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**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

I am very concerned about your state administration as they continue to censor the science and natural resources reporting by the Department of Natural Resources. Wisconsin citizens deserve to know the facts about climate change. They deserve to know the facts about our natural resources as well. Censoring these valuable, facts-based online and print publications by the DNR only makes state government appear darker, more secretive, corrupted by special interests, and less responsive to citizens.

Wisconsin has a great history of conservation science, thought, and leadership. Are we really so afraid of the facts that we can no longer afford to make them available? I ask that you do your part to restore Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine in particular. I buy a Conservation Patron license in part to receive this publication. My cost has not gone down without the magazine, so now I get less value, which will cause me not to buy a patron license, which will result in less revenue for the DNR. Governor Walker, this really feels like censorship by a state government that is more interested in dismantling government than in serving people.

Thank you.  
Charles E Schlatter  
River Falls

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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine - Proposed cut**

Dear Governor Walker,

I would hope that you read within the Appleton Post Crescent, (Saturday March 11, 2017 section 1D)) the article entitled "still waiting for answers."

The article sums up my feelings on the issue and also I find it inconceivable that even such a proposal would be considered. A great self-sustaining magazine that brings great articles to its readers, invites us to tour our state (yes, spend money within the state), bring tax dollars to the state government, just generally a joy to read and stays on the coffee table.

If it is self-sustaining, why in the world would someone want to stop its production? What does it cost the state? Our politicians wonder why we as citizens just sigh, shake our heads, when items like this occur.

Lets keep the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine just the way it is, or better yet, if possible, hire a few more staff folks to expand it.

I would hope that you agree.

Respectfully,

Charles Elquist

[REDACTED]  
Appleton, WI 54911

cc: Representative Stuck  
Senator Roth

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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

Gov. Walker, The decision to eliminate the DNR magazine is very disappointing to me, and I believe a very bad decision. I do not know exactly how long I have been receiving the magazine ,but it could be 40 years. It has been very informative. I am sure that. somehow, the decision involves politics and your attempt for another term as governor. One more strike against that. Sincerely, Gary A. Olson Loyal American and veteran

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**GOOD MORNING**  
**Media Briefing – Monday, March 13, 2017**  
**Office of Governor Scott Walker**  
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**AP WIRE - WISCONSIN**

**Governor Walker**

[Editorial: Moving people from addiction to productivity](#)

*Racine Journal Times*

Rapid action by both Gov. Scott Walker's opioid task force and the state Legislature – in an era of sharp divisions in the Capitol, 11 opioid-related bills are moving swiftly through the Legislature with bipartisan support – is a reflection of the seriousness of the situation and a desire to help addicts immediately.

[Gov. Scott Walker's promise to create 250,000 jobs in Wisconsin remains elusive](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

More than six years ago as a candidate for governor, Republican Scott Walker promised that if he was elected, the state would add 250,000 private-sector jobs in four years. That goal continues to be elusive.

["Debuting new ads:" Milwaukee hosts Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism](#)

*FOX6 Milwaukee*

Nearly 1,000 representatives from the tourism industry from across the state gathered at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino to celebrate achievements in 2016 and discuss upcoming campaigns.

[Tax changes hit unemployed homeowners, benefit parents with 1 child](#)

*Lee Newspapers*

Newlywed parents with a single child in school, university students and low-income families would reap new tax and fee benefits under Gov. Scott Walker's budget proposal.

[Gov. Walker names Wade Newell new Chippewa Falls District Attorney](#)

*WQOW-TV Eau Claire*

Wade Newell was appointed by Governor Scott Walker in an announcement made Friday. Newell has worked as an Assistant District Attorney in Chippewa County for the past 16 years. Previously, he worked as a special prosecutor in La Crosse County and Jefferson County.

[Municipalities to Receive Lead Pipe Replacement Dollars](#)

*WSAU Radio Wausau*

Governor Scott Walker announced Friday that the DNR reached agreements with Clintonville, Florence, and Racine. The three will receive a combined total north of \$1,000,000 in state subsidies through its lead pipe replacement program.

[Wisconsin's slowest, fastest state agencies](#)

*USA Today Network*

Wisconsin's largest state agencies filled almost 8,000 public records requests last year, but many people waited months for information despite an initiative from Gov. Scott Walker to speed up the process.

[State agencies responding more quickly to records requests since last year](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal*

Wisconsin state agencies are responding more quickly to public records requests since Gov. Scott

Walker ordered improvements a year ago, according to a Wisconsin State Journal review of agency record request logs.

## **Wisconsin**

[Paul Ryan says health premiums will decrease under his replacement plan](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

House Speaker Paul Ryan said on CBS's "Face the Nation" that he expects health insurance premiums to eventually decrease after a Republican replacement for Obamacare is put in place.

[Tammy Baldwin: "'TrumpCare' would allow insurance execs to personally make millions off your health care."](#)

*Politifact Wisconsin*

Mostly False.

[Bice: Sen. Tammy Baldwin says Sheriff David Clarke is being 'groomed' for Senate bid](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin and her political team have been largely silent about the possibility of a challenge by Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr.

[Sen. Tammy Baldwin opposes GOP health care plan at friendly town hall in Milwaukee](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

"No family should have to worry that they are one illness or one injury away from bankruptcy," Baldwin told a crowd of over 100 gathered at Milwaukee Area Technical College's downtown campus.

['Something for almost everyone to hate': Wisconsinites weigh in on ACA replacement](#)

*Capital Times*

If nothing unites people like a common enemy, "Trumpcare" may be an effective tool for bi-partisan bonding.

[In era of change, Jay Risch becomes Wisconsin's top financial regulator](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

Like many industries, banking is changing quickly, thanks to technology.

[Sunshine Week: Secretive software doing more state of Wisconsin work](#)

*USA Today Network*

MADISON - When state corrections software looked at Evan Goyke's history, the program saw a man with "probable" criminal contacts and a "tendency toward an antisocial personality."

[Bill would ban coverage of elective abortions for state workers](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal*

The state couldn't pay for elective abortions for state workers, whether or not the state keeps paying premiums to HMOs or adopts self-insurance, under a bill introduced this month.

[Wisconsin Republican lawmakers clash on fetal tissue approach](#)

*Associated Press*

MADISON - Republican Wisconsin lawmakers who for years have sought to ban the use of aborted fetal tissue in the state are now bickering among themselves over what to do.

[Here's how Wisconsin can address student debt](#)

*Editorial – Appleton Post Crescent*

Higher education in America lends itself to Dickensian descriptions as living in the best of times as well as the worst.

[New subscriptions flood DNR magazine as Wisconsin officials pull plug](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

A funny thing happened after the Walker administration decided it wanted to stop publishing the Department of Natural Resources' magazine.

[Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel aide gets 17.5% pay bump](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

MADISON – Attorney General Brad Schimel gave his official spokesman a 17.5% raise in February, six months after his campaign stopped paying him.

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Tom Evenson | Deputy Communications Director  
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**Subject: Wisconsin DNR Magazine**

What are you doing? Leave the DNR Mag alone. There are way bigger issues to address than a magazine that is self supporting and people like. I am a CP for 30 years. I don't use most of the permits I just want to contribute to Wisconsin conservation. Again, leave it alone.

Thank you,  
John Shackelford

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**Subject: Natural Resources Magazine**

I have been a Patron License Holder for many years and was flabbergasted that you want to get rid of the Natural Resources Magazine. That is my favorite magazine. It appears you are determined to, I guess, get rid of the magazine and hope talk about global warming goes away by doing so. Really? I love our state precisely because of the natural resources we have. You should be championing our beauty, not hiding it.

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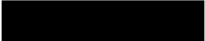

**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

Instead of eliminating an informative and useful magazine on Wisconsin's natural resources, why don't you eliminate the useless Lieutenant Governor's position. I find this position to be a waste of taxpayers money.



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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

I do not understand your decision to stop publishing the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine, which is self-supporting. According to Jim Dick the rationale to cease publication is that it the department is a steward of the resources not a magazine publisher. Isn't keeping the people of the state aware of the natural resources also a responsibility of the DNR. As a conservative voter, the spending tax dollars is one of my primary concerns. I am also in favor of development, but not at the cost of the environment. I do not believe that these philosophies have to be opposed to each other, but all issues need to be considered in the context of each other. At a time when the species was endangered, the DNR went looking for Butler Garter Snakes in February when they were hibernating and allowed nearly three acres of mature hardwood trees to be cut down, so that an oversized freeway exit ramp could be put into a roundabout placed next to a theater. An alternative was proposed that would have handled three times the traffic, saved costly land for development and would have been safer, but the DNR and the DOT allowed middle management to make decisions that were in their personal benefit. This was before your terms, but it suggests that the personal heading these departments should be chosen more carefully and monitored frequently. I hope that you will consider saving this fine publication that helps keep the public informed of Wisconsin's natural resources.



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**Subject: DNR Magazine of Wisconsin**

As I retired school teacher of 39 years I know how valuable this magazine is to our state, local communities and the young people of our state. The information and articles help students and adults learn about the natural resources of the state and how to use them wisely. Global weather/climate change is a major cause of concern. We are citizens of the world and it is our responsibility to keep the world safe and vital for future generations.

Please DO NOT disband/discard/or do away with the DNR Magazine. Please listen to the people of your state. Thank you.

**From:** [Mark Maikowski](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Friday, March 10, 2017 7:19:19 PM

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Mr. Walker

Why would you discontinue the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine? This is a self sustaining promoter of tourism in this State. I will state this again...it promotes tourism. I would think that a sportsman and fisherman such as yourself would appreciate this.

I have subscribed to the magazine for many years and am disappointed in your decision.

Mark Maikowski  
New Berlin

Sent from my iPad

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### NEWS

#### [New subscriptions flood DNR magazine as Wisconsin officials pull plug](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine has gained more than 2,300 subscriptions since Gov. **Scott Walker's** budget called for killing the ...



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#### [Democrats question Walker's prison bed estimate](#)

Beloit Daily News

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Democrats questioned Thursday why Republican Gov. **Scott Walker** believes Wisconsin will need hundreds fewer contract ...



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#### [Municipalities to Receive Lead Pipe Replacement Dollars](#)

WSAU

Governor **Scott Walker** announced the latest lead pipe replacement program loan recipients on Friday. PHOTO: Midwest Communications, Inc.



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#### [Budget panel leader says GOP 'skeptical' of self-insurance](#)

WSAW

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - The co-chair of the Legislature's budget committee says Republicans remain "skeptical" of Gov. **Scott Walker's** proposal to ...



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I am reading from a variety of sources the Governor and legislators and DNR Secretary Stepp are pursuing the elimination of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. I will not rephrase what has been written by notable outdoor writers or newspapers.

I can not understand why the State would ax an entity with 82,000 plus subscribers, having 800 new subscribers a month, and zero cost to the taxpayer. I receive my issues from the purchase of a \$165 patron license. The reason I buy this license is for fishing, spring turkey, the hunting stamps which are significantly no longer available, and the magazine. The extra licenses go unused, and I figure those dollars are used wisely by the DNR most of the time.

If the DNR and the state are so bent on increasing public participation you sure are going about it wrong. In fact you people have missed the boat at the pier. As a result of your actions one outdoorsman, me, has decided to drop my patron license purchase. The only \$ you will get from me is a fishing license maybe. No more deer bow, or deer gun. No more hunting camps and any \$ spent on new gear, food, lodging etc. I'll let CWD hunt for me. I'll take my dollars out of state from now on.  
D. Blakeslee

Sent from Blakeslee iPad

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WEB

### [Subscriptions up at Wisconsin conservation magazine threatened by \*\*Scott Walker\*\* budget](#)

Melville House Books

Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine saw its subscriptions skyrocket in the days following news reports that Governor **Scott Walker** was attempting ...



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**Subject: DNR magazine**

This is to protest your stated goal of cancelling the DNR magazine. This publication has been a valued part of the DNR and there is absolutely no reason for you to shut it down. It does not compete with other publications, and it does not cost the taxpayers any money.

Keep the magazine!

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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine**

Many people wish you would change your decision to stop producing this magazine. I am disabled and cannot travel so this magazine lets me enjoy "Wisconsin" through pictures and stories. Things and places many people never even knew about in Wis. This magazine is so informative and lets you enjoy nature. I could not believe when I read what you were planning to do with the magazine. Please reconsider. I am a Wis. nature lover.

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Save Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
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**Subject: Save Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

Dear Governor Walker: I was appalled to learn of the decision by your office and the DNR to discontinue publication of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. This is a beautifully-produced magazine that educates the public about Wisconsin nature, DNR projects, and the role of the DNR to protect and manage Wisconsin's natural resources. Not only does the magazine foster a connection of the reader to Wisconsin's abundant treasures, it also serves to connect the DNR to the public, serving as an important tool to keep readers (whether they are current Wisconsin residents or Wisconsinites who now reside elsewhere) informed of how the DNR is serving as stewards of the environment.

Reaching back to the days of Aldo Leopold, Wisconsin and the DNR has been a leader in nature preservation and management, benefits that reach to all people who enjoy the beauty Wisconsin offers, whether it is hiking, birding, camping, canoeing, hunting, fishing, or any other way to enjoy the outdoors. I've been a subscriber of Wisconsin Natural Resources for over 20 years, learning about the DNR's past role in conservation as well as keeping on top of what they are doing today to effectively manage our natural resources. I do not understand why you think this informative, educational, and beautiful publication should be eliminated. The less people know about the role of the DNR in resource management, the less they will understand and support the crucial work the DNR does for Wisconsin's plants, wildlife, and environments.

If costs of producing the magazine are truly the issue, I would be more than happy to pay double of the current subscription rate - which at under \$10 I've always thought is underpriced - and from feedback I've read in the Milwaukee Journal and online, most subscribers would also be willing to pay more for their subscriptions.

I grew up in Milwaukee and still have family in the state. As a child, summers were spent on the family property in Reedsburg and on the lake in Lac du Flambeau. I worked for many summers in Manitowish Waters. My family instilled a love of nature in me and my brother as children, and we are passing that love of Wisconsin nature on to my two nephews. I vacation in Wisconsin and often use Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine to plan visits to a variety of natural areas.

Wisconsin Natural Resources is a perfect tool to encourage appreciation of nature, and when people appreciate nature, they support it for years to come. Please do not eliminate this beautiful magazine. Allow it to continue educating the public about all the state has to offer and the great job the DNR is doing to manage Wisconsin natural resources for the benefit of today's residents, visitors, and the generations of

the future.

**From:** [Sereno, Jennifer A - DNR](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 6:56:32 PM

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### Media Contact Summary for March 7, 2017

**Natural Resources Magazine. Patrick Durkin, Outdoors writer. Records Coordinators handled.** Pat asked for the current number of magazine subscriptions on the books. How many new and how many renewed. Records turned around same day.

**Ice safety, fishing and lakes. Erika Nelson, Lynxx 24, Tomah. Matthew Modjeski and other Law Enforcement staff handled.** With the help of others, Matthew worked to provide a concise list of advice, recommendations, etc... on treating ice from a safety and fishing standpoint.

**CDAC meetings. Michael Klish, WFAF 940 Radio, Fort Atkinson. Pearl Worden handled.** Meeting and council information was discussed.

**Public hunting and pressure. Dave Zeug, Delta Waterfowl. Taylor Finger handled.** He asked for some comments regarding how much public land Wisconsin has and how it is available to waterfowl hunters. Also, he asked if we had any information on the benefits of scouting for waterfowl (we did from our waterfowl hunter survey). Taylor followed up and answered all questions.

**Nuisance bear issues, Grantsburg. Steve Briggs, Burnett County Sentinel. Steven Hoffman handled.** Nuisance hunt for this area is planned again for this fall using basically the same format as last year. Steve said we would be monitoring complaints in the village this year again. He asked when people should be taking their bird feeders down? Steve's answer was "very soon if the weather continues as it is."

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NEWS

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### [Government shouldn't control the news media -- Jane Noffke](#)

Madison.com

**Scott Walker** has proposed in his budget that the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine be discontinued after 100 years of publication. Interestingly ...



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**Governor Walker**

[Walker speaks at Larson funeral](#)

*Chippewa Herald*

Tributes at his funeral service at the Bloomer Baptist Church came from state Rep. Kathy Bernier, state Sen. Terry Moulton., and others. State Rep. Warren Petryk, a professional singer, was a soloist.

[Families, experts wary of Gov. Scott Walker's plan to abolish Parole Commission](#)

*Capital Times*

Her husband, Baron Walker, has been imprisoned for nearly 22 years on a 60-year sentence for two armed bank robberies. Since 2011, he has been eligible for parole under Wisconsin's old sentencing scheme, which allowed inmates to petition for release after serving one-fourth of their time.

[Gov. Scott Walker thanks Trump for calling to check in on his mother at the hospital](#)

*Washington Examiner*

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker thanked President Trump on Saturday for calling in to check in on his mother, who he said is in the hospital.

[Against Protests, Republicans Must Stand Strong](#)

*New York Times*

MADISON, Wis. — Over the last few weeks, angry voters have greeted Republican congressmen in districts around the country. As someone who has confronted similar crowds before — and lived to tell about it — I have a simple message for those lawmakers: It's put-up or shut-up time.

[When Statehouse Politics Embarrass the Nation](#)

*New York Times*

Before his unsuccessful run for president, Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin cut his teeth as a tough-on-crime Republican lawmaker who demanded that prison inmates serve their full terms. Mr. Walker is taking this passion to a new low in a budget plan to cut the state's parole agency from eight employees to just one.



[Knight Life: Walker's state budget could mean demise of DNR magazine](#)

*Eau Claire Leader-Telegram*

I'll hang on to the February issue of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. It may become a collector's item. Besides, it contains that chowder recipe.

**Wisconsin**

[Barrett: Milwaukee is not a drain on the state](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

It is time for Wisconsin to stop thinking of Milwaukee as a drain on state resources and to understand that the city contributes more to the state's coffers than it receives, Mayor Tom Barrett said Sunday.

[Badger Meter acquires new steam technology](#)

*Milwaukee Biz Times*

Brown Deer-based Badger Meter Inc. has acquired a new technology from Precision Flow Measurement Inc. for \$2 million.

[Wisconsin's DNR tentatively OKs sand plant tied to wetlands loss](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

The Department of Natural Resources has given tentative approval to construct an industrial sand plant in western Wisconsin — a project that would cause the biggest loss of wetlands by a single sand development in almost a decade.

[Public criticized DNR, Scott Walker over climate change scrub](#)

*Lee Newspapers*

Hundreds of phone calls and emails voicing shock, outrage and ridicule flooded state Department of Natural Resources offices in December after top managers deleted language from the DNR website that had described the urgency of addressing human activity that has accelerated climate change.

[Secretary Anderson: Ending child care cliff helps families, rewards work](#)

*Wisconsin State Farmer*

During his budget address, Gov. Scott Walker offered a new, exciting vision for how Wisconsin can once again lead the nation in reforming our public assistance programs. Building off of the reforms former Gov. Tommy Thompson started in 1996, Walker has proposed a series of initiatives that reward work and help people move from government dependence to true independence.

[Are kids in rural Wisconsin crossing 'condemned' bridges to catch their school bus?](#)

*Politifact Wisconsin*

Half True.

