

PRESS RELEASE:

30-day Comment Period Begins for Proposed RV Park Expansion

A 30-day comment period for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) involving a proposed 88-unit RV campground in Windsor Township (Traverse County) begins on April 8, 2019. The public comment period will end on May 8, 2019 at 4:30 pm, after which the Traverse County Board of Commissioners will need to make a determination as to whether there is a need for an additional Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Big Dog Development (Dan Binsfield) is proposing to develop an 88-site RV Park expansion to the existing 74-unit Rosebud RV Park located along Lake Traverse in Section 31 of Windsor Township, Traverse County. The parcel totals 28.52 acres with 78.6% of the area remaining in greenspace. The applicant has stated the purpose of this project is to provide affordable summertime recreation for area families.

The project requires a mandatory EAW as it involves more than 50 RV campsites in a shoreland area. An EAW is used to provide information about the potential environmental impacts of a proposed development and help decide if a project requires a more extensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EAW covers site location details, nearby resources and other elements, including information about water resources, soil types, water use, air emissions and traffic. General information about EAWs is available at: <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/environmental-review-program>.

Public comments are for the purpose of providing part of the record upon which Traverse County can base a decision about whether an EIS needs to be prepared for the above project. According to state rules, “An EIS shall be ordered for projects that have the potential for significant environmental effects” based on a consideration of the following four factors 1) type, extent and reversibility of environmental effects; 2) cumulative potential effects; 3) the extent to which the environmental effects are subject to mitigation by ongoing public regulatory authority; and 4) the extent to which environmental effects can be anticipated and controlled as a result of other available environmental studies.” (Minnesota Rules 4410.1700)

The completed EAW for this project is available in paper form for public viewing at the Traverse County Recorder’s Office, 702 2nd Ave N, Wheaton. If you would like a paper copy of the EAW please contact Ben Oleson, Traverse County Zoning Administrator, by phone at 320-759-1560 or by email at oleson@hometownplanning.com. To request a paper copy by US Mail or to submit written comments on the EAW, send to Ben Oleson, Traverse County Zoning Administrator, PO Box 487, Wheaton, MN 56296. Electronic copies of the EAW and an online comment form can be found at the following webpage: <http://www.hometownplanning.com/traverse-lake-rv-park-environmental-assessment-worksheet-eaw.html>.

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