part to allow access to areas for non-frozen ground logging activities. We are continuously looking for opportunities for summer logging and will continue to in the future. We are however limited by the nature of the soils found here in Aitkin County.
Change Dennis Thompson from Assistant Land Commissioner to Interim Land Commissioner	ACLD	Done