[Editorial: More bad news on the state of our roads](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal*

On Monday, U.S. News & World Report ranked Wisconsin 49th out of 50 states for the quality of our roads. About 42 percent of Wisconsin's roads are in poor or mediocre condition, according to the national magazine, compared to just 19 percent in neighboring Illinois.

[Editorial: Keep court oversight free of bias, conflict](#)

*Racine Journal Times*

Independent oversight of Wisconsin's judges and court commissioners is at risk in Gov. Scott Walker's proposed new state budget.

[Keep public notices in newspapers | Editorial](#)

*Sheboygan Press*

Citizens and news organizations can't follow every school, village, city and county government meeting from roll call to adjournment.

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Tom Evenson | Deputy Communications Director  
Office of Governor Scott Walker

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
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**Subject:** 2018-19 Budget  
**Date:** Sunday, March 05, 2017 10:07:06 AM

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**Subject: 2018-19 Budget**

I am writing to ask you to consider the following:

- Please do not remove funding for the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine. It is a self-supporting magazine; eliminating it will not save the taxpayers money. In fact, the two positions that you say it will cut are vacant. Tom Evenson stated that, "It is not the government's role to produce magazines that duplicate what is available in the private market." However, the Madison State Journal interviewed private market magazines publishers who indicated that the magazine does not duplicate their publications. I support the DNR and its work. They are professionals and scientists. Not only should we not eliminate the magazine, we should allow it to publish MORE articles on controversial topics like climate change. Ignoring and denying the facts, does not make the problem go away. Climate Change is real as is man's role in climate change! A consensus of scientific experts believes temperatures are rising; sea ice is melting; ocean levels are rising; and that fossil-fuel consumption is driving global warming. While we may not be exactly able to predict the effects of increased greenhouse gasses, the science behind how man-made green-house gasses lead to increased temperatures is basic and well known. We can directly measure the increased carbon dioxide levels that have risen directly with our increased use of fossil fuels. We can demonstrate that carbon dioxide absorbs heat reflected from the Earth's surface — heat that would otherwise pass freely into space. As CO2 levels increase, the pace of warming accelerates. Satellite measurements confirm that less heat is escaping the atmosphere today than 40 years ago. In fact, I just subscribed to the magazine myself to show my support for the DNR.

- Please continue to require school boards, city councils, village boards, etc. to print summaries of their actions in local newspapers and on the state wide public notice board. I do NOT support Assembly Bill 70 or Senate Bill 42.

- Please do not support Senator Fitzgerald's bill to relax regulations for some wells. It is important that we maintain governance over high capacity wells, including repair, replacement, reconstruction and transfer of ownership. High capacity wells can deplete groundwater, lakes and streams and need to be well regulated. Thank you for considering these points.

Felicia Hennessy

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**Subject:** DNR and Public Notice  
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**Subject: DNR and Public Notice**

I would like to add my voice to those wanting to see the DNR magazine continue. This is a beautiful, well done, informative asset for WI. It's a great tool to advertise what outdoor WI has to offer, which other publications don't. It's well done and something to be proud of and needs to stay.

Also, I still read daily and weekly newspapers as well as internet news. I read the public notices and think many others do also. It's accessible to many older adults and it's easy to refer back to if needed. I don't think there is a real good reason to fix something that's not broken.

**From:** [Google Alerts](#)  
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**Date:** Friday, March 03, 2017 12:30:02 AM



## scott walker

As-it-happens update · March 3, 2017

### NEWS

#### [Knight Life: Walker's state budget could mean demise of DNR magazine](#)

Leader-Telegram

The February issue of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine could be the last after Gov. **Scott Walker** has proposed eliminating funding for the ...



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#### [Wis. GOP again targets sanctuary cities](#)

Leader-Telegram

**Scott Walker** last year said he was "just fine" with the Legislature not passing the bill. His spokesman did not immediately reply to a message Thursday ...



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#### [Assembly matches Senate high-capacity wells bill](#)

Fox11online.com

MADISON (AP) -- Assembly Republicans have introduced an identical companion bill to a Senate measure that would loosen high-capacity well ...



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**Subject: HR 115; DNR magazine: summaries of local government meetings in newspaper**

I don't approve of discontinuing the DNR magazine to which we subscribe and enjoy. I don't approve of taking away the local control of shoreland zoning, especially, without public hearings. And lastly, I don't approve of taking away the requirement that summaries of local government meetings being published in local newspapers.

Marie Schultz

**From:** [no-reply@wi.gov](mailto:no-reply@wi.gov)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisc. Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 10:42:51 AM

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Contact Name: Larry Tredrea  
Email: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Message: Governor Walker. I urge you NOT to cut the WDNR magazine. It does not impinge on other outdoor magazines, is self-supporting and has very enlightening articles about our state's natural resources. thank you, Larry Tredrea

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Thursday, March 02, 2017 8:36:48 AM

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Wisconsin 53228

**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

We are so very disappointed that you are planning to discontinue the "Wisconsin Natural Resources" Magazine. We read it from cover to end. It is a wonderful source of information and entertainment. The articles are concise and varied, the photography is beautiful. It is a Class A magazine without commercials to boot! Please reconsider.

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Submitted on Thursday, March 2, 2017 - 08:36



**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 9:32:27 PM

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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

Dear Governor Walker,

I am writing today for one primary purpose. I am concerned, as many Americans are, about the general disregard for climate change and environmental protection with the new president. I am saddened at the budget proposal to eliminate the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. As a longtime subscriber, I cannot understand the benefit of eliminating it--especially since it is wholly paid by subscribers. I wholeheartedly believe that public education of the environment is vital for our future and our children's future.

Please do what you can to protect our environment. I am an avid hunter and boater, and yet I believe it is the only thing that truly matters for the future.

Sincerely,

Aaron Freis

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Submitted on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 - 21:32

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** I object to your proposal of ending the DNR Magazine.  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 4:02:12 PM

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**Subject: I object to your proposal of ending the DNR Magazine.**

Governor Walker , I do not understand your cutting the best State Magazine that I subscribe to and enjoy reading. You must realize the impact the publication has on our State tourism, and the respect we have for the Editor in chief, and past Editors. If my subscription covers the publication, why cut it from your budget ? You will impact my support of your Governing ability as this move will greatly impact our State. You must be proud of this historic State Resource and do not change what has worked so well for promoting the State Park system, and Hunters that enjoy learning what valuable events and history is relieved in the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine. I also would support a State gas tax to fund road rebuilding and bridge repairs. Your no raised tax claim is not relevant to me any more due to the need of our state wide demands on repair of rural old roads and State bridges. Rail upgrades on rail bridges need urgent attention for the safety of everyone that could be in danger of oil spills or chemical damage it train track bridges fail. Thanks for your consideration in restoring the DNR magazine. Make me proud of forward leadership at your position. Sincerely Terry Bourque retired RN, and Vietnam Vet.U.S. Army Volunteered 1967 -1971 I lost to many friends to war. Peace is the only answer.

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Submitted on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 - 16:02



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**Date:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:19:23 PM



## scott walker

As-it-happens update · March 1, 2017

### NEWS

#### [Demand runs high for DNR magazine Gov. \*\*Scott Walker\*\* wants to cut](#)

Columbus Journal

Demand was running high for the state's Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine after a flurry of news coverage about Republican Gov. **Scott Walker's** ...



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#### [Governor Walker: Anti-Fraud Initiatives Have Saved Taxpayers \\$255 Million](#)

Patch.com

MADISON – Governor **Scott Walker** announced this week that initiatives by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) to protect the identity of ...



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#### [2 local airports receive funds for upgrades](#)

WSAW

(WSAW) -- The Central Wisconsin Airport is getting a boost in improvement funds from Governor **Scott Walker**. The governor approved \$1.9 million to ...



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**Subject: WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES MAGAZINE**

Do not shut down the self-supporting Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. It's nearly 100 years old. Save our information for our Natural Resources.

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Submitted on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - 19:30

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## scott walker

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### NEWS

#### [Demand runs high for DNR magazine Gov. \*\*Scott Walker\*\* wants to cut](#)

TwinCities.com-Pioneer Press

**Scott Walker's** plan to shut down the self-supporting, nearly 100-year-old publication. The state Department of Natural Resources received 1,394 ...

[As Wisconsin Lottery posts record sales, \*\*Scott Walker\*\* seeks millions more for ads](#) - Madison.com

[Republican proposes raising UW tuition by inflation, income](#) - Madison.com

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#### [Walker: State fraud-fighting initiatives saved taxpayers \\$250 million](#)

Watchdog.org

MADISON, Wis. – State anti-fraud initiatives have saved taxpayers more than a quarter-billion dollars over the past six years, according to Gov.



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#### [Concern grows over cutting Farm to School Program Coordinator Po - WKOW 27: Madison, WI ...](#)

WKOW

MADISON(WKOW) – While states across the country amp up their Farm to School programs to feed public school kids, Governor **Scott Walker** is ...



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**Subject:** DNR Natural Resources Magazine  
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Wisconsin 53705

**Subject: DNR Natural Resources Magazine**

I strongly disagree with you discontinuing this magazine. I have been reading it since the year I moved to Wisconsin and have learned a lot about our natural history and have visited many of the places featured in the articles. Discontinuing this is a disservice to the people of Wisconsin. I know you do not share the same outdoor vision and love of science like many people you serve but you must remember, you are governor for all of us, not just a select few.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/5725>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - 13:58

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:31:16 AM

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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine**

Please do NOT discontinue publishing Wis. Nat. Resources. I have been a subscriber for over 10 years and have learned and shared a wealth of information regarding our precious environment in Wisconsin. This magazine is extremely valuable and I am sure subscription numbers will continue to rise regarding our fragile planet.

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Submitted on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - 10:31



**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Budget - DNR magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 9:57:02 AM

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**Subject: Budget - DNR magazine**

I hope you get the time to read Pat Durkin's article about this matter - it would a good idea, sportsmen I know are predominately conservative voters & have supported you as I have. If his article is accurate, as I was told by a number people in position to know it is, doing this is unnecessary & will lead to a large group of upset possibly ex-supporters! Also, based on my subscription a bit of a logistic mess - how do I get my refund for the two years I'll have coming? Just a thought - & I almost forgot - it's funded by those who get it! Why open a can of worms for no apparent good reason? Thoughts of Walker Supporter!

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Submitted on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - 09:57

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Elimination of Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:04:44 AM

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Wisconsin 53190

**Subject: Elimination of Natural Resources Magazine**

Governor Walker,

I am contacting you to express my displeasure her with your attempt to shut down Wisconsin natural resources magazine. It incurs no burden on Wisconsin taxpayers and is an excellent resource. Cutting it will also save, at best, a minuscule amount of money for the average hunting and fishing license holder. The sole reason I can determine for your attempt to eliminate it is that it occasionally expresses differing opinions from yours. That is the right of all people. To know all the facts.

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Submitted on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - 08:04

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2017 11:00:01 PM

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**Subject: Keep Natural Resources Magazine**

I am very much opposed to the proposal to eliminate the DNR's Natural Resources Magazine. Since it doesn't cost the state a nickel because it is self-supporting, and it keeps subscribers and others who may read it informed of DNR science findings that should be disseminated around the state, it performs a much-needed service.

Wisconsin citizens should be able to find out what the scientists we hire - as state employees - are learning and any other important information about our state's wonderful natural resources.

This is a vital magazine that should NOT cease publication.

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Submitted on Monday, February 27, 2017 - 22:59

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**Subject:** DNR Magazine  
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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

Would you please allow the citizens of Wisconsin--- hunters, fishermen, and other sports lovers who support our DNR to continue to enjoy the DNR Magazine. It has very useful scientific information and keeps us informed on critical issues. Or is it your wish to silence the media because you do not agree with the citizens learning something? What is this state coming to when we have no communication in the form of scientific information available to us? We know that this has 0 to do with budgets so don't go there.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/5682>

Submitted on Monday, February 27, 2017 - 21:18

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2017 9:13:30 PM

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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

Please keep publishing it. i have about 20 years of back issues and give them as gifts. I think it is a good way of promoting the state. By the way I sent a check for \$6000 to prepay my 2017 state income tax so indeed I am a Wisconsin Taxpayer. It is my understanding no tax dollars are used anyhow to publish it. Why get rid of it? Please do not terminate publishing. Withdraw it from a budget proposal.

Thank You

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## scott walker

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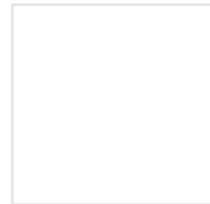
#### [Wisconsin Gov. \*\*Scott Walker\*\* Says Obamacare Is a Mess](#)

Bloomberg

Republican Governor **Scott Walker** of Wisconsin comments on Obamacare and health care policy after a meeting with President Trump at the White ...



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Madison.com

Demand for the DNR's Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine ran high following news coverage of Gov. **Scott Walker's** plans to shutter the ...

[Scott Walker: Governors Helping With Work to Replace, Repair Obamacare](#) - Newsmax

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#### [Court watchdog sees its standing eroded under \*\*Scott Walker\*\* plan](#)

WiscNews

Wisconsin Gov. **Scott Walker** wants to place the Judicial Commission, which investigates ethics complaints against Supreme Court justices, under the ...



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#### [State Debate: James Rowen comments: \*\*Scott Walker\*\* denies climate change; Hayward cancels ...](#)

Madison.com

Just weeks after the **Scott Walker** administration's DNR scrubbed climate change from its website, the famed Birkebeiner cross-country ski race at ...



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## [The Latest: Govs divided on health care after Trump meeting](#)

Charlotte Observer

Wisconsin Gov. **Scott Walker**, center, gestures as he speaks to reporters outside the White House in Washington, Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, following a ...



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## [Wisconsin Revenue Department touts anti-fraud efforts](#)

fox6now.com

**Scott Walker** says protecting taxpayers is a top priority and he will continue to work with the department to "remain vigilant so we can prevent identity ...

[Governor Walker Announces Department of Revenue Anti-Fraud Initiatives Save Taxpayers \\$255 ...](#)

- urbanmilwaukee (press release)

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## [Governors' meeting highlights GOP rifts over health reform](#)

The Darien News

**Scott Walker**, center, gestures as he speaks to reporters outside the White House in Washington, Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, following a meeting with ...



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## [Tony Evers, Lowell Holtz debate effect of Act 10 on state teacher supply](#)

WiscNews

**Scott Walker's** signature legislation curtailing collective bargaining for public school teachers was good for schools in the two final candidates' first ...



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## [United States: Governor Walker's Budget Could Affect Wisconsin Employment Laws](#)

Mondaq News Alerts (registration)

On February 8, 2017, Wisconsin Governor **Scott Walker** presented his two-year executive budget bill (the "Bill") to the Wisconsin legislature. Buried ...



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## [Donald Trump to Governors: We're Giving Power Back to the States](#)

Breitbart News

President Donald Trump promised a large crowd of American governors that he would work to redirect power from the federal government to the states ...



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**Subject:** Keep WI DNR Magazine  
**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2017 2:49:13 PM

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I am a current subscriber to the WI DNR Magazine, and our family has been reading this publication since it was called the Wisconsin Conservation Bulletin when I was quite young.

Please keep this magazine. It is not costing the state anything. It informs us about the wealth of natural resources of our state, increases our scientific understanding of the world around us, and raises goodwill among WI citizens toward our environment.

Thank you,

Mary E Plane  
[REDACTED]  
Madison WI 53705

**From:** [Yahoo Email](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Natural resources magazine  
**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2017 1:07:50 PM

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Why shut down the popular and self supporting 100 year old magazine. You just want to take all the clean water and promote pig farms to get campaign money for yourself. HM

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**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

Take the removal of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine out of the budget.  
In other words leave the magazine as it is now.  
Thank you and have a good day,  
Dennis

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Submitted on Monday, February 27, 2017 - 13:00

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**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

Dear Governor Walker,

As a life-long resident of Wisconsin, I am outraged that you have proposed canceling the publication of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine. My husband and I not only enjoy all this magazine has to offer, we also gave a gift subscription to our grandson in Connecticut so that he can keep in touch with a place he has come to love. I know this is not an economic decision, as the magazine is self-supporting. It is also not based on lack of readership, since the magazine has retained its popularity over the many years it's been published. The only reasoning I can see is that it takes focus off the beauty of our environment and our responsibility to protect our natural resources.

I ask you, Governor, why do you chose to live in this state? Where do you find your joy? I have chosen to stay in Wisconsin in large part because of the natural beauty of the forests, streams and lakes. One of my greatest joys is a quiet walk in an unspoiled woods. Perhaps such things are not important to you. I assure you, they are deeply important to me.

Sincerely,  
Mary E. Behm

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**Subject: DNR magazine**

Governor Walker: I understand that you are proposing to do away with the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. I urge you not to. We often visit friends in Wisconsin, and always enjoy your beautiful state. Getting the magazine enriches our experience. It is wonderful to read about Wisconsin's environmental initiatives. Since the magazine is supported by subscribers, I encourage you to let it be.

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**Subject:** Do not eliminate DNR magazine; restore science to the DNR  
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**Subject: Do not eliminate DNR magazine; restore science to the DNR**

I am writing to protest the elimination of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. As Patrick Durkin asked in his Feb 24 article: "Is it no longer important for the DNR to inform the public of its efforts/programs to carry out that mission [to protect and enhance Wisconsin's natural resources]?" Already, the magazine has apparently stepped away from factual articles if they happen to challenge political interests.

I used to think that the DNR was a place I could turn for fact-based information on Wisconsin's natural world, but lately, with the elimination of science-based staffers, the scrubbing of facts on climate change from its website, and now the threatened elimination of an informational magazine, I have lost my faith in the DNR as a reliable resource. It's time to restore that faith. As a life-long Wisconsin resident and taxpayer, I insist that the DNR fulfill its mission to actually protect our resources, regardless of political pressures, to use scientific facts in its decision makings, and to make every effort to educate the public of these facts, including through its magazine.

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**Subject:** DNR funding, Assembly Bill 70, Senate BILL 42  
**Date:** Sunday, February 26, 2017 2:46:53 PM

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**Subject: DNR funding, Assembly Bill 70, Senate BILL 42**

1. Keep the DNR magazine, which supports itself.
2. I want school boards, county boards, etc to be required to print a summary of their actions in the newspapers, and on the website [www.WisconsinPublicNotices.org](http://www.WisconsinPublicNotices.org)

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
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Submitted on Sunday, February 26, 2017 - 14:46

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Cutting the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
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**Subject: Cutting the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

We were shocked to read the outdoor news front page article in the Green Bay Press Gazette this week--"Proposed magazine cut is Head Scratcher". It is not just a head scratcher, it is shocking and maddening to read. How can you justify doing this when this publication is a self funding entity???? My husband and I are both graduates from the University of Wisconsin Madison and have grown up in the agriculture world and are still work in that world. We enjoy a clientele that are great land stewards while providing food for the world. Our clients and we enjoy and value the landscape, nature and great wildlife of our Great State of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine provides a link between current environmental topics, research and the public readers, who might be veterinarians like us, dairy farmers like our clients that enjoy taking care of their cattle and land as much as hunting and fishing in their few spare moments. Readers might also be sportsmen/women that are now 2 or 3 generations removed from the land. This publication is a chance to educate a few of those people, which we see as pretty damn important. Maybe you don't get it either. When was the last time you spent a day on the farm with your work clothes on????

