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Governor Walker Signs Bill to Fund the Florence Wild Rivers Interpretive Center

Madison- Today, Rep. Rob Swearingen (R- Rhinelander) released the following statement after Assembly Bill 422 was signed into law by Governor Scott Walker. <u>Assembly Bill 422</u> was authored by Rep. Rob Swearingen, Rep. Mursau (R-Crivitz) and Sen. Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) at the request of constituents in Florence County.

Assembly Bill 422 was drafted to restore funding for the Florence Wild Rivers Interpretive Center. Under one roof, this building houses the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), United State Forest Service (USFS), Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), UW-Extension, and County Forestry & Parks. The funding for this facility is used to pay for Interpretive Center staff. The Interpretive Center provides recreational information for tourists, sells DNR licenses to visitors and residents and assists the public to respective departments within the building. Assembly Bill 422 restores funding with monies allocated from the Conservation Fund not General Purpose Revenue (GPR).

"I am very pleased that Governor Walker travelled to Florence today to sign Assembly Bill 422 at the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center. The Wild Rivers Interpretive Center is an integral part of the Florence community and serves the needs of locals and tourists alike. Once again, I would like to personally thank Florence County Economic Development, Friends of the Wild Rivers, and others involved in pursuing this legislation from Florence," said Rep. Swearingen.

Assembly Bill 422 is now 2016 Act 260.

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