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Statement by Senator Tom Tiffany on Passage of Senate Bill 434 – Managed Forest Law Revisions

Madison – State Senator Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) released the following statement regarding Assembly passage of Senate Bill 434:

“Today the Wisconsin legislature moved an important piece of legislation forward that will benefit landowners and the forest products industry. Senate Bill 434 returns nearly \$18 million over the next three years to towns and counties in the form of MFL – Closed fees. As municipalities and counties have had to tighten their belts, the forestry industry has seen an increase in local road weight restrictions. SB 434 will go a long way towards providing relief to local transportation budgets. Additional changes include increasing the minimum acreage for enrollment from 10 to 20 acres, greater flexibility for owners when transferring ownership and splitting acreage, rule flexibility when a natural disaster strikes property enrolled in MFL, and lowering the administrative burden for enrollees by eliminating the severance and yield taxes. SB 434 cleared the legislature on a bipartisan vote and now goes before Governor for his signature.”

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