It is my understanding that those hunting patron licenses and subscriptions pay for that publication. How DARE you step in and say it should no longer exist? I don't understand why you think you have the right to do that or why you think you should do that. And not only that, how dare you and other government officials step in and remove articles that you don't think are "politically correct"??? What happened to free speech or do you also subscribe to the Trump mantra that everything in the news is "Fake News"? The Wisconsin Natural Resources is not "The National Enquirer"--it is a factual publication with articles written by people that know what they are talking about. I think you need to rethink your position on this and perhaps the magazine can obtain a new editor that has more faith in our governor.




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**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

Please continue to have the WDNR publish Wisconsin Natural Resource Magazine and give the editor freedom to publish without restrictions.

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Submitted on Sunday, February 26, 2017 - 13:33

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

If you cut Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine, you will never receive another vote from me. I will also do anything I can to convince others not to cast a vote for you. I feel that strongly about it. Thank you for your hard work.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/5570>

Submitted on Sunday, February 26, 2017 - 11:17

**From:** [Nora Swalls](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine  
**Date:** Sunday, February 26, 2017 10:50:24 AM

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Hello Governor Walker,

My name is Nora Swalls and I reside in Wautoma, Wisconsin. I just saw on the show Up Front that you are recommending the elimination of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. I pay for this magazine subscription and believe it is vital to education as a resource for the public. Over 80,000 people subscribe to this magazine and it is been around for over 100 years. It is published bi-monthly and is totally sustained by the subscription fees charged to the readers. NO tax money is used for this magazine. I would like you help! Please stand up for this publication. Many people enjoy it and there is no need to eliminate it.

I try to choose my battles and I understand this is just a magazine, but we enjoy it and love reading the articles. This has offered an interest in Wisconsin Natural Resources for my family.

Thank you,

Nora Swalls

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Wautoma, WI 54982

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Nora Swalls

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
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**Subject:** WI Natural Resources Magazine  
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**Subject: WI Natural Resources Magazine**

I normally support you & your administration's positions, but I am appalled at your decision to end the WI Natural Resources Magazine! I am also quite angry about several articles that the "Administration" tried to kill!

I am also concerned about the changes to the DNR in general! I've always felt that the science & research portion of the DNR was WI's strong point, but I've heard that is being slashed too.

The real concern, however, is the ground water, & large farm situation! This must be addressed or it will be the demise of Republican popularity & control of WI government!

This is where it begin Governor Walker! Actions like these will swing the pendulum away from all the good you've done!

Thomas H Morse

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/5563>

Submitted on Sunday, February 26, 2017 - 06:20

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

I hear that funding for this magazine may end. I would ask you to continue to fund publication of the magazine. I have enjoyed subscribing for over 15 years. In fact it may be as much as 20.

I've learned a lot about our state through this publication. I look forward to receiving every issue.

Lou Ann Norsetter

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/5562>

Submitted on Sunday, February 26, 2017 - 06:15

**From:** [Mary Miller](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** several items  
**Date:** Saturday, February 25, 2017 3:15:09 PM

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1. Please work to stop the corporate polluters, we only ALL have one planet to live on.
2. Don't let big stores not pay their fair share of property taxes. We need all the funds we can get.
3. The Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine needs to be kept free, as in free press, and one of our environmental watch dogs.
4. Don't put all immigrants in one pot. They need to be vetted and the good ones allowed into our wonderful state.

Mary Miller, Oconomowoc  
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## LARSON REPORT

### NEWSLETTER

February 23, 2017

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#### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Supporting our neighbors and being involved in our community is of the utmost importance. Some community events that might be of interest to you and your family are listed below.

**Friday Night Fun Flicks!**  
Date: February 24, March 24, and April 28 at 6 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 pm)

**Location:** Oak Creek  
**Description:** Watch a family friendly movie on the BIG SCREEN! Bring your blankets and pillow and relax while watching movies! Feel free to bring your own refreshments. However, all refreshments must stay in designated movie areas!  
**All Ages:** Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. [Movie titles and further information available on the Oak Creek Library's website here.](#)  
**Oak Creek Public Library (MAP)**  
8040 S 6th St, Oak Creek, WI 53154  
**Urban Candlelight Hike**  
Date: Saturday, February 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Milwaukee  
**Description:** There's something for everyone at the first ever Urban Candlelight Hike: a pizza buffet, hot chocolate, churros, hiking/snowshoeing, a roaring campfire & marshmallows, and toasty warming shelters await! Over 500 lights lighting the trails! Admission is FREE. [CLICK HERE to learn more.](#)  
**Three Bridges Park (MAP)**  
3700 W Canal St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53215

**15th Annual Local Farmer Open House**  
Date: Saturday March 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Location:** Milwaukee  
**Description:** Know your farmer. Know your food. This event is your once-a-year opportunity to talk with local farmers, hear about their growing practices, and learn about their Community

Dear Wisconsin Neighbor,  
Many of you provided positive feedback regarding the last Larson Report, with my "Top Ten Tips" for effective advocacy.

By popular demand, I have created a printable version of the "Top Ten Tips" so you may share them with your friends, family and neighbors.

[Click here to view the printable document.](#)

Additionally, I am adding a *Take Action* section to the Larson Report. Each newsletter will provide an action alert to give neighbors an opportunity to stay engaged and have your voice heard. Continue reading for this week's action alert.

First, I wanted to update you on some alarming allegations that have come to light regarding a barrel reconditioning company that operates in our community, called Mid-America Steel Drum Company. The *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* recently reported that the facility that has been leaving hazardous chemical residue in the bottom of its barrels for decades. In this week's newsletter we will provide an overview of the threats to our health and safety due to Mid-America's dangerous negligence.

In Service,

Chris Larson  
State Senator, District 7

#### Threats to our Health and Safety Unveiled



It is a shared American value that we have a responsibility as citizens to work hard and play by the rules. This responsibility does not extend to just you and me, but also corporate interests doing business in our

neighborhoods. When corporations break or bend the rules, it threatens the American ideal that each and every one of us, deserves to live in a healthy, prosperous community.

Our neighbors are the profit creators for the corporate entities they work for, and they deserve peace of mind that they will be treated with fairness and honesty when it comes to potential hazards at their job. Likewise, when corporations in our community decide not to play by the rules, there is an obligation to hold them accountable especially if our health, our drinking water, and our environment are endangered or irrevocably harmed.

#### Bad Actors Breaking Laws

Recently, willful negligence when handling chemical and hazardous waste by Creif, Inc., including at the Mid-America Steep Drum Company locations in Milwaukee, St. Francis, and Oak Creek has come to light by a whistleblower.

Mid-America is a barrel reconditioning facility that has been leaving hazardous chemical residue in the bottom of its barrels for decades. In 1984, a barrel at the Oak Creek facility of Mid-America exploded in a worker's face, killing him on the spot. Despite this tragic loss of life, the dangerous procedures that lead to the explosion have not been changed.

According to the reports, serious safety protocols have been breached, and environmental safeguards

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Urban Ecology Center at Riverside Park  
[\(MAP\)](#)  
1500 E Park Pl, Milwaukee, WI 53211

**Free Tax Assistance from UWM and AARP**

Date: March 4 and 11, April 1 and 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Milwaukee

**Description:** For the 2nd year in a row UWM and the AARP are partnering on a tax assistance program.

Trained student volunteers from UWM's Beta Alpha Psi accounting organization will sit down with you and help ensure you get all of the deductions and claims you deserve. All ages welcome. Walk-ins only. [CLICK HERE to see a flyer with more information.](#)

UWM Cambridge Commons  
[\(MAP\)](#)  
2323 Cambridge Gateway Milwaukee, WI 53211

**Kohl's Art Generation Gallery: Paper Play: Kindergarten to Contemporary Art**

Date: Ongoing -- the gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday until 8 p.m.

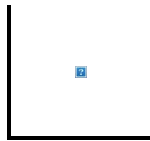
Location: Milwaukee

**Description:**

The Milwaukee Art Museum invites families to come and explore the innovative use of paper by contemporary artists, who use this humble material in simple ways --folding, weaving, cutting, and stacking -- to make extraordinary works of art. Families can explore the possibilities of paper by creating a sculpture, a colorful weaving, and a mysterious scene in four different activity stations. The Kohl's Art Generation Gallery brings art and creativity to kids and their families through family-friendly, hands-on activities. [CLICK HERE to learn more.](#)

Milwaukee Art Museum  
[\(MAP\)](#)

700 N. Art Museum Dr. Milwaukee, WI 53202



**violated.** Specifically, it is alleged that the facilities have been routinely breaking requirements put in place regarding how hazardous waste is to be handled, transported, and processed.

The protocols are outlined in the federal Resources Conservation and Recovery Act to ensure workers, community members, and our local environment are protected. In the case of Mid-America Steel Drum Company, exposure to chemicals contained on the facility can negatively impact the health and well-being of our neighbors.

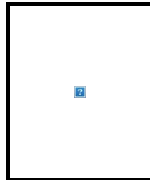
#### **Community Health and Safety at Risk**

Due to the violation and disregard of critical safety practices, workers at the six facilities operated by Greif, Inc. have suffered chemical and heat-related burns, injuries, breathing difficulties and other health problems, according to the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Three of the locations are in Wisconsin.

Additionally, one facility in Indianapolis was significantly damaged after a fire broke.

The facilities have repeatedly been cited by safety regulators for dumping too much mercury into public wastewater and for toxic emissions into the neighborhood air. In fact, at the Milwaukee location, a safety manager, and plant workers admitted that chemical residue was washed down a floor drain, which eventually leads to Lake Michigan. Additionally, reports also indicate that the company burned hazardous chemicals, releasing toxic emissions into the air. **This threatens the health of workers in the plant as well as the community at-large and is in violation of the Clean Air Act.** This is also dangerous because it pollutes Lake Michigan -- drinking water source -- putting it at risk of contamination.

What should be even more alarming to neighbors in Wisconsin and elsewhere is that the article reveals Greif's executives knew of the hazardous risks being taken by the plants, but suggested to their shareholders that they found a **loophole that would shield the publicly-traded Greif from civil liabilities.** Executives told financial analysts in 2010 that "those risks were very real," and that the company was protected in part by "contractual arrangements."



#### **Wisconsin Values Betrayed**

Two of the deepest held and most enduring values we have is to require safe places for our neighbors to work and a clean environment for all of us to enjoy.

From forming some of the first unions in the country to being influential in the fight for an eight-hour workday, Wisconsin has been a vital force in many of the workplace protections we have today.

During the 20th century, Wisconsin's workforce continued to seek fair treatment and safe working conditions for all under Robert La Follette's progressive movement. In 1911, the State Legislature passed the first workman's compensation law. Then in 1932, our first unemployment compensation laws were enacted. Wisconsin continued to support its workers by passing the Wisconsin Employment Relations Act in 1937, which provided workers with the right to organize.

In addition to our traditional commitment to workers' rights, Wisconsin has been on the forefront of protecting our shared lands and waters. In fact, the first Earth Day was observed nationwide on April 22, 1970, and served as a day to increase environmental awareness. The holiday was founded by Gaylord Nelson, a former Wisconsin Governor and U.S. Senator dedicated to cleaning up polluted waterways, protecting our shared lands, creating sustainable green jobs, and bolstering the state's recreation infrastructure.

Unfortunately, **under Walker and legislative Republicans, we've seen attack after attack on these shared values of community safety and stewardship.** Continuous betrayals of these shared Wisconsin values invites bad actors to willfully continue their dangerous and neglectful behavior. Stripping away resources from those charged with enforcing our safety laws has also been a destructive pattern of the current administration.

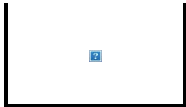
In fact, an audit released last year by the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau confirmed that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has not been consistently following its own policies, due in part to chronic understaffing.

Despite the environmental danger of intentional understaffing, Governor Walker stripped the DNR of research and science positions in the last state budget.

Republican lawmakers have consistently made poor decisions that have had negative repercussions on our lands and waters. Now, as we are seeing shocking practices at the Greif plants in Milwaukee, St. Francis, and Oak Creek, we are left wondering what options are left to pursue these alarming behaviors. The *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* revelation of the shocking and dangerous practices at the Greif plants are a strong reminder that Walker's dismantling, understaffing, and under-funding of the DNR leaves us with a toothless watch dog.

When corporate bad





actors threaten the lives of our neighbors and the health of our local environment. Wisconsin families lose and are neglectfully put in harms way. These values are codified into our federal

laws under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. Unfortunately, according to the accounts and allegations included in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* suggest that these federal rules may be being broken. This has led to U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin and U.S. Representative Gwen Moore to call for an immediate federal investigation.

Time and time again, the plants have been cited by regulators for releasing toxic emissions into the air and pouring hazardous chemicals down drains into the local sewer system, yet little action has been taken to effectively address these hazards and heed the danger.

I want to acknowledge and thank our federally elected officials Senator Tammy Baldwin and Representative Gwen Moore for their speedy leadership on this issue at the federal level. In addition to federal efforts, we need immediate action from the state and it must be an all hands on deck collaborative solution. For these reasons, I joined my legislative colleagues in sending a letter to Governor Walker asking that he immediately look into this horrendous situation.

I will continue to be in contact with Sen. Baldwin and Rep. Moore. I also recently had an opportunity to meet with the whistleblower who lifted the veil off the dangerous practices happening in our neighborhood. I will continue to pursue this issue to ensure accountability and safety for our community.

[For more information, you can read the full Milwaukee Journal Sentinel report, entitled "Burned," here.](#)

#### Crucial Next Steps

As mentioned earlier, Senator Baldwin and Congresswoman Moore have called for the full weight of the federal government to be brought to bare on this crisis. Still, the state of Wisconsin has a role that must not be neglected. I will be joining my colleagues in demanding action by the Department of Natural Resources as well as calling on the state Attorney General to take immediate action to stop further law breaking and toxic polluting. I will also be working with my colleagues to set up informational listening sessions with neighbors in the potentially affected areas to make sure that we have the best information and resources for them to protect their families.

**You can help spur the state to tackle this corporate polluter by calling or emailing the state leaders listed below and asking them to immediately close the facilities and investigate the potential threats to community safety:**

- [Email](#) Governor Walker or call him at 608-266-1212
- [Email](#) the Attorney General or call him at (608) 266-1221
- [Email](#) the DNR Secretary or call her at (608) 266-2121

If you live near or have information about these facilities that could help protect our neighbors, please do not hesitate to contact me.

#### Take Action: CBD Oil and "Lydia's Law"

Three years ago, the Legislature passed a watered down version of "Lydia's Law," which sought to allow families with seizure disorders to access non-psychoactive cannabidiol (CBD) oil with a prescription from a Wisconsin provider. Despite bipartisan support and strong public advocacy, special interests and lobbyists won the day. The final bill still prevented production and distribution of CBD oil in Wisconsin. Families are still suffering, and the majority party has continued to delay access to this critical treatment option.

On the last day of session in 2014, Republican's abruptly ended the senate session to avoid discussing and voting on a measure that would have provided real relief for those suffering debilitating seizures.

The Senate took up Senate Bill 10 this week, which made minor changes to "Lydia's Law." While the bill passed unanimously on February 22, 2017, it does not go far enough to address the barriers in obtaining CBD medicine for suffering kids.

For these reasons, I introduced a substitute amendment to create a process for CBD to be manufactured and distributed in Wisconsin. Unfortunately, the Republican-led Senate rejected this substitute amendment.

After the bill's passage, I heard from neighbors who again asked that the Legislature do something to fully address this critical issue.

#### TAKE ACTION:

The full Assembly will likely take up the bill in March. I am working with state representatives to make sure this substitute amendment gets brought up on the floor of the Assembly. **Therefore, I encourage you and your neighbors to contact your assembly representative and ask that they amend Senate Bill 10 to allow for CBD to be produced and distributed in Wisconsin.**

Representative Jimmy Anderson and I also introduced a bill that would create a process for CBD to be manufactured in the state. **Please also contact your assembly person or senator and ask that they sign on as a co-sponsor to LRB 2105.**

To find the legislators that represent your district,

please call the Legislative Hotline at 1(800) 362-9472.

This issue is important to many of our friends and neighbors who have children suffering from debilitating medical conditions. Thank you in advance for your advocacy on this important issue!

### In Case You Missed It

Each week, the Larson Report strives to provide up-to-date, in-depth information to its readers. Between editions, a lot happens in Madison and in our Wisconsin communities. I want to make sure you know the most pressing issues facing our neighborhoods across the state. Below are some of the top stories from the past couple of weeks:



- **Milwaukee "Day Without Latinos"**

As citizens and elected leaders, we have a moral obligation to defend our neighbors from hate, discrimination, and violence.

On February 13, our community came together and stood arm-in-arm with our neighbors throughout the state in calling for Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke to reject enrollment in the federal 287g program, which would change the mission of our deputies and have them focus on immigration status instead of focusing on keeping our community safe.

The top priority for our local law enforcement officials is to provide security and safety to all residents. Participation in the federal 287g program would prevent cooperation with law enforcement in a normal routine way for many neighbors. Worse, under this program, crimes committed AGAINST our neighbors would undoubtedly go unreported.

By rejecting this program, we can provide Milwaukee County residents the security and peace of mind they need so they can trust that, in times of need, they can reach out to law enforcement without fear of retaliation from their government. [Read more about this issue, here.](#)

- **"Dark Stores"**

There's a showdown happening between those who are looking to skirt their responsibilities to the community and instead pass the burden on to their neighbors. As is usually the case, the rich and the monied interests are developing new ways to do this under threat.

This time, it's in the form of giant retailers trying to get out of paying their fair share of property taxes. I hope the state will step in before this problem gets worse but, given Governor Walker's tendency to favor his biggest donors, their bill may just fall on your shoulder's, too. [Read more about this issue, here.](#)

- **I Love My Public Schools Week of Action!**

Our schools are the heart of our communities. It's where our children develop the skills and tools needed to live a successful, prosperous life.

Dedicated teachers and administrators work tirelessly to ensure our local, neighborhood schools provide a quality education to every student that comes through their door.

As a Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) parent, I am always impressed at what MPS is able to provide our children, despite the financial challenges caused by intentional disinvestment by Republican leadership.

For instance, as highlighted in their "Report to the Community 2016," MPS worked hard to invest in arts, extracurriculars, and student organizations.

This hard work paid off for our kids -- [You can read more about the achievements highlights by MPS in their 2016 report, here.](#)

- **Trump's Glaring Illegitimacy**

A growing storm of questions surrounding the deliberate hacking espionage and election meddling by foreign governments to put Trump in the White House continues as more hidden facts emerge.

The *New York Times* recently reported that phone records and intercepted calls reveal that inner-circle Trump campaign members had frequent contact with senior Russian intelligence officials in the year before the presidential election.

American intelligence agencies revealed a couple months ago that the Russian government hacked and leaked information with the intent of maliciously steering the presidential election to their hand-picked candidate, Donald Trump.

The known collusion between the Trump camp and the Russian government has even led to the removal of Trump's National Security Secretary Michael Flynn once the public found out about it. Flynn held this post for just one month before the scandal forced Trump to use him as a scapegoat.

The actions shown by the Trump administration conflict with our American national security and prosperity. The shameful illegitimacy of our president is glaring.

It should be as clear to every American as it is to the Russians: Trump is little more than a new Russian toy, a hollow Russian doll, with a Putin one hidden just behind Trump's thin orange shell. [Read the New York Times article, here.](#)

- **Walker Destroys Conservation Treasure in Budget**

It's been just a couple weeks since the governor

gave his budget address, and already our neighbors are learning just how far he will go to stifle the voices of those working to safeguard our shared lands and waters.

In an effort to diminish civic engagement and responsibility, the governor's budget destroys another Wisconsin conservation treasure by banning a subscriber-supported conservation magazine, which has absolutely zero impact on our state's budget.

For almost 100 years, the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine has stood strong as an important voice in of our proud conservation history, providing an inside look at how our shared lands and waters are being safeguarded, what is threatening them, and how hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts are working to meet those threats.

Recent efforts to censor articles and stifle information in the magazine, have led to a direct attack on this magazine, which you can [read more about here](#).

#### • **Wisconsin Man Fights Back Against Muslim Ban**

We live in a land of immigrants. Stories of immigration are handed down generation to generation and remind us that almost all of our families' stories began elsewhere.

The strength of the United States is due in large part to the open doors we have had, welcoming additional waves of immigrants to contribute to our culture and community.

But now Trump, Walker, and Clarke want to slam the American door, and shutter our windows. This has led for one of our neighbors in Wisconsin joining in a lawsuit against Trump's refugee and Muslim ban, as he has been unable to finalize asylum for his wife and child. His family was in the final stages of the process for getting asylum when their efforts were abruptly halted by Trump's Muslim ban.

Hearing this story is a deeply sad reminder that beyond the hateful rhetoric by Trump and his followers, real families are in imminent danger and continue to be ripped away from their loved ones. This is not the American I know and it is not the history I want written. We must continue to stand up against the misguided hate being fueled by a loud minority. We must change this history before it happens. [Read this Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article for more about this family's story here](#).

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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

Governor Walker:

I just read an article in the February 25, 2017, edition of The Post-Crescent saying you're planning to cease publication of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine.

I have been a subscriber and a contributor to the magazine since 1989. It contains many articles of interest to me about our state's natural resources.

Are you planning to get rid of the magazine because it has printed some information about the changing climate which you don't believe?

It is very disappointing to see what you have done with cuts to the DNR since you've become governor. Please don't make another mistake by ending the 98-year run of WNR magazine.

Tim Sweet  
[REDACTED]  
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### [DNR magazine is valued publication -- John Fett](#)

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I was saddened and angered by the news that Gov. **Scott Walker** plans to shut down publication of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine after ...



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**Subject: DNR magazine and our state parks**

We are willing to pay more for the magazine, so please dont kill it off. It is a wonderful publication. We are disappointed in our state parks compared to those in other states. The facilities in many of the parks are old, in need of repair, and dirty looking. Ohio state parks are beautiful. If you want to promote tourism we should have great parks.

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February 18, 2017

This is a Letter to Terry Moulton and Governor Walker. I may share it with others.

I cannot believe that you, similar to me, have spent most of your life in Wisconsin. You must not have appreciated what a wonderful State we used to have.

Born and raised in Northern Wisconsin, within a few miles of the Chequamegon National Forest and near the beautiful Flambeau rivers, I have enjoyed many hours outside. Early on I remember family trips to Copper Falls State Park. As I grew older I was amazed by the fact that almost everywhere I went there was a State Park.

My college years were spent at Superior, near Amnicon and Pattison State Parks. As I grew older my I was quite pleased by the fact that Wisconsin was a wonderland of public friendly places to hunt, picnic, explore, fish, and canoe. I realized that few states hand a WONDERLAND like Wisconsin.

As a young teacher I was pleased to learn that teachers trained in other states were required to take conservation classes to earn a Wisconsin teachers license.

When I graduated from college my cousin gave me a book. Have you ever read A Sand County Almanac by Aldo Leopold ?

Throughout my life in Wisconsin we have always had an agency that helped us care for our State. Rules to protect our woods and waters. An agency that helped us all realize that we need to care for the wonders that we live with.

Recently our state Government has been systematically destroying the DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. Are you really going to try to destroy the DNR magazine?

We are going to lose many of the Great State Parks. Rules to help us protect our fragile resources are being removed. Please stop. Save this wonderful State.

Gene Koci, [REDACTED], Eau Claire WI. 54703



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**Subject: Natural Resources Magazing**

Please DO NOT kill the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine, It advertises so many things that make our state special. It only comes out 6 times a year and it is completely supported by subscribers and not taxpayers, It helps our advertising for tourists which give jobs to those in Wisconsin. Please rescind your plan to get rid of this magazine.

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**Subject: Wisconsin. Natural Resources Magazine**

Make money don't close down the magazine. In an effort to help with the sustainability of the WDNR and the WRN magazine eliminate the free patrons license given with the \$165 subscription. You'll be the hero for keeping the mag and get additional funding for the license. If people stop subscribing all the more reason to shut it down, but look like a hero while getting what you want.

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Dear Acting Editor Kahler,

I read yesterday that Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine is planned to be discontinued by Governor Walker's budget. I am sad, upset, and angry about that. I count on the magazine for information and beautiful portrayals about what it actually means to live in my state, to better understand our natural environment and with our fellow creatures (as I identify them from my Christian convictions). Not only for learning and understanding, the magazine also presents the opportunities and encouragement to get out and experience these settings, plants, and animals. I'm heartily disappointed that scientific content of climate change has been edited out, but even more discouraged and depressed that the whole magazine might go away. This is a small aspect of the struggles needed in our political moment, but one that may be readily overturned, so I'm writing to share my view and ask if there's more I can do to support the continuance of the magazine.

Thank you.

The Rev. Nick Utphall



Madison, WI 53711

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William --

**["Ryan's Fury on the Border" Battleground Wisconsin Podcast](#)**

We review the spring primary victory for Tony Evers, including the split among the right-wing primary candidates, and look forward to the April 4th general election. The panel exposes another eruption of Gov. Walker's war on science, his effort to close down the 100 year old DNR Magazine which features articles by professional scientists on conservation issues. We also discuss how Republicans who won in 2010 after Tea party disruptions of town halls are now avoiding them, including Wisconsin's Ron Johnson. Jorna exposes Paul Ryan's shameless grandstanding along the Mexico/U.S. border as he attempted to ride a horse for the media and only demonstrated that he doesn't know his way around horses. Finally, Citizen Action organizer Rebecca Derenne tells us about the new Northeastern Wisconsin Organizing Cooperative.

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Do not end it.

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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

Dear Governor Walker -

As a lifetime resident of the state of Wisconsin, I do not support your budgetary proposal to cease the publication of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine. This educational, non biased and easy reading magazine is an asset to our state to find out about our natural resources, relevant research and recreational activities that hare happening around our state in our State's natural resources. If Wisconsin is still open for business then we should embrace the fact the tourism, high education research, and recreation are economic development drivers.

The budget savings that you have projected do not add up, as the magazine pays for itself. If 35,000 subscribers pay \$8.95 for a yearly subscription, that adds up to \$313,250.00. You have stated that the cost of the magazine is \$300,000.00. That is a revenue of the \$13,250.00, at a time when the state needs all the revenue it can get, it seems to make sense to keep this publication that highlights the beauty and uniqueness of our great State be kept active.

I thank you for your time and please reconsider eliminating the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine.

Respectfully,

Sara Hudson  
Ashland, WI

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**GOOD MORNING**  
**Media Briefing – Thursday, February 23, 2017**  
**Office of Governor Scott Walker**  
**TODAY'S FRONT PAGES**  
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**Governor Walker**

[Governor Walker tells conservatives 'go big, go bold' during speech at CPAC](#)

*Associated Press*

Walker recounts his battles with liberal activists and labor unions, comparing his experience in Wisconsin with what President Donald Trump and his Cabinet are experiencing now. He tells the activists, "Been there, done that."

[Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker urges nation's conservatives to stand strong against protests](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

MADISON – Gov. Scott Walker drew on his experience battling protesters six years ago to hearten conservatives Thursday as they face fierce criticism over President Donald Trump and his policies.

[Walker's proposed welfare reforms are an exciting example for the rest of the country](#)

*Washington Examiner*

In 2011, Gov. Scott Walker, R-Wis., delivered his first inaugural address. He laid out an agenda focused on returning to "frugality in government" and building an economic climate that would create new private-sector jobs. Walker assured everyone that, despite the tough challenges facing the Badger State, Wisconsin was up to the task and would serve as a model for the rest of the nation to follow.

[Governor Walker visits Beloit, gets sneak peek at CareerTek and YMCA](#)

*Beloit Daily News*

BELOIT — As the Hendricks CareerTek youth workforce training facility opened its doors to the public for the first time Wednesday, officials welcomed Gov. Scott Walker on an early morning tour of the center, set to bring Beloit businesses closer with middle school and high school students.

[Hanson: EITC expansion will help Wisconsin's low- and middle-income workers](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

Gov. Scott Walker recently proposed expanding Wisconsin's Earned Income Tax Credit, or EITC. To the casual observer, this may not sound like exciting news, but for more than 100,000 Wisconsin



families, expanding the EITC will mean more job opportunities, higher take-home pay and a less-resistant path to prosperity.

[Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker criticizes Sen. Tammy Baldwin over Supreme Court nomination](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

“Unfortunately, Senator Baldwin said on the first day the nomination was announced that she was going to meet with him before she made her decision and within 48 hours something happened in Washington that led her to believe she needed to announce her decision before she met,” Walker said at a Capitol news conference.

[Walker seeks to move public notices to online](#)

*Appleton Post-Crescent – USA Today Network*

MADISON - Gov. Scott Walker's state budget proposes shaking up how government agencies across Wisconsin must inform the public of their activities.

[New dorm, new fieldhouse at UW-L included in Gov. Walker's \\$800 million capital budget](#)

*WIZM Radio La Crosse*

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse looks like a big winner after the release of the governor's capital budget.

[Gov. Scott Walker's budget will cost Wisconsin jobs, veterans say](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

“This is about fairness for veterans who have served our country nobly,” said David Kurtz, adjutant of the Wisconsin American Legion. “The loss of 2,000 jobs...won’t go unnoticed.”

[Editorial: Let the DNR's magazine continue](#)

*Racine Journal Times*

The Department of Natural Resources has published Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine for nearly 100 years. Gov. Scott Walker's budget calls for the magazine's elimination; the reasons his administration gives for shutting the publication don't stand up to scrutiny.

[Bice: Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's 'once-in-a-lifetime' Alaska cruise canceled](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

You may have to settle for the Dells this year.

[Searching for the “Reform Dividend”](#)

*Column by Sen. Kathleen Vinehout*

“Overall, our common-sense reforms brought us here – to the point we have a significantly better budget outlook.” Governor Walker said in his recent Budget Address. “We call this the Reform Dividend. And wow, as the fiscal bureau pointed out, that’s a whole lot of money.”

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Tom Evenson | Deputy Communications Director  
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Message: Dear Governor Walker: The DNR should NOT stop publishing the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine. This is one more shot from the Walker administration to distance the people of Wisconsin from their natural resources. This magazine is self-funded. Thanks much.

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Governor,

I have subscribed to this publication for many years. I am very disappointed that the budget calls for it to stop in 2018. I would gladly pay more for it to sustain its cost. Our state is all about WI outdoors. Why on earth would you want to do away with this excellent publication about fishing, hunting, and our natural environment?

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PJ Media

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**Subject: natural resources magazine**

I am totally against doing away with the magazine. I have been a subscriber for 30 yrs or more and get a lot of information about our natural resources and other issues and activities around the state. This is a great magazine for all the citizens of Wisconsin and also to teach the children of this state how important our natural resources are to the people and flora and fauna that we all enjoy. Another thing I am against is splitting up the DNR, give them a chance to prove they are capable to people of Wisconsin. I find it very difficult to support you in any of the so called improvements you are trying to push over on the people of this great state. I will not vote for you in 2018!!!!!!!

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**Subject: DNR**

1. Continue the DNR magazine... I read it regularly
2. Most opposed to the cut of scientists in the DNR
3. Appalled at the gag orders/ limits on comments from the DNR staff.

Education and popular dissemination of information seems to be a threat??

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**Subject: DNR**

I have supported you through your elections and the recall. I have relatives that won't even speak to me because of my support for you. BUT- taking out the DNR magazine is not right! Please leave it alone and if anything expand it!  
Thanks for saving our state.

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**Subject: DNR magazine**

Why is the Dept. of Nat. Resources discontinuing the publication of their fine Outdoor Magazine, but to muzzle those who cherish and wish to protect the natural resources of your fine state. My family and I spend quite a bit of time AND MONEY in Wisconsin. But that will cease if you continue in your attempts to cater to the extraction industries to the detriment of your State's sensitive environmental areas. I'm sure you are aware of the dollars the tourist industry generates for the State of Wisconsin.

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**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

Why are you discontinuing the magazine when it funds itself?

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**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 3:35:17 PM

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Contact Name: Peggy Monson  
Email: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com

Message: I am writing to express my opinion regarding your proposal to eliminate the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine. I strongly feel that it is a positive source of information about our state that is not available anywhere else. It has beautiful photography, does not use taxpayer funds and is a great source of information, you should just leave it alone. It sounds like you already monitor the content for any articles that might provide a scientific based method of reasoning regarding climate change or the dangers of mining or pollution, which I know might be in conflict with your "Republican" agenda. I think "if it ain't broke don't fix it". I truly hope there will be a wave of angry voters that will remove this administration and all Republicans in the next election!

From: [Rep.Subeck](#)  
To: [GOV Press](#)  
Subject: Representative Lisa Subeck's E-Newsletter  
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 3:21:38 PM



## Representative Lisa Subeck's E-Newsletter

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Today is Election Day. Polls are open until 8:00 tonight, so you still have time make your voice heard at the ballot box. When you cast your vote today, you will have a say in which candidates move forward for consideration in the April general election. There is a great deal at stake – especially for the continued leadership of our public schools.

In the Capitol, work on the budget has taken center stage. I am going through the 989 page budget document with my staff and discussing specific items with community members. Already, I am hearing from individuals and groups who are raising specific concerns and I very much appreciate the feedback being provided.

This week's newsletter contains an outline of the state budget timeline, information related to some tax policy changes in the budget, reflections on climate change denial by the Governor, and a fun fact in honor of Black History Month.

If you have any questions or need assistance with any matter, please feel free to contact my office. Sincerely,



Lisa Subeck  
State Representative  
78th Assembly District

### Budget Update: Potential Timeline

Earlier this month, Governor Walker presented his proposed 2017-2019 biennial budget bill to the people of Wisconsin. When he made his remarks, the Governor provided legislators and the public with a document titled, "Budget in Brief" which provides his narrative on budget proposals. Much of the reporting on the budget that you have seen or heard is based upon this document.

Presently the budget bill is in the Joint Finance Committee (JFC). Over the next month, the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau will analyze the legal language of the 989 page budget bill, which has been assigned the number Assembly Bill 64 (AB 64). When the analysis is complete, state government agency staff will appear before JFC to explain portions of the budget related to their departments and to answer questions. When that process is complete, JFC will hold a few public hearings on the bill. The number of hearings and locations for these hearings has not yet been determined.

Once the public hearing process is completed, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau staff will prepare papers on each budget topic. The papers explain the issue in detail, restate the position of the Governor and then outline options for the members of JFC to consider. Members of JFC are also free to introduce their own budget motions. By June, JFC should have a substitute version of the budget that will be sent to the Assembly and Senate to be acted on by each house.

The goal is to have a new budget passed and in the Governor's hands so it can be signed and in place for the next fiscal year which begins on July 1st. Unlike the federal government budget process, if a new state budget is not in place by July 1st, things do not come to a standstill. State government programs and agencies continue to operate under the current budget. However, extended delays in the passage of a state budget can have detrimental impact on the budget process of schools and local governments.

Throughout this process I will be working with other legislators to support provisions in the budget that move our state forward. I will also work to see the most egregious provisions removed.

### Tax Policy in the Budget

February 21, 2017

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### Things happening in the district & around Madison

[West Madison Senior Coalition Free Lunches](#)

Thursday, February 23  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
Meadowridge Library  
5726 Raymond Rd.

Nutritious meals are offered to those 60 and older. The meal is served at noon and participants must arrive on time. The suggested minimum donation is \$4.00 but participants are encouraged to pay what they can afford. Transportation to the meal is available with an additional \$1.00 donation. Meal and bus reservations or cancellations should be made by noon the preceding day by calling 238-0196.

[Skills in Computers and Literacy for Employment with Literacy Network](#)

Thursday, February 23  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Meadowridge Library  
5726 Raymond Rd.

This is a course in computer and employment literacy for adult students who want to improve their reading, writing and general communication skills. Each student will have an individual lesson plan created for them and will work through the semester on completing that plan. Skills learned will help with job searching and applications, completing the GED and improving skills on the computer. Please register for the entire series, January 26-May 11. Contact Ezi at the Literacy Network, (608)244-3911, ext. 33, for more information or to register.

We have all heard the old adage that if something looks too good to be true, it probably is. That adage holds true when it comes to Republican tax gimmicks in the state budget. The Governor and Republicans in the legislature insist that family supporting jobs are created by giving tax breaks to Wisconsin's wealthiest individuals. Unfortunately, this too-good-to-be-true fallacy is costing us all.

Take, for example, the Manufacturing and Agriculture Tax Credit, passed in a previous budget by the Republican majority. Sounds good, right?

When the Wisconsin economy did well, we were among the leaders in family supporting manufacturing jobs. The problem with this particular tax break is that there is absolutely no job creation requirement needed to actually claim the credit. Worse yet, 11 people making over \$30 million claimed a full \$22 million in giveaways under this credit, and not a single new job needed to be documented.

Even something that sounds good, like increasing the School Levy Tax Credit by \$87 million in the second year of the budget is problematic. There is no income ceiling to the credit and, rather than limiting the credit to taxpayers with their primary residence in Wisconsin, the credit can be claimed on commercial and vacation properties that aren't even owned by Wisconsin residents. These giveaways to wealthy out-of-state residents are particularly alarming given that the second year of the Governor's budget is projected to end with a \$738 million structural deficit.

### Feeling Climate Change

While the Walker Administration has taken steps to scrub the Department of Natural Resources website of references to climate change and is seeking to eliminate the subscriber supported publication of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine – fortunately he does not control the news media.

Since Saturday, weather forecasters have reported on high temperature records being broken – every day.

Records are expected to fall this entire week. Having record high temperatures recorded for two or three days in a row in a single given year has occurred in the past. Not only are we seeing year-after-year in which the average high temperature for the year is the highest on record, but if the forecasts hold true for this week, we will see an inordinate number of record setting days in a row.

We have to recognize that climate change is real and scientifically proven and take steps to reduce our impact on the environment. Governor Walker's insistence on sticking his head in the sand and denying the reality of climate change will have disastrous consequences for the people, wild life and future of Wisconsin.

### 2017-2018 Official State Highway Maps

My office has received the new 2017-2018 official state highway maps. If you would like one, please feel free to stop by my office, call, or email your request. If you can't get to our office to pick yours up, we are happy to mail maps to you.

### Fun Wisconsin Fact

In honor of Black History Month, all of February's fun facts will be about African American contributions to Wisconsin's history.

Louis Bennett Butler, Jr. was the first – and currently the only – African American Justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Butler was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Jim Doyle in August 2004 and served until his term expired on July 31, 2008.

Butler served as an assistant state public defender from 1979 to 1992, and was then appointed to the Municipal Court in Milwaukee. He served as a municipal judge until 2002, when he was elected to the Milwaukee County Circuit Court. Butler also served as an adjunct professor at Marquette University Law School.

President Barack Obama nominated Butler to serve as United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, but was never confirmed.

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#### The End of Winter

**Sunday, February 26**

**1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

UW Arboretum Visitor Center  
1207 Seminole Hwy.

We can look for signs winter is ending even if it is still cold—plants are budding, birds and mammals are preparing for spring. Free, no registration required. Meet at the Visitor Center.

#### West Madison Senior Coalition Free Lunches

**Tuesday, February 28**

**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

Meadowridge Library  
5726 Raymond Rd.

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#### VITA Free Tax Filing Assistance

Central Library, Meeting Room 301

**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**February 25, March 11, March 25, April 8**

Call 266-6350 to make an appointment.

Sequoia Library

**9:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 11**

**12:00pm - 5:00pm**

**March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5, April 12**

Call 266-6385 to make an appointment.

#### Visiting the Capitol

Whether you are planning a visit to the state Capitol as part of a large group, small gathering, or just by yourself, our office can assist you in scheduling a free guided tour of the Capitol building during normal business hours.

Free tours are offered daily, year round. Tours depart from the ground floor Information Desk Monday through Saturday at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 am and 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 pm; and Sundays at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 pm. A 4:00 pm tour is offered Memorial Day through Labor Day. The sixth floor museum and observation deck are also open during the summer months.

**From:** [Barbara Krause](#)  
**To:** [Evenson, Tom - GOV](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 2:18:50 PM

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Dear Mr. Evenson,

I am forwarding an email I sent to Kathryn Kahler last week after hearing about the possibility of shuttering Wisconsin Natural Resources. We are definitely interesting in taking over the magazine's operations if that is an option the state would consider.

Sincerely,

Barb Krause  
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**From:** Barbara Krause <[bak@ntmediagroup.com](mailto:bak@ntmediagroup.com)>  
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**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine

Dear Kathryn,

We have submitted a bid to publish your magazine in the past, and I recently learned that the state may discontinue it. Could we throw our hat in to possible acquire the magazine and continue its mission?

We have offices in Verona and Lake Geneva, publishing a number of regional guides and magazines. In Madison, we publish BRAVA magazine and Lakeshore Living Madison. We are contracted to produce the Greater Madison CVB's Visitor Guide and Map, the Madison Area Builders Association's Parade of Home Plan Book and Membership Directory, and the Tavern League of Wisconsin's On Premise magazine (6x/year).

Thank you,

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**Subject:** DNR Magazine  
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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

Hello Gov. Walker,

My name is Amos Mayberry and I am a journalism student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I am writing a story about the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine and how budget constraints have eliminated production. I was wondering why your budget proposal chose to cut this magazine and how will affect Wisconsin residence. I hope to hear from you soon.

Best regards,  
Amos Mayberry

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**Subject: Budget**

Dear Governor Walker,

I recently read that part of your budget proposal included discontinuing the "Wisconsin Natural Resources" magazine. I just can't understand why you would propose such a thing.

The magazine is funded by subscription, not taxpayer dollars. I have a subscription and also subscribe for my 10-year-old nephew. There's something for folks of all ages and interests in the magazine. I have the latest copy on my desk as I type this. There's some history, a recipe, an article on groundwater, an article on lighthouses, some geology, a guide to a state natural area, and some input from readers. Educational, informative, entertaining, inspiring, and a bargain. You couldn't ask for more.... And all at no cost to anyone but those who choose to subscribe!

I hope you reconsider your opinion on this matter, and concentrate instead on areas where we can spend wisely on the things we need and thereby realize some real savings of the taxpayers' money.

Thank you for considering my opinion on this matter.

Sincerely,

John Cecco

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Submitted on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 - 11:50



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**Subject:** Discontinuing of "Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine"  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 11:22:42 AM

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**Subject: Discontinuing of "Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine"**

Governor Walker,  
We are asking you to reconsider the discontinuing of this magazine. Many of us readers have been subscribers for many years. The articles in the magazine are filled with information about our state which gives us a better appreciation of our land, fishing and hunting. I feel that it also promotes our diverse economy. The cost to continue this magazine is nominal compared to what the readers get out of it. An alternative to discontinuing would be to increase the subscription cost. We would be more than happy to pay a higher price.  
Thank you,  
Harry and Jan Metrusias

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### [Private publishers say DNR's magazine doesn't hurt them](#)

The Courier Life News

Gov. **Scott Walker** wants to eliminate the Department of Natural Resources' Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine, which has 88,000 subscribers ...



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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

I am writing to urge you to not drop this publication. I grew up in Three Lakes, still have many family members up there, and I still see it on all of their coffee tables whenever I visit. I still subscribe (I am 65). It also needs to be the truly science-based publication we all grew up with, meaning your appointees need to leave the editing and writing to scientists, not politically-motivated skills of alternate facts. This certainly includes the present management of the DNR.

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**Subject: WI DNR Magazine**

Governor Walker, I've agreed and disagreed with you over the years on certain things. I've voted for you and against you, and would vote for you in the future depending how the rest of this term goes. Normally I dont contact my representatives much but I wanted to voice my opinion about the WI DNR magazine. I found it very sad to find that you wanted to kill off this magazine. If it's true that it's fiscally self-sustaining, then I really hope you will reconsider killing off this publication. I don't mean to parrot what everyone is saying about this, but it's a really important publication to teach people about our state's natural resources, and also advocate for the resources themselves. This perspective just doesnt exist elsewhere. I subscribe to loads of publications, but this one is unique and it's important. Do something positive here. Change your mind. Be great. You can do it. My vote depends on it and conversely if you don't make this change then I will donate time and money in the future to anyone who runs against you. Thank you, Paul

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
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Submitted on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 - 08:17

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

This magazine is a self-funded educational benefit to our state and also very popular. Why in the world would you eliminate it???

I do not wish to include my phone number.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/5222>

Submitted on Monday, February 20, 2017 - 15:28

**From:** [Steve Verburg](#)  
**To:** [Evenson, Tom - GOV](#)  
**Cc:** [GOV Press](#)  
**Subject:** deadline request re dnr magazine  
**Date:** Monday, February 20, 2017 2:11:57 PM

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Hi Tom,

I'm writing for tomorrow's paper about the governor's proposal to end publication of the DNR magazine.

Can you tell me if any private publications have complained to the governor about the DNR magazine? I've spoken so far with editors and publishers of two of them, and both said they didn't consider the DNR magazine to be competition, and they haven't asked for it to be shut down.

Did the idea to shut down the magazine come from some other source?

Also, if the state shouldn't be a publisher, why not also shut down the publications put out by state government departments like tourism and agriculture that duplicate what is in the private market?

Thanks,

Steve

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**From:** Evenson, Tom - GOV [mailto:Tom.Evenson@wisconsin.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2017 2:27 PM

**To:** Steve Verburg

**Subject:** RE: deadline request re dnr magazine

Steve --

*"A former editor says cutting a self-supporting magazine only makes sense if it's part of an anti-science, anti-environment agenda."*

That's a ridiculous claim. The DNR is realigning to become more efficient and effective. This magazine is not a part of the DNR's core mission. It is not the government's role to produce magazines that duplicate what is available in the private market.

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**From:** Steve Verburg [mailto:SVerburg@madison.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2017 1:12 PM

**To:** Evenson, Tom - GOV

**Cc:** GOV Press

**Subject:** deadline request re dnr magazine

Hi Tom,

I'm writing on deadline about the proposed cut of the DNR magazine. I'm told the magazine was identified as one of the most popular features of the conservation patron license and that it has 88,000 subscribers. A former editor says cutting a self-supporting magazine only makes sense if it's part of an anti-science, anti-environment agenda. She also talks about articles on climate science and endangered species being spiked since Gov. Walker was elected. (I've asked DNR about that.)

Can you respond?

Thanks,

Steve Verburg

Reporter, Wisconsin State Journal

608.252.6118

@St\_Verburg

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** DNR Magazine  
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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

Copy of letter to Jim Dick, DNR

2/20/17

Dear Jim Dick:

I appreciate your quick reply, but I must tell you how much I disagree with your points.

This is not a budget issue, clearly, but a political one. We all can look at the budget lines and realize this publication was self-supporting. The argument that hunting patrons will have lowered license fees is bogus. I am sure this is one more effort by the Walker administration to subvert the mission of the DNR and privatize state functions.

Education and information ARE KEY PARTS of the DNR's mission. It is what one calls AN INVESTMENT in our state and our people. The environment and all related issues are a key economic driver in Wisconsin's health. The magazine has been an important part of garnering interest and understanding. I don't know how many times the magazine has made me aware of some park or event I want to take in.

And when I learned that the Walker administration required the magazine to submit articles and that it was necessary for them to sign off on the articles with their approval before publication, I was hopping mad.

You and this administration are audacious in your destruction of what has made Wisconsin special. We moved here because of the publicly-supported parks and out-of-doors. All measurements show that quality of life is a key to attracting people. Who will want to move here now?

With anger,

Sharon Gaskill  
Rural Black Earth  
[REDACTED]@tds.net

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
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Submitted on Monday, February 20, 2017 - 10:57



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**Subject: Wisconsin**

There is no end to your efforts to diminish the things that made WI a great place to live before you took office. The small cost of the DNR magazine can easily be offset by the wasteful taxpayer dollars handed out via WEDC with no strings attached. Have you no shame?

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/5197>

Submitted on Monday, February 20, 2017 - 10:12

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** WI Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Monday, February 20, 2017 8:21:33 AM

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**Subject: WI Natural Resources Magazine**

Exactly WHY do we need to eliminate the magazine ? Is it not funded by subscriptions ? Seems like WEDC has cost the taxpayers a few dollars more . Suppressing content , avoiding environmental issues and denying science is not the way to lead the state . Richard Majcher , Jefferson

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
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### [Plain Talk: Send a message to \*\*Scott Walker\*\* by subscribing to threatened DNR magazine](#)

Madison.com

So last week when it was revealed that **Scott Walker's** budget includes a provision to kill the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine, Rowen had seen ...



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Wisconsin 54028

**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

Dear Governor Walker:

I would ask that you allow the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine continue. As a school forest coordinator, I have found the information found in that publication very valuable. It has alerted me to invasive species to watch for, given me ideas for prairie restoration, inspired me with the stories of individuals who are making a difference in our state, and much more. Much of the information found in this magazine cannot easily be found in any other place.

The magazine is self-supporting with a very reasonable subscription fee and the DNR staffers and freelance writers and photographers are not paid. It is a positive outreach for the state government and should be continued.

Thank you.

Debby Walters

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/5184>

Submitted on Sunday, February 19, 2017 - 22:23

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Sunday, February 19, 2017 8:13:17 PM

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Wisconsin 53572

**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

I'm writing because I've subscribed to Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine for over twenty years. Please don't eliminate Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine. This Wisconsin DNR magazine promotes Wisconsin tourism, hiking, hunting, fishing, boating, foraging for wild food, winter activities, and more, through every season. It covers the history of preserving Wisconsin's natural resources for future generations. There are stories about family traditions. It helps landowners invest in preserving biodiversity. It helps Wisconsin citizens work together and appreciate what we have. It is an important means of educating the next generation and communicating the beauty and value of Wisconsin's natural resources. I understand you might want to exert editorial control -- fine -- but please leave it in place for future generations to use for communicating their own values. The elimination of the magazine is not going to reduce taxes. It is not going to create jobs or raise our standard of living. In fact, elimination is more likely to harm communities dependent on tourism and outdoor recreation. I hope you've read a few articles; I cannot imagine you would actually eliminate the magazine if you sincerely read a few of the articles. I look forward to your reply.

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Madison.com

I am aghast at Gov. **Scott Walker's** proposal to do away with this magazine "because it is not part of the DNR's core mission. It is not the government's ...

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**Subject: Do NOT eliminate Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine**

I strongly oppose the proposal to eliminate the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. Public education is one of the DNR's core functions. Furthermore, the magazine plays a big role in recruiting volunteers who help DNR scientists count wildlife, monitor the quality of water in streams and lakes, and raise money for state parks and other department operations, according to a former DNR secretary. Finally, according to Gov. Walker's own budget proposal, shutting down the magazine would not actually save money for taxpayers. As a lifelong Wisconsin resident, taxpayer, and conservationist, I see no benefit to eliminating this valuable resource.

Sincerely,

Eric Wendorff

[REDACTED]  
Middleton, WI 53562

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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

I am writing to ask you to restore funding for the DNR magazine, "Wisconsin Natural Resources" to your proposed budget. It is a fair minded publication with a broad spectrum of readers and is, I believe, almost entirely sustained by subscriptions. keep it in the state budget.

Thank you.

Ellen Zweibel

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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

Stop your attempt to remove publishing the Natural Resources Magazine by the WI DNR. I have read and enjoy this magazine, It is self-supporting and the it achieves part of the core mission of the WI DNR, to educate the population. Hands off this magazine: no editing for scientific content by non-scientists (read: legislators). I also subscribe to and enjoy the Montana Outdoors Magazine, a similar magazine published by the Montana State Fish, Wildlife and Parks Division. I learn a great deal from both magazines, and contrary to the quote in the Wisconsin State Journal, the content provided in our state magazine is NOT readily available to the public. I want to know about the work MY DNR is doing, and this magazine is a great way to provide it.

Keep political hands off my Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine. Thank you.

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**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
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54555

**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

As a long time subscriber to the magazine, I ask that you remove cutting the magazine from your budget proposal. First of all it is my understanding that the magazine is self-funded and does not cost the tax payers much money if any. I find the magazine very informational with good articles written by DNR staff and other natural resource writers. To inform the citizens of the outdoor opportunities in our state is a great tourism promotion also. How many of the subscribers of the magazine reside outside of Wisconsin? Tourism is one of our state's largest industries and this magazine is an asset Wisconsin because of that.

I remind you that you work for the citizens of our state. I feel that you are insulating yourself from the citizens of our state. The last time you were in Phillips, the general public was not invited. It was by invitation only. It is my understanding that this is the status quo with all your visits to the "public". It is also disheartening to me that I have never had a response from you or staff members to any of the 3 or 4 other emails that I sent to you since you've been in office.

You must change the perceived attitude that many people in the state have of you of being anti-environment and anti-science. To me, the elimination of the magazine which represents such a small part of the budget is petty and partisan.

The Wisconsin Natural Resource magazine is actually one of the "best bangs we get for our buck" as taxpayers if there is an expense. Please continue publication of this magazine.

Mark Brzeskiewicz [REDACTED]

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Wisconsin 53202

**Subject: wisconsin natural resources magazine**

Governor walker, I am puzzled by your announcement to do away with the magazine published by the DNR. I am one of those individuals who has supported the magazine with my \$165 annual license even though it would be less expensive to do otherwise as a senior. I am hunter, land owner of two farms, life member of the NRA, conservationist, retired military officer and conservative voter. The magazine is such a positive conservation and education vehicle and I have shared subjects of its articles with my grandchildren. Considering that the magazine is self sustaining and of no cost to the state we need it to encourage new young hunters and conservationists. Please reverse your position on eliminating the magazine.  
Ray Rausch

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**From:** [calbonniver](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** magazine  
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another attack on the environment

just as cut backs on state parks

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**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
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**Subject:** DNR magazine  
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Wisconsin 53151

**Subject: DNR magazine**

It would be a shame if the publication, Wisconsin Natural Resources, was discontinued. It is very transparent why this is being promoted by your administration. Business interests find the protections of Wisconsin natural resources impedes their agendas and growth. The abolishment of the magazine is one less means by which we are reminded to care about nature over financial gain. You have damaged our state education system and now you are starting to tear apart the DNR. There are consequences to these policies, elections.  
Barbara Ebenhoch

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Submitted on Friday, February 17, 2017 - 23:43

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources magazine  
**Date:** Friday, February 17, 2017 8:57:49 PM

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Wisconsin 53105

**Subject: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources magazine**

To: Scott Walker

My name is Dan DeFaut. Having voted for you twice I feel responsible for the decisions you make regarding the future of Wisconsin. Your recent announcement that you want to shut down the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources magazine really hit a nerve. I have received the magazine at times in the past and read it as I can at my uncles place. This magazine is a Boone to Wisconsin tourism, it draws people to this state by showing them just what the state has to offer. It also draws good people to the DNR and the conservation movement in general. My son read it when I recieved it, and today he is about to graduate with a degree in environmental science from UWM. From what I've read this magazine is self supporting in its own right. I think your making a big mistake in shutting it down. This magazine does far more for Wisconsin then can be achieved through other venues that would cost the tax payers more than the little time it takes DNR employees for their contributions to the magazine. IVE GOTTEN MANY HRS OF ENJOYMENT FROM READING THIS MAGAZINE ! Please reconsider this decision and let this nearly 100 year old Wisconsin tradition continue to inspire people from around the country to come and enjoy the wonders of the great state of Wisconsin. it's a great marketing tool for Wisconsin and it pays its own way. So why would you consider shutting it down...

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Submitted on Friday, February 17, 2017 - 20:57

**From:** [Sereno, Jennifer A - DNR](#)  
**To:** [Dick, James F - DNR](#); [DNR DL AD DLT](#); [DNR DL OC ALL](#); [DNR DL DW COMMUNICATORS](#)  
**Subject:** Informational: Media Contact Summary for Feb. 17, 2017  
**Date:** Friday, February 17, 2017 6:03:44 PM

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### Media Contact Summary for Feb. 17, 2017

**General sturgeon spearing interviews. Ryan Koenigs handled.** Reporters had questions on ice, but Ryan stuck to the basics that some fishing clubs are no longer maintaining marked roadways and auto bridges and weather has caused a reduction in spearing effort.

•**Bob Brunell, WOSH Radio**

•**Scott Ehricke, Outdoor Connection radio show, WOSH-AM**

**Wood duck boxes and Nest Box Seminar. Jeff Bahls and Ryan Brady are handling.** Paul came out to Horicon and went out with Jeff to monitor the boxes; he'll be writing a piece on that and the upcoming Nest Box Seminar. Early next week (the 22) Jeff will also appear on the Larry Meiller Show with Ryan Brady to discuss similar topics.

•**Paul Smith, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

•**Larry Meiller Show, Wisconsin Public Radio (Upcoming)**

**DNR magazine budget proposal. Tim Eisele, Wisconsin Outdoor News. Jim Dick handled.**

Tim was asking for basic info on the magazine including number of subscriptions, is it fully funded by subs, and is there ad revenue (no).

**Ice safety. Mike Anderson, ABC 12/WISN, Milwaukee. Gervis Myles handled.** Warden Myles did an on – camera interview to discuss ice safety.

**Sturgeon investigation. Dean Bortz, Outdoor News/freelance. Benjamin Treml handled.** Ben provided the bond amount for a recent sturgeon investigation.

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Treat the earth well.  
It was not given to you by your parents,  
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We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors,  
we borrow it from our Children.

The Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine should be seen as a teaching and communications tool, a worthy cost of doing the stewardship of the State's resources, and a constant companion to keeping the public knowledgeable about WHY the DNR exists in the first place. Please don' allow it to be shut down on your watch.

Sincerely,

—Dave Olson

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Submitted on Friday, February 17, 2017 - 14:28

**From:** [Evenson, Tom - GOV](#)  
**To:** [Reilly, Briana - WisPolitics](#)  
**Subject:** RE: DNR Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Friday, February 17, 2017 2:20:00 PM

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The DNR is realigning to become more efficient and effective. This magazine is not a part of the DNR's core mission. The DNR's core mission, which hasn't changed, is to protect and enhance our natural resources, to provide a healthy and sustainable environment, and to ensure the right of all people to use and enjoy these resources. It is not the government's role to produce magazines that duplicate what is available on the private market.

Ceasing to publish this magazine will reduce FTE's by 2 and save \$136,200 in FY18 and \$544,800 in FY19. The savings unrelated to the FTE's would be passed onto conservation patron license holders through a reduction in the fee by \$8.95 per license. The savings to license purchasers equates to roughly \$75,000 in FY18 and \$300,000 in FY19. The lower amount in FY18 is due to the delayed elimination date of spring 2018.

Thanks.

**From:** Briana Reilly [mailto:reilly@wispolitics.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 4:08 PM  
**To:** Evenson, Tom - GOV  
**Subject:** DNR Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine

Hi Tom,

Saw your comments in the Journal Sentinel about the magazine, but wanted to drop you a line and ask specifically why the governor's DNR budget includes eliminating it, given that the magazine supports itself through subscription sales.

Thanks!

Briana

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Briana Reilly  
Reporter — [WisPolitics.com](http://WisPolitics.com)  
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**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
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Wisconsin 53534

**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine.**

I just heard on Wisconsin Public Radio that the state government is considering the ending or killing the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine. DO NOT DO THIS. THIS IS A MISTAKE! I AM AGAINST THIS!

Please allow scientist and other to talk freely, write freely on any subject. THIS INCLUDES GLOBAL WARMING!!!!

The DNR is not the Chamber of Commerce. It needs to enforce our environmental laws. Including mining, ground water regulations and permits.

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53132

**Subject: DNR Magazine**

Please reconsider any action on DNR magazine. Please retain the self funding magazine. It serves a very meaningful purpose in educating many people about the beauty of Wisconsin as well as keeping people informed and introducing them to previously unknown parts of the state. It is self sustaining--why cut something that educates and entertains.  
If I had my "druthers" it would be in every public library in the state.

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**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine  
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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine**

Dear Governor Walker,

As a long time supporter of yours, I am disappointed that you have chosen to end the state's publication of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. To be honest, I am not a subscriber nor a regular reader of the magazine. It is my understanding that thousands of my fellow Wisconsinites are and that it is a quality publication.

I understand that it is really NOT an historic function of state government to be a publisher of periodicals. However, since WNR does not cost me and my fellow taxpayers one penny and it is enjoyed by so many, perhaps it would be wise to find some other way of downsizing government.

Doing something just to do something is not the Conservative Way.

Thank you for giving this your consideration.

Sincerely, Leo Thomet

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**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Stability  
**Date:** Friday, February 17, 2017 6:58:55 AM

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Wisconsin 54751

**Subject: Stability**

Governor Walker, I have a deep concern regarding the stability of the president, and his ability to lead. During the campaign I truly believed that the American people would look at candidate Trump as a curiosity, and in the end go with a seasoned leader. After the election I thought to myself I must have missed some quality that others saw in him, and felt OK let's give the guy a chance. The first week or so a few of the Gaffs and screw ups were chalked up to rookie mistakes. I could live with that. After the tirade of Thursday PM his performance is giving me pause, and I am beginning to worry. Worry regarding his ability to be a leader, worry in his advisors he has picked, worry that able people are considering not working in service to our country. Persicussion paranoia and the desire to surround oneself with people that heap adulation is a picture that has played out over history of failing governments. Governor Walker, too much is riding on the normal successful function of our Government, the elderly, children, the welfare of our armed forces in harm's way. Please discuss these concerns with senior leadership, and consider all options. Also, I noticed in the State budget that you want to dump the Natural Resources Magazine, I like that, leave it alone. T. Lienau

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Wisconsin Public Radio News

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Madison.com

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Hi Tom,

Saw your comments in the Journal Sentinel about the magazine, but wanted to drop you a line and ask specifically why the governor's DNR budget includes eliminating it, given that the magazine supports itself through subscription sales.

Thanks!

Briana

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**From:** [Rory Cameron](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** DNR Magazine  
**Date:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 3:47:06 PM

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Governor Walker,

I am shocked and disappointed that you proposed canceling the DNR's magazine. There is no financial reason to do so. Further, no other magazine covers its topics as thoroughly. So, it appears that you again want to ignore scientific consensus about climate change which is the only possible reason for you to make this silly proposal.

Rory Cameron  
Chippewa Falls

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**Subject:** DNR  
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**Subject: DNR**

Governor Walker,  
I am a resident of Illinois. I am a fish biologist. I used to use Wisconsin as a model of what states should attempt to achieve regarding land and water management. Aldo Leopold would be very disturbed by the recent trends in your state. The shifting of departmental authority, the elimination of laws, the lack of enforcement officers are only the tip of the melting iceberg.  
I will not continue with my science based lecture except to say shame on you for ruining the state without any understanding of what you are doing. Shame on you. To coincide with your decision to eliminate the Wisconsin natural resources magazine I too have made a decision. My many thousands of dollars(along with my friends and family) will no longer be spent in your state.  
Sincerely  
Howard Bass

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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

Dear Governor Walker:

I just read an article in our local newspaper, "The Chippewa Herald, published on Wednesday February 15, 2017, titled: DNR magazine cut seen as an attack. The article says that you want to do away with the "Wisconsin Natural Resources" magazine, First, you suppress articles about climate science on the DNR and Public Service Commission's websites as well as articles about endangered species on the DNR website. The state of Wisconsin has a long history and tradition of taking care of the species, and natural resources of our world. Aldo Leopold and Governor Nelson come to mind. Think about our grandchildren and future generations. What will their world be like if we continue to ignore our valuable and finite resources? I would be interested to hear what you have to say on this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Febry

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**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
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**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

Governor Walker,  
I am non a constituent, but my husband is a Wisconsin native. We subscribe to Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine and I feel it would be a mistake to discontinue this wonderful magazine. We spend many of our tourist dollars in your state and this publication is very helpful in finding new events and public lands. It doesn't make sense to eliminate this free advertising for your state. Especially since tourism is at least a 19 billion dollar industry for Wisconsin. Thank you,  
Sarah Polk

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**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#); [Hoelter, Jon - DHS](#); [Hoelter, Jon - DHS](#); [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** waschultheis@gmail.com  
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Contact Name: Ann Schultheis  
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Message: Governor Walker, Eliminating the DNR magazine is totally unnecessary. It is a self sustaining publication that we have subscribed to for years and enjoyed the articles and information. It certainly has not been a political newsletter that would hurt you or your contributing supports (real estate, manufacturing or mining). It just seems that anything and everything that stands for WI education and environment have been targets for you and Republican elected and appointed officials to negate and remove. Sincerely and VERY frustrated with this Administration lack of caring for anything but \$\$\$, ANn Schultheis

From: [Rep. Subeck](#)  
To: [GOV Press](#)  
Subject: Representative Lisa Subeck's E-Newsletter  
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:20:32 PM

## Representative Lisa Subeck's E-Newsletter

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you had a happy Valentine's Day! In addition to Valentine's Day, we continue to recognize Black History Month and American Heart Month throughout the month of February. The Legislature's black caucus has been hosting numerous events at the Capitol this month to highlight important people and events, and last week, Legislators joined the American Heart Association's "Wear Red Day" festivities to raise awareness of heart disease.

In this week's newsletter, you will find highlights and lowlights from the Governor's budget proposal, news of more attacks on women's health access, information from the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection about the biggest complaints they get from consumers.

If you have any questions or need assistance with any matter, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Lisa Subeck  
State Representative  
78th Assembly District

### Budget Highlights and Lowlights

Governor Walker and Republicans have passed three failed budgets over the past six years. Unfortunately, the budget Governor Walker has proposed for the next biennium follows the same recipe for failure.

Far from being a blueprint for a bright future, the budget proposed by the Governor will have a structural deficit of over \$738 million at the end of

the second year of the biennium. Here's what that means: He is increasing spending over the course of the biennium to gain favor with a few groups that have every reason to oppose his election in 2018. At the same time, he is handing out even more tax breaks to his supporters. The result is that after the 2018 election is said and done, the state will find itself in the position of spending about \$738 million more than we can reasonably expect to come in from various taxes.

Other lowlights of the budget include:

- The budget continues to chip away at local control over Wisconsin's public schools. Under the budget proposed by Walker, districts wishing to see an increase in per pupil aid are forced to cede control of the school/employee relationship to the state. The Madison school district has worked well with employees to keep health care cost in check and ensure the employee contributions varied based upon employee pay. Unfortunately, Governor Walker is still in the Act 10 mindset and determined to erode local control and the ability of public schools to provide an excellent education.
- After being bashed in the past three state budgets, UW Madison and UW System leaders are relieved not to face additional cuts. However, this budget will do long term irreparable harm to the UW System. The Governor's budget further dictates how professors teach and how they carry their workloads, jeopardizing critical research funding. He also proposes making student activity fee payments optional which will reduce funding available for sexual assault prevention efforts and reduce the ability of students to have a say in policy matters. It will also, very likely, increase fees paid by students who choose to not opt out of funding necessary programs.
- The Governor's budget borrows more for transportation, without addressing the long term funding crisis. This means the average family will pay more to repair damage to vehicles and more for gasoline consumed while stuck in traffic on roads that are inadequate.
- In addition to scrubbing the Department of Natural Resources website of references to climate

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### Things happening in the district & around Madison

[West Madison Senior Coalition Free Lunches](#)

Thursday, February 16

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Meadowridge Library

5726 Raymond Rd.

Nutritious meals are offered to those 60 and older. The meal is served at noon and participants must arrive on time. The suggested minimum donation is \$4.00 but participants are encouraged to pay what they can afford. Transportation to the meal is available with an additional \$1.00 donation. Meal and bus reservations or cancellations should be made by noon the preceding day by calling 238-0196.

[Skills in Computers and Literacy for Employment with Literacy Network](#)

Thursday, February 16

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Meadowridge Library

5726 Raymond Rd.

This is a course in computer and employment literacy for adult students who want to improve their reading, writing and general communication skills. Each student will have an individual lesson plan created for them and will work through the semester on completing that plan. Skills learned will help with job searching and applications, completing the GED and improving skills on the computer. Please register for the entire series, January 26-May 11. Contact Ezi at the Literacy Network, (608)244-3911, ext. 33, for more information or to register.



change, the Governor is undertaking another effort to deny the public scientifically accurate information about environmental issues. The budget eliminates publication of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. Even though the magazine is entirely self-supporting – paid for by 75,000 subscribers.

- The Governor wishes to eliminate the Labor and Industry Review Commission. The three members provide a forum to resolve disputes involving unemployment insurance, workers compensation and equal rights. Without the Commission in place it is likely employers and employees both will find it necessary to spend money to take disputes to circuit courts.

[Click here](#) to read the column Representative Sargent and I wrote regarding one part of Governor Walker's budget proposal.

Watch for further information and budget updates in future newsletters.

## Good Government Under Attack in Budget

As we review the proposed budget over the next few weeks, I will continue to highlight items that may be of particular interest to you. This week's article focuses on two destructive measures in the budget that further the decay of good government in Wisconsin.

Governor Walker is proposing to dismantle the independence of the Judicial Commission. The Commission was created in 1978 to investigate misconduct or disabilities of any judge or court commissioner in Wisconsin. The Commission, independent of the courts, would investigate and then bring cases to a 3 judge panel whose recommendation would ultimately be reviewed by the Wisconsin State Supreme Court to determine if the judge should be reprimanded, censured, suspended, or removed. The Governor's proposed budget removes the commission's independence by folding it into the Wisconsin Supreme Court's authority.

Governor Walker is also proposing a 30 percent cut to the Elections Commission. This will result in the elimination of six staff positions. While the newly formed Commission is attempting to settle in and assist election officials with voter ID and the new electronic registration they will be have catastrophic impact. Now is not the time to be eliminating resources for the agency in charge of ensuring fair and free elections.

These attacks on Wisconsin's tradition of good government are appalling but not surprising. Over the last six years, Governor Walker and legislative republicans have continuously attacked Wisconsin's good government. The proposed changes to the Judicial Commission and the cut to the Elections Commission further their assault.

## Republican Attacks on Women's Health Care Access

Republicans are once again proposing to take away women's access to reproductive healthcare. Representative Andre Jacque (R- DePere) and Senator David Craig (R- Big Bend) have introduced legislation that would prohibit the group insurance board from contracting for or providing abortion services, eliminating this existing women's health care coverage for public employees. The proposal is yet another example of government – and in this case, one's employer –

interfering with health care decisions that should be made by a woman and her doctor.

## Top Ten Consumer Complaints of 2016

DATCP's Bureaus of Consumer Protection and Weights and Measures received nearly 11,000 consumer complaints in 2016. Remember not to give out your personal information over the phone or wire money to a stranger, refuse high-pressure sales pitches, request all information in writing, and read the fine print before you sign.

1. Telemarketing (3,685 cases)
2. Landlord/Tenant (1,121 cases)
3. Telecommunications (698 cases)
4. Identity Theft (431 cases)
5. Home Improvement (383 cases)
6. Gas Pump Accuracy (266 cases)
7. Motor Vehicle Repair (200 cases)
8. Motor Vehicle Sales (173 cases)
9. Computer & Equipment (152 cases)
10. Warranties (138 cases)

Facing a consumer protection issue? Visit [datcp.wi.gov](http://datcp.wi.gov) for fact sheets and resources that may be useful in understanding your consumer rights. If your issue is with a business, communicate with the business about your concerns and the resolution you are seeking. Keep documentation of your efforts.

Can't reach a resolution? Call our Consumer Protection Hotline (800-422-7128) for additional guidance or file a complaint with DATCP. You can file your complaint at [datcp.wi.gov](http://datcp.wi.gov) or call the hotline to have a complaint form sent to you.

These classes are funded through the Literacy Network with computer support from Madison Public Library Foundation. Find more literacy classes at <http://www.litnetwork.org>

### Paper Box Making Friday, February 17 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Alicia Ashman Library  
733 N High Point Rd

Come and learn how to make adorable small gift boxes out of paper! We'll provide all the materials you'll need, but feel free to bring any interesting paper you're willing to cut up (old calendars usually work really well; or anything that's thicker than regular paper, but still easy to fold). Mainly for adults, but anyone 13 or over is welcome. Fair warning: paper box making has been found to be highly addictive. Once you learn, you might not be able to stop!

### Ecological Restoration Work Party Saturday, February 18 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Grady Tract

Volunteer for restoration activities and learn about prairies and savannas.

Tools and training provided. Groups welcome with advance notice. Meet at Grady Tract parking lot, southeast corner of Seminole Hwy. and W.

Beltline Frontage Rd. More information: (608) 265-5214 or [marian.farrior@wisc.edu](mailto:marian.farrior@wisc.edu).

### Winter Sampler

#### Sunday, February 19 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

UW Arboretum Visitor Center  
1207 Seminole Hwy.

The naturalist will lead you to the most interesting areas near the Visitor Center. Free, no registration required.

### Tabletop Game Night Tuesday, February 21 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Meadowridge Library  
5726 Raymond Rd.

We've got a ton of tabletop games, just waiting to be played! Drop in and join us!

### Visiting the Capitol

Whether you are planning a visit to the state Capitol as part of a large group, small gathering, or just by yourself, our office can assist you in scheduling a free guided tour of the Capitol building during normal business hours.

Free tours are offered daily, year round. Tours depart from the ground floor Information Desk Monday through Saturday at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 am and 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 pm; and Sundays at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 pm. A 4:00 pm tour is offered Memorial Day through Labor Day. The sixth floor museum and observation deck are also open during the summer months.

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## Primary Election Day is February 21

The Spring Primary Election will be held next Tuesday, February 21. Voters will go to the polls on this day to vote in local elections like City Council and School Board, as well as the statewide office of Superintendent of Schools. Offices with more than 2 candidates running will have a Primary that day, and the top 2 vote getters advance to the general election in April. What local offices appear on your ballot on February 21 depend on exactly where you live, and you may



[click here](#) to see what is on your ballot.

You do not have to wait until then to cast your ballots. In-person absentee voting for the election is available through Sunday, February 19, at the Madison City Clerk's Office and additional locations throughout the city. To learn more about in-person absentee voting, including locations and times, please [click here](#).

Absentee ballots are also available by mail. Everything you need to know to receive a ballot by mail is available via the Madison City Clerk by [clicking here](#).

Remember: You must present an acceptable photo ID card to vote in Wisconsin. [Click here](#) to find out if you have the correct identification and to get information on how to obtain a free Wisconsin State ID Card for voting purposes.

[Click here](#) to read the "Candidates' Answers" on the League of Women Voters of Dane County website.

Note: If you vote outside of the City of Madison, you will need to contact your local city or village clerk's office for absentee voting locations and times.

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## 2017-2018 Official State Highway Maps

My office has received the new 2017-2018 official state highway maps. If you would like one, please feel free to stop by my office, call, or email your request. If you can't get to our office to pick yours up, we are happy to mail maps to you.



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## Fun Wisconsin Fact

In honor of Black History Month, all of February's fun facts will be about African American contributions to Wisconsin's history.

Vel Phillips has been a pioneer for African Americans and women in politics. She is best known for being the first woman elected as Wisconsin Secretary of State in 1978 and the first African-American woman in the nation elected to a statewide office. Vel was also the first African-






American woman to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School in 1951. In 1971, she became the first African American judge in Wisconsin. She was also the first African American elected to the National Committee of either of the two major political parties. Vel is a passionate and active Democrat and has worked tirelessly for civil rights throughout her career.

In 2015, Wisconsin Public Television aired the documentary "Vel Phillips: Dream Big Dreams" which tells the story of civil rights leader Vel Phillips. [Click here](#) to watch the documentary.

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**Subject: DNR MAGAZINE**

I have been receiving the magazine: Wisconsin Natural Resources since my children were young and that was 30-years ago. Our address label says "the Condon Family" and that I feel is important. We don't hunt but I fish and we camp. We have lived in our home in the county for 38-years and we are surrounded by dairy farms, This magazine has been a great learning tool for all of use and now we are outdoors with our grandchildren. It seems to me that the magazine is self supporting and even had a large account which some Governor took to balance his budget. I think that Governor was a Democrat but it could have been Tommy Thomson, no matter the fact is this magazine is worth much to my family and my family comes first. I have voted for you Scott Walker and even contributed to your campaigns at least all three Governor elections. I was an active Walker supporter in the recall election believing that Act-10 being a very good thing for me as a owning property.

My beliefs on climate change are simple; CLIMATE CHANGES LIKE THE WEATHER AND IS A NATURAL PHENOMENA. In fact Global Warming in our temperate zone would give us a longer growing season. I can prove beyond a shadow of doubt and say with confidence that ever since the ending of our most recent ice age, about 10,000-years ago we have been experiencing global warming.

Back to the magazine, " Wisconsin Natural Resources" whatever references writers make about global warming or human caused climate change makes no changes to my beliefs. I believe there are far more good articles within the pages of this magazine that make it worth while to publish.

I urge you Governor Scott Walker to remove your cutting "Wisconsin Natural Resources" from your Budget Proposal now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Peter J Condon  
Spring Grove Township  
Green County WI

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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

Dear Governor Walker,

I am extremely disappointed that your budget bill includes a provision to cease publication of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. This publication is one of the crown jewels of our State.

Communication with the public is an essential government function. This magazine does it well, and at virtually no cost to the tax payer. I can't understand why you are doing this.

Is this your reason?

In a statement, Walker's spokesman Tom Evenson said, "It is not the government's role to produce magazines that duplicate what is available in the private market"

That's crap. There is no other publication of this quality on this subject. Its publication is essential to the mission of the DNR. The Natural Resources Magazine is a long standing tradition that we must not lose.

I ask that you remove this provision from your budget.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Kessenich

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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

Dear Governor Walker,

You've got to be kidding me! [http://host.madison.com/news/local/environment/dnr-magazine-cut-seen-as-latest-climate-science-scrub/article\\_5b924337-8094-5457-aed7-611b47e8435a.html](http://host.madison.com/news/local/environment/dnr-magazine-cut-seen-as-latest-climate-science-scrub/article_5b924337-8094-5457-aed7-611b47e8435a.html) Isn't it time to cut the bullshit when it comes to cutting "costs" by eliminating a self funded magazine that's important to not just Wisconsin citizens, but to Wisconsin's history. While it may be interpreted by some as a climate science scrub, I see it more as a bone headed move that does not save hardworking taxpayer money, but a move that would eliminate one of Wisconsin's outdoor magazine institutions. Do you not spend time out of doors? I recall attending one of the Walk With Walker sessions on the Birkie trail led by your wife, and thought at the time what a wonderful idea to encourage people to wellness by hiking in Wisconsin's natural beauty. This move extremely disappoints me as a hunter, a hiker, skier, and an outdoors enthusiast who's enthusiastic about Wisconsin. I read this magazine in the library often for its interesting outdoor articles and features of Wisconsin's outdoor landscapes, climate change be damned.

Sincerely,

Randall Zirk

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**Subject: DNR magazine**

Leave the Wisconsin Natural Magazine alone. I have had plenty of friends who have subscribed to it for years. It has great articles about the state of Wisconsin. What gives you the right to try to eliminate a magazine that people personally pay for? Try to do something positive.

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**Subject: DNR MAGAZINE**

The subscriber-supported Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine has provided such GOOD FEELINGS ABOUT WISCONSIN. Shared with family and friends around the world. Providing tourist, and visitor, interest in WI. Why being so ""narrow minded"" about this great state and its resources!!1 This is harming your reputation more than you can imagine. And I am so saddened by the selfishness and self centeredness that has happened by your administration and many legislators. You many be proud of how well you have served some 'master/s'; but history and citizens remember otherwise. This magazine is wonderful PUBLIC RELATIONS for WISCONSIN - Keep it being printed since it pays for itself and does not diminish staff costs. This adds to the coffers of the state monetarily and PR wise. Open thy mind and heart to ALL the people of this state and beyond.

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**From:** [Scott Williams](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
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Governor Walker,

I have been a supporter of yours since the day you took office and continue to be to this day. I am disappointed today to learn that the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine will no longer be published.

It costs tax payers nothing and, when allowed to, the publishers do a fantastic job of highlighting the states natural resource issues. It is starting to become hard to continue supporting someone who continuously tries hiding issues that are a real threat to our natural resources because you see dollar signs in place of them.

Today, I have to rethink my support for you and what your agenda may now consist of.

Scott Williams  


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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources**

Governor Walker,  
Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine is self funded by subscribers and uses no tax dollars. Your plan to eliminate it shows your lack of regard to the environment. I oppose this action and wish our governor cared more for the Natural Resources that make Wisconsin uniquely beautiful. Shame on you.

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**Subject: Do Not Abolish Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

Greetings: I was shocked to learn the Governor proposes abolishing Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine in his proposed budget. This magazine is the best statewide source of information about management of natural resources. I understand it is paid for through subscriptions so it should not affect our taxes in any significant way. Please preserve this gem of an information source.  
Thank you

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**Subject: DNR**

I completely disagree with how your administration is handling the WI DNR. Being deniers of global warming is truly the wrong direction for this state as we the people of WI have a significant history of being on the forefront of conservation. The removal of climate change information from the DNR website and gag orders on research and articles about global warming are borderline unconstitutional in my opinion.

Please leave the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine out of your campaign of denying global warming. Eliminating the magazine would undermine volunteer conservation groups and public understanding of DNR programs in ways that will harm our states most valued asset, the environment.

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Contact Name: David Statz  
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Message: I have been reading the excellent WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES Magazine for over 25 years. If the government of the State of Wisconsin is for the people and in interest of the people, there is absolutely no reason this publication administered by the DNR should not remain as it is. Please remove from your proposed budget cuts.

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**Subject:** DNR and budget  
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Contact Name: Deirdre Webet  
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Message: Stop screwing the DNR. Your suspension of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine is just another blatant attempt at suppression of climate change information under the guise of budget efficiency. Did the Koch brothers tell you that this was a good way to keep information from the public? Your lack of respect for the environment and people of Wisconsin is profound. Maybe some still believe the snake oil you've been peddling since 2010, but anyone can see that under your policies, Wisconsin has gone downhill. I strongly suggest that you back off the DNR cuts, lest you start receiving nightly visits from the ghosts of Aldo Leopoldo and Gaylord Nelson, who are undoubtedly spinning in their graves at the rotten things you have done.



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**Subject: Magazine**

I am against your proposal to eliminate Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. This magazine is completely self-funded by its 88,000 subscribers so it will be saving no tax dollars. The environment is a high priority and your efforts to prevent conservation will be held against you and your party in the next election.

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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources**

Call to Action!

I am against your proposal to eliminate Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. This magazine is completely self-funded by its 88,000 subscribers so it will be saving no tax dollars. The environment is a high priority and your efforts to prevent conservation will be held against you and your party in the next election.

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**Subject: ceasing DNR magazine publishing**

Governor Walker,

I was very disappointed to read that you plan to order the DNR to cease publishing its bimonthly magazine. It provides a valuable picture of the DNR's work, and the state of "wild Wisconsin".

Your decision is especially odd given that the magazine does not use taxpayer money.

I urge you to undo this decision. Will you? If not, can you communicate a good reason not to?

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4945>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 22:28

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 10:28:01 PM

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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources**

I am very disappointed in your proposal to halt the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine -- I view this as a direct threat on the most important aspect of Wisconsin culture -- our natural resources. This magazine is reputable, intelligent and educational. This isn't a partisan issue, we need safe land, air and water in Wisconsin and that starts with non-partisan, educational materials like the Wisconsin Resources magazine. Please reconsider your stance on this.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4944>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 22:28

**From:** [mark\\_pass](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** proposed budget and DNR magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 8:55:20 PM

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Hello Governor Walker,

Thank you for submitting your budget for the public to review.

The budgetary decision to have the DNR discontinue the publication of their magazine and then claim the cut as a savings is not accurate.

- a) This magazine is fully funded by subscription
- b) The two (2) staff member positions that would be claimed to be cut are already vacant
- c) Magazine freelance contributors are not re-reimbursed.
- d) The argument that there are magazines in the marketplace that address these issues I believe, is incorrect, since there are no periodicals that deal with only Wisconsin natural resource issues.
- e) This popular magazine provides information to subscribers on Wisconsin DNR policy goals, projects and informs readers about the natural bounty our State has been blessed with.

This budgetary decision is wrong for the citizens of our State, our environment and those that consider stewardship a primary responsibility of all Wisconsinites.


I would challenge the Governor to review his department operations and develop cost savings\* that would not effect the general public.

*\*(for example: How many residents does one governor require?)*

The claims you made are at best false and at worst are meant to muzzle an effective department that has been a thorn in your side.

I would recommend you look closely where you sit in the future. It would be a shame if you sat down on a thorn.

mark pass

  
waukesha, wi 53186

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Cancellation of WI Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 8:22:00 PM

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**Subject: Cancellation of WI Natural Resources Magazine**

Please don't scrap the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. I don't know of any magazine published that has the same informative variety of articles that The Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine has in it. I don't fish. I don't hunt. I do tend to occasionally travel to areas featured in the magazine, which then generates revenue in those localities. I hope you reconsider your proposal. Thank you, Jean Voss

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4939>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 20:21

**From:** [REDACTED]@att.net  
**To:** [Evenson, Tom - GOV](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 7:40:02 PM

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What is wrong with this state that you would end this publication

I say it is' a very bad move .

I will join up with any others ready to defend this publication.

Brian Coon

[REDACTED]

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** DNR  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 7:29:22 PM

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**Subject: DNR**

I was so disappointed last year when the DNR chose not to include climate change information on the Great Lakes web page. I thought you and your administration believed in science. Our state has the most precious natural resource in the world: clean water. As droughts, fires, melting ice caps warming oceans, water levels rising on coastal properties, and severe weather continue, the debate is over! Climate change is here and those who have clean water and a location away from oceans will have what everyone needs.

It is our duty as citizens to educate others to these dangers. Photographs are a key part of convincing people of the facts. The pictures in the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine are a key part of the DNR mission to protect the environment and manage natural resources. We all need to see the beauty of our state and the need to protect it. It was bad enough to previously censor environmentally controversial topics in the magazine making one think Wisconsin had an anti-science opinion. Now that you want to stop publishing the magazine, it is an admission that this was your motive all along. Why would you do this? It makes us all look stupid! For the uninformed, it helps keep them stupid.

The magazine's subscription cost was covered by the subscribers so it can't be a financial decision. The free lance photographers and writers didn't even get paid. The two positions you eliminated are vacant. Please put climate change information back on the Great Lakes website and bring back the unedited version of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4937>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 19:29



**From:** [no-reply@wi.gov](mailto:no-reply@wi.gov)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#); [Hoelter, Jon - DHS](#); [Hoelter, Jon - DHS](#); [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wis. Nat. Resources magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 7:20:10 PM

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Contact Name: Joseph Welter, MD, MPH  
Email: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Message: Dear Governor, I was extremely disappointed to read today in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel that the state DNR has plans to discontinue publication of their incredibly useful and insightful Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine as of February, 2018. I'm a conservation patron, and this has been one of the best aspects of being a patron--receiving this magazine six times a year. I appreciate knowing different aspects of Wisconsin's conservation projects, as well as articles detailing different ways to participate in conservation and restoration efforts throughout the state. I learn from this magazine! This is a wonderful publication, and seeing its demise would be not just sad, but tragic. I fear that those in power, and those making these decisions, fail to recognize how widely respected this magazine truly is and just how much it's appreciated by many, many people. I sincerely doubt that I would remain a patron of our state's DNR if the organization, and the people making the decisions in this organization, fail to realize the importance of this publication. So, please do what you can to continue publication of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine, and continue its amazing history dating back so many decades. Please don't allow its demise on your watch. Thank you. Joseph D. Welter, MD, [REDACTED] Marshfield, WI 54449 [REDACTED]

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** State government effort to eliminate DNR Magazine.  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 5:49:28 PM

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**Subject: State government effort to eliminate DNR Magazine.**

I am a 71 y.o. biologist/physician/hunter/NRA member. I want to declare my my strong disapproval of Gov Walkers' decision to eliminate the DNR magazine that the majority of the citizens who buy DNR licenses look forward to reading as part of our support of the Wis. DNRs' conservation and public information efforts. How controlling can the Governor get ! We are happy to be involved through that publication with the science and long term goals of our DNR, and we PAY for it, for Petes' sake! Back off! Allow democracy to work, even when it seems unimportant to whoever is in power in Madison for the moment.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4931>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 17:49

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Cut DNR magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 5:39:50 PM

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**Subject: Cut DNR magazine**

Mr. Walker, I don't understand why you want to totally destroy our Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources! First you have a political appointee as the head of the department who is totally unqualified! Then you eliminate twelve scientists!! You absolutely screwed up totally when you got involved with deer hunting and the Wisconsin tradition. Now you want to eliminate "Wisconsin Natural Resources" magazine. Clearly your "world view" is not supported by science and you want to eliminate any threat to your reactionary and antiquated beliefs. I moved to Wisconsin forty-six years ago because of it's beauty, environmental awareness, absolutely CLEAN politics and I have been happy here until you came from out of state determined to destroy all that the country knows about Wisconsin.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4929>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 17:39

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 5:12:44 PM

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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine**

My husband and I strongly protest the plan to "do away" with this important magazine. Since it is not funded by the state, we wonder why you are bothering with it. The only answer is that you want the people of the state to be as blasé about the environment as you and your associates are. We need to be aware and working for the protection of our planet right now.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4926>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 17:12

**From:** [Leyla Sanyer](#)  
**To:** [Leyla Sanyer](#)  
**Subject:** DO NOT eliminate Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 4:36:03 PM

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I strongly oppose the proposal to eliminate the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine.

Public education is one of the DNR's core functions.

Furthermore, the magazine plays a big role in recruiting volunteers who help DNR scientists count wildlife, monitor the quality of water in streams and lakes, and raise money for state parks and other department operations, according to a former DNR secretary.

Finally, according to Gov. Walker's own budget proposal, shutting down the magazine would not actually save money for taxpayers. It is subscriber sustained.

As a lifelong Wisconsin resident, taxpayer, and conservationist, I see no benefit to eliminating this valuable resource.

Leyla Sanyer  
[REDACTED]  
Verona, WI 53593

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Leyla Sanyer

**From:** [Jane Duren](#)  
**To:** [DNR SECRETARY](#); [Governor Scott Walker](#); [Fitzgerald, Scott - LEGIS](#); [Sen.Shilling - LEGIS](#); [Rep.Vos - LEGIS](#); [Rep.Steineke - LEGIS](#); [Rep.Barca - LEGIS](#)  
**Subject:** Do NOT eliminate Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 3:52:25 PM

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***As a hunter, fisherperson, conservation patron license holder, mother of kids who actually read this magazine from cover to cover, nature lover and Wisconsin resident ....***

I strongly oppose the proposal to eliminate the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. Public education is one of the DNR's core functions.

Furthermore, the magazine plays a big role in recruiting volunteers who help DNR scientists count wildlife, monitor the quality of water in streams and lakes, and raise money for state parks and other department operations, according to a former DNR secretary.

Finally, according to Gov. Walker's own budget proposal, shutting down the magazine ***would not actually save money for taxpayers.***

Please do ***not*** allow cancelation of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine!

Jane Whelan Duren  
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Onalaska, WI 54650  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** DNR Magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 3:39:24 PM

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Wisconsin 54603

**Subject: DNR Magazine**

I am writing to let you know my disappointment in the governor's decision to cancel the outstanding DNR magazine. It feels as if he is afraid the people in Wisconsin might learn about the ways he is ruining our parks and forests. Tell him to stop.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4922>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 15:39

**From:** [GERALD MENTING](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** DNR magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 3:33:25 PM

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Dear Govenor Walker,

Why in the world would you want to get rid of the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine? I read each issue cover to cover. If it's not broke, why fix it? It covers it cost. So, it is no I skin off your nose.

Tom Everson, said, "It is not the government's role to produce magazines that duplicate what is available in the private market." Could he tell us what magazine he is referring too?

Put it back in the budget.

Sincerely,

Mary Menting



Milwaukee, WI 53212



**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin natural resources magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 3:00:21 PM

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**Subject: Wisconsin natural resources magazine**

Please do not illuminate funding for natural resources magazine. This publication is an important part of the life of wisconsin

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4919>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 15:00

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** DNR  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 2:56:39 PM

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**Subject: DNR**

I strongly disagree with you eliminating the DNR magazine. Its a wonderful magazine and is virtually self sufficient. Public education should be encouraged not discouraged. The only reason why you want to get rid of this magazine is because you feel threatened by it along with the other Republicans. I strongly urge you to reconsider your decision.

I'm also disheartened by the changing of the DNRs mission. The mission use to be protect our environment but the new mission is to protect the polluters. You have taken a once respectable organization and turned it into a circus act with Cathy Stepp as its ring leader. The DNR has no credibility and it no longer looks out for the citizens of Wisconsin. Its more concerned about the corporate world and allowing them to do whatever they want to the environment. You have not made Wisconsin a better place to live!! You are also silencing any information you deem threatening to your cause, you are not a transparent government. You prefer to work in the dark. Shame on You!!!!!!!!!!!!

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4918>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 14:56

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** DNR Magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 1:12:26 PM

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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

This morning I read in the newspaper that your budget includes the discontinuation of the DNR magazine which is published on a bi-monthly basis. I am one of the 88,000 subscribers. According to the paper cutting this publication does not provide any savings to the State. It is a wonderful publication that connects people to the beauty of the State. It is informative and helpful. I have learned about places that I haven't visited that I would never have known about. And from this info my family and I have taken advantage of many of these places. It is informative about the wildlife of this State. As a former teacher I want young people to appreciate all this State provides. By informing adults we can in turn pass this information on to younger people. In order to continue this magazine I would be very willing to increase the price I pay as it is very worthwhile.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4905>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 13:12

**From:** [Dick, James F - DNR](#)  
**To:** [Patrick E Durkin](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 1:10:12 PM

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Pat,

The rationale for eliminating the magazine is that it's not part of our core work in carrying out the DNR's mission, which, by the way, hasn't changed and will not change. What we are doing is changing the way we carry out that mission by focusing on the core work we need to do in order to accomplish the mission of protecting and enhancing our natural resources more efficiently and effectively.

After a thorough core work analysis and alignment study, which I believe you know about, we found that we are stewards of the state's resources-not magazine publishers.

The document you requested regarding our core mission, which as I mentioned hasn't changed, can be found on our website:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/about/mission.html>

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**From:** Patrick E Durkin [mailto:patrickdurkin56@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 11:04 AM  
**To:** Dick, James F - DNR  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine  
**Importance:** High

**Hi Jim.**

**I'm working on a piece regarding Gov. Walker's budget proposal to eliminate the DNR's Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine by Feb. 2018. I read that a rationale for its elimination is that other Wisconsin-based magazines cover the same topics as WNR.**

**I'm hoping you'd have time to discuss this by phone. If not, please email me the names of the private sector's magazines the governor's office is referring to.**

**Also, I'm hoping you can elaborate a bit and define the DNR's core mission and how it's changed the past six years. Is this mission and its responsibilities spelled out in a document you can send me?**

**I'm available all day today. If you'd like me to call at a specific time, please send me the best number to reach you. Otherwise, feel free to call my number below at your convenience.**

**Best,  
Pat D.**

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**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 12:49:54 PM

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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

Bad idea Governor Walker cancelling the publication and distribution of the Wisconsin Natural Resource magazine. Many conservatives & outdoorsmen like myself enjoy this magazine. I am not a climate change advocate but I do support conservation methods and the protection of Wisconsin's beautiful natural resources. Our woods, rivers & lakes, not to mention our park system our an area of pride for any one living in Wisconsin. The magazine was one publication that highlights not only our wonderful parks but also the great work men & women across the state are doing in an effort to preserve these great treasures for future generations. I have been a long time tax payer and an equally long subscriber to this wonderful magazine. As a Republican it always bothers me that what ever party is in power we always have a tendency to over reach. This is one of those times. Save the magazine. Sincerely, Steve Freckmann

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4902>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 12:49

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** DNR Magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 12:44:46 PM

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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

As a subscriber to WDNR's Natural Resources Magazine since its inception, I am terribly disheartened to find out about your 2017-2018 budget proposal to eliminate it. This magazine is unique. It does not "duplicate what is available in the private market" as voiced by your spokesperson Tom Evenson. It is paid for by 75,000 of us subscribers. Please keep this quality publication in the budget.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4900>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 12:44



**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** DNR magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 12:26:06 PM

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**Subject: DNR magazine**

Why stop the DNR magazine? This cannot save any money as the magazine is subscription funded and doesn't cost the state anything. This looks like one more step in the attempt to defund and break up the DNR. These attacks on any efforts to regulate and protect our water, wetlands, forests, air, climate, and environment in general will not be remembered kindly in the future.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4897>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 12:26



**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** DNR Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 12:25:23 PM

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**Subject: DNR Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine**

I wanted to express my disappointment that you have decided to defund Natural Resources Magazine in the coming budget cycle. It is my understanding that this will not save taxpayer money and has been self-sufficient with subscriber dollars.

I've subscribed off and on to this magazine since moving here 20 years ago. As an Illinoisan by birth I've always seen Wisconsin as "vacationland" and this magazine published by the DNR is a monthly reinforcement of why I love to live and play here. I enjoy fishing, canoeing, hiking and biking with my children and just being in the outdoors in this great state. Every month there are articles ranging from trout stream restoration to waterfalls to the best scenic fall drives. I've often passed on copies to my father in-law who is an active outdoorsman and also keep the back issues up at my cabin up north as they're always fun to flip through again.

With nearly 100 year of publication it would be a real shame to end this magazine which provides such a great benefit to Wisconsinites. A magazine that educates and encourages people to get out and explore their state not only makes them more aware of what they have here in their own backyard, but in the end will result in more money being spent in our local state economy.

I hope you will take my opinion into account on this matter.

Best,

Michael O'Russa

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4896>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 12:25

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** DNR Magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 12:22:41 PM

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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

Please do not force the DNR to stop publishing the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. We are long time subscribers who send gift subscriptions to Wisconsin friends living abroad as a way of keeping in touch with their roots.

You say this is not politically motivated, but it sure looks like it is. There is no legitimate reason to stop publishing it -- no tax savings, and much of the content is written or submitted by people who love to share their Wisconsin outdoor experiences, which is one of our top industries.

Outdoor Wisconsin is a unique resource we need to cherish and protect, not hide.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4895>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 12:22

**From:** [Moberg, Glen](#)  
**To:** [Evenson, Tom - GOV](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Reasons for Cancelling Wisconsin Natural Resources  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 12:16:17 PM

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Thank you, and as always thanks for your timely response.

Glen

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**From:** Evenson, Tom - GOV [mailto:Tom.Evenson@wisconsin.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 11:46 AM

**To:** Moberg, Glen

**Subject:** RE: Reasons for Cancelling Wisconsin Natural Resources

Hi Glen -

That's a ridiculous claim. The DNR is realigning to become more efficient and effective. This magazine is not a part of the DNR's core mission. It is not the government's role to produce magazines that duplicate what is available in the private market.

Ceasing to publish this magazine will reduce FTE's by 2 and save \$136,200 in FY18 and \$544,800 in FY19. The savings unrelated to the FTE's would be passed onto conservation patron license holders through a reduction in the fee by \$8.95 per license. The savings to license purchasers equates to roughly \$75,000 in FY18 and \$300,000 in FY19. The lower amount in FY18 is due to the delayed elimination date of spring 2018.

Thanks.

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**From:** Moberg, Glen [mailto:glen.moberg@uwc.edu]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 11:22 AM

**To:** Evenson, Tom - GOV

**Subject:** Reasons for Cancelling Wisconsin Natural Resources

Hi Tom,

I need a statement from you for the reasons for canceling Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine, and the criticism by some who claim it is an effort to suppress sensitive coverage of certain issues, including the effects of climate change in the state.

Thanks,

Glen Moberg

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**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Cancellation of DNR Magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 12:02:44 PM

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**Subject: Cancellation of DNR Magazine**

Gov. Walker, My husband & I have subscribed to DNR Magazine for almost 30 years. We pay the subscription which pays for the magazine. Please reconsider as you are NOT saving taxpayers any money.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4893>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 12:02

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Natural Resources magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 11:54:24 AM

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**Subject: Natural Resources magazine**

Please spend your time on much more important issues than this magazine. I've subscribed for 30 plus years, it is well written, informative and not remotely political... We subscribers pay for it, no cost to state. Please consider firing who ever came up with this idea. Thankyou, Pat Healy

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4892>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 11:54

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** DNR Magazine Cut  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 11:51:38 AM

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**Subject: DNR Magazine Cut**

It doesn't seem right to cut out a magazine that works to preserve our state's beauty and is totally funded by those who read it.  
It seems that you are vindictive towards those who do not share your views. Cannot there be other opinions, especially on the environment in which we all live?  
Are you so closed minded?  
If the government should be involved in publishing, I hope to see you not be a hypocrite.  
We will be watching you.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
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Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 11:51

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources  
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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources**

I object to your deleting the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine from the state budget. This serves an educational purpose and is supported entirely by the 88,000 subscribers. This is more of the anti science agenda I have seen in your administration such as the striking pages from the DNR and Public Service Commission web sites that deal with climate change.

If your children and grandchildren are to survive in this world we all need to do as much as we can to conserve our natural resources and promote awareness of the problems. The DNR is a vital department and should receive a larger allocation of our tax dollars and support than I have seen in your administration. I do hope you see your way to correct this error.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Grosnick

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<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4886>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 11:21

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** I am a DNR Magazine subscriber and supporter. Do not stop publication, and do not control their message.  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 11:04:30 AM

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Wisconsin 53212

**Subject: I am a DNR Magazine subscriber and supporter. Do not stop publication, and do not control their message.**

I subscribe directly to DNR Magazine because it is a valuable resource, and a great way to promote our state's parks. Often I find insightful information, or I learn about a corner of a new park I had never heard of before. Most recently, after learning about crane migration through Crex Meadows in the DNR magazine, I was able to take my significant other with me in 2016 to observe hundreds of cranes overhead.

In haste to cut programs in our government, it's too easy to forget that parks, sometimes more than anything else, need many ways to promote themselves. This is especially true to a generation that is not familiar with all there is to offer beyond the computer screen. As a millennial, I speak with experience, and I am saddened to hear funding for such a publication is being cut. And this is a print publication! Just think of the online market we're missing by not investing more in an organization like this magazine. If anything, we should be thinking of more ways to support publication/broadcast of materials that promote our natural resources in Wisconsin.

As always, I continue to find your leadership non-representational of the actual population in our state, and I find your partisan leadership to be lacking any spirit of cooperation with democrats in our state who represent my gerrymandered district. In light of recent media reports of gag-orders on EPA personnel nationally, I am extremely disturbed that our progressive state has become part of a larger national agenda that does not represent who we are.

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Madison.com

At violence-wracked youth prisons, **Scott Walker** has a 16 percent solution, complains Political Environment blogger James Rowen. He points out that ...



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### [Walker talks with Iowa Republicans before union vote](#)

The Daily Progress

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin Gov. **Scott Walker** says he spoke with Republicans in neighboring Iowa as they prepared to vote on a bill that would ...



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### [Walker proposes lifetime teaching licenses](#)

Beloit Daily News

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Teachers in the state would never have to renew their teaching licenses under a plan from Gov. **Scott Walker**. In his budget ...



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### [Broadband bill would target underserved rural areas](#)

fox6now.com

**Scott Walker's** budget proposal released last week included an additional \$35 million for broadband, which includes the grants. A significant portion ...



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### [Wisconsin targets DNR magazine for elimination](#)

Minnesota Public Radio News (blog)

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**Subject: DNR**

Don't dump the DNR magazine. That is one connection we out in the hinterlands have with the DNR and the State of Wisconsin - it is vital that we have that connection. I am appalled at the way this administration has treated our environment as a whole- let us at least have that one thing- the magazine we look forward to coming in the mail. I love it!

Jo Rudrud

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Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 10:06

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

Dear Governor Walker  
Why would your budget kill the DNR magazine?  
As a supporter of you, I find this an illogical decision.  
It's a great magazine, I buy subscriptions for my family, so those who live out of state can get a little Wisconsin love.  
Don't overreach, keep the magazine, it doesn't cost the taxpayers.  
Otherwise I'm forced to reconsider my support for you.  
Respectfully, Ray  
PS-fix the roads, car repairs from bad roads also tax the citizens.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
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Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 09:58

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
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**Subject:** Wis DNR Magazine  
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**Subject: Wis DNR Magazine**

Why do you want to cancel a great publication that costs only the subscribers? All or your "answers" were just more excuses to ruin a good organization. If you don't want to "believe" in science, fine. But don't force the rest of us to be so ignorant. So back off the DNR. You should cut your staff--that would save money!

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
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Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 09:55

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Refund \$ owed to me on your cancellation of WI Natural Resources magazine.  
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**Subject: Refund \$ owed to me on your cancellation of WI Natural Resources magazine.**

How are you handling the refunds owed to subscribers of WI Natural Resources Magazine, as it is stated that you will be cancelling its production in 2018?

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
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**From:** [Evenson, Tom - GOV](#)  
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**Subject:** Governor's Office Media Briefing - Feb. 14  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:34:19 AM  
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**GOOD MORNING**  
**Media Briefing – Tuesday, February 14, 2017**  
**Office of Governor Scott Walker**  
**TODAY'S FRONT PAGES**  
**AP WIRE - WISCONSIN**

**Governor Walker**

[Fiery public hearing over collective bargaining changes](#)

*Radiolowa*

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker spoke privately via Skype to Republican legislators in Iowa today, encouraging them to embrace the same kind of collective bargaining changes he enacted in Wisconsin six years ago.

[Emotions run high as over 1,000 gather for collective bargaining hearing](#)

*KCCI-TV Des Moines*

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker tweeted his support for Iowa Republicans, writing, "Happy to speak to my friends in the Iowa Legislature via Skype. They have a chance to pass big, bold reforms!"

[Wisconsin business groups applaud Gov. Walker's biennial budget proposal](#)

*WisBusiness*

"That is good for families in Wisconsin, and good for small businesses as well," Smith said.

[Pleasant budget surprise: Local school administrators didn't expect \\$200 per-pupil increase](#)

*Tomah Journal*

Tomah Area School District business manager Greg Gaarder had been using per-pupil increases of \$0, \$50 and \$100 for his budget projections.

[Lawmakers hear from constituents](#)

*Tomah Journal*

Testin and VanderMeer both support Gov. Scott Walker's proposal to boost public school spending by \$200 per student. Testin said he was "pleasantly surprised" by the governor's proposal. "During the course of the campaign talking to school administrators and talking to parents, they wanted to see more K-12 funding, and rightfully so," he said.

[Wausau Schools hope to take control of annual start date](#)

*WSAW-TV Wausau*

Parents, your child's school year start date could change now that a resolution is on its way to Governor Scott Walker.

[Gov. Walker Proposes Eliminating Labor, Judicial, Education Oversight Commissions](#)

*Wisconsin Public Radio News*

Gov. Scott Walker wants to shutter commissions that oversee labor disputes, for-profit colleges and judicial ethics in Wisconsin.

[DNR magazine cut seen as latest climate science scrub](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal*

Gov. Scott Walker's proposal to do away with the subscriber-supported Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine fits a pattern that included suppressing articles on climate science and endangered species that started after Republicans took over state government, the magazine's former editor said Monday.

[Wisconsin DNR to cease publication of venerable magazine](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

Gov. Scott Walker's budget would kill a self-supporting magazine published by the Department of Natural Resources that two former editors say has avoided controversial issues, including climate change, since the start of Walker's first term in 2011.

[Scott Walker's budget again suggests changes at Circus World in Baraboo](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal*

As he did in 2013, Walker included funding in his 2017-2019 biennial budget proposal to pay for operations at the Baraboo museum, essentially handing over control from the privately funded Circus World Museum Foundation to the Wisconsin Historical Society.

[Fire chiefs want Walker to intercede on electrical code](#)

*Wisconsin Radio Network*

Wisconsin's fire chiefs and home builders remain at odds over an update to the electrical code, that would require circuit interrupters in new home construction. Wauwatosa Fire Chief Bob Ugaste heads the Wisconsin State Firefighters Association. He and other fire chiefs, electricians and home inspectors held a Capitol press conference on Monday.

[Governor takes aim at public notices](#)

*Lakeland Times*

The administration of Gov. Scott Walker has been relentless in its attempt to weaken the state's public records and open meetings laws, and in his new budget Walker unleashed yet another assault on transparency, proposing to abandon requirements that governmental bodies publish certain public notices in newspapers.

[Local response to governor's proposal on teaching licenses](#)

*FOX11 Green Bay*

The Governor says the change would save money. Others worry it could eventually dull teaching skills.

[UW System funding debate has Republicans divided](#)

*WBAY-TV Green Bay*

"I would prefer to see us — and I think I'm hearing that from a lot of my colleagues as well — more of a targeted approach where we target dollars to programs that can help students graduate within their four year period and also target dollars towards financial aid," said Nygren, a Republican from Marinette.

[Steve Doyle Doubts Proposed Transportation Budget](#)

*WXOW-TV La Crosse*

"I'm a little concerned about the budget proposal. One, I don't think it does enough for fixing our roads. It doesn't seem to engage the majority party either in terms of supporting it. So we have a Republican Governor with a transportation proposal and there's no buy-in from other Republican leadership in the legislature."

[Local groups weigh in on Walker's spending plan](#)

*WISC-TV & Madison Magazine*

State lawmakers will be scrutinizing Gov. Scott Walker's 2017-19 spending plan over the next few months. The more than \$70 billion budget will include funds for everything from the state's military to Medicaid programs. Four local groups weighed in on what they'd put in the budget if they could.

## **Wisconsin**

[New bureaucracy not the answer to student debt crisis](#)

*Lon Roberts – Dept. of Financial Institutions*

*USA Today Network – Wisconsin*

Gov. Scott Walker has made it a priority to take actions to control the cost of higher education. He froze tuition for four consecutive years at all UW System schools, resulting in an average savings of \$6,311 per student over that time. He has increased grants to technical colleges, increased accessibility to internship programs for college students, and backed creation of a scholarship program for high school students who lead their classes in technical education courses.

[Sendik's to hire 500 in 2017](#)

*Milwaukee BizTimes*

With three new stores and two Fresh2GO locations opening in 2017, Sendik's plans to hire 500 people this year.

[Minnesota, Wisconsin team up to fight painkiller abuse, overdoses](#)

*St. Paul Pioneer Press*

Educating the public about opioid drugs may be the best way to fight their dangers. That is what Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson hopes. On Monday, she announced that she has adapted a year-old Wisconsin opioid public awareness campaign to counteract the growing addiction problem to



opioid pain killers.

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Tom Evenson | Deputy Communications Director  
Office of Governor Scott Walker

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
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**Subject:** DNR Magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 9:28:43 AM

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**Subject: DNR Magazine**

I love this magazine. I think it is great for giving us information on our natural resources. It needs to stay.

Thank You,  
John Fojut

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4871>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 09:28

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine being cut  
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**Subject: Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine being cut**

PLEASE DO NOT KILL THIS MAGAZINE. We'd happily pay twice the subscription fee or more to keep receiving this valuable information.

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine is a state treasure! We eagerly look forward to reading it cover to cover, every issue. It informs us of DNR programs going on around the state. I learned about help available to land-owners to better manage and preserve the land we have in our care, an over-all benefit to the state.

There are articles that feature state parks that draw us out to visit those areas of the state we would not ordinarily visit. The wildlife articles are a valuable resource, focussed on Wisconsin habitat.

We are sorely distressed to hear the magazine is considered unnecessary. We depend on it!

Sincerely,  
Judy Ogren

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
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Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 07:50

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** DNR  
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**Subject: DNR**

Please stop your dumbing down of our state! I am a supported of our schools, our parks and our infrastructure which you are systematically dismantling. I would be happy to pay more taxes as should all Wisconsinites in order to maintain the systems that have worked so well for so long. Your latest proposal to get rid of WI Natural Resources magazine is merely mean spirited---it doesn't cost you anything to continue this publication. In your old age I think you will regret many things you have done to the people of the state of Wisconsin---assuming you have a conscience. I am so disappointed in the direction you have taken out state. My tax "reduction" has cost me much more I health costs and in quality of life issues than the small amount of the credit. I hope you are happy with all the money you are making off the backs of the rest of us.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4856>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 07:48

**From:** [Ann Lange](#)  
**To:** [DNR SECRETARY](#); [Governor Scott Walker](#); [Fitzgerald, Scott - LEGIS](#); [Sen.Shilling - LEGIS](#); [Rep.Vos - LEGIS](#); [Rep.Steineke - LEGIS](#); [Rep.Barca - LEGIS](#)  
**Subject:** Do NOT eliminate Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 7:45:13 AM

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I strongly oppose the proposal to eliminate the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine.

Public education is one of the DNR's core functions.

Furthermore, the magazine plays a big role in recruiting volunteers who help DNR scientists count wildlife, monitor the quality of water in streams and lakes, and raise money for state parks and other department operations, according to a former DNR secretary.

Finally, according to Gov. Walker's own budget proposal, shutting down the magazine would not actually save money for taxpayers.

As a lifelong Wisconsin resident, taxpayer, and conservationist, I see no benefit to eliminating this valuable resource.

Thank you,  
Ann Lange

  
Monroe, WI 53566

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Natural Resources Magazine  
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**Subject: Natural Resources Magazine**

I write to object to your not supporting the continued publication and distribution of the Natural Resources Magazine. I'm appalled! I believe in true conservatism, which also means conservation of our resources with wise use and sustainability in mind, not a one-sided approach to meet a narrow agenda based on special interests without the Wisconsin people in mind. You no longer have my support.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4853>

Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 07:32

**From:** [Eric and Kathy Wendorff](#)  
**To:** [DNR SECRETARY](#); [Governor Scott Walker](#); [Fitzgerald, Scott - LEGIS](#); [Sen.Shilling - LEGIS](#); [Rep.Vos - LEGIS](#); [Rep.Steineke - LEGIS](#); [Rep.Barca - LEGIS](#); [Sen.Erpenbach - LEGIS](#); [Rep.Hesselbein - LEGIS](#)  
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Thank you for your attention.

Kathy Wendorff

  
Middleton, Wisconsin 53562

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** cancelling of the DNR magazine...  
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**Subject: cancelling of the DNR magazine...**

...the Wisconsin DