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Senator Tom Tiffany
Chair, Senate Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining, and Forestry
Room 409 South
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Regarding: 2015 SB 354

Senator Tiffany,

Please accept this testimony from Wisconsin County Forests Association (WCFA) supporting 2015 SB354.

WCFA represents the forestry interests of 29 counties with lands enrolled under state statutes §28.10 and §28.11, Wisconsin's County Forest Law. Collectively our member counties manage nearly 2.4 million acres of forest lands, the largest public ownership in the state.

We feel it is extremely important for the State of Wisconsin to fulfill its obligation to Florence County by providing the state's share of operational funding for the Florence Wild Rivers Interpretive Center. Therefore, we fully support the annual allocation of \$27,000 contained in 2015 SB354.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony, if we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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