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### Fragmentation of Land and the Future of Hunting

The fragmentation, sale and posting of lands currently open to the public for hunting is a problem across the state.

Access to land to hunt, especially in the southern two-thirds of the state is a significant factor in recruiting and retaining hunters.

The state Stewardship fund was reauthorized this last year so we could continue to protect land for future generation, so they can enjoy nature based activities such as hunting, fishing and trapping.

Recently, ~~2043~~ contiguous acres of land in the Mead Township of Clark County was announced for sale by the Plum Creek Timber Company. This land, which was originally owned by Consolidated Papers, has been open for public access through the Managed Forest Law (MFL) program. If the land is sold to private entities, it will likely be parceled up and closed to public access.

Be it resolved, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Clark County, Wisconsin on April 14, 2008 recommends that the DNR and Natural Resources Board use Stewardship funds to purchase this ~~2043~~ acre parcel in Clark County in order to preserve this large contiguous acreage for present and future generations to enjoy?

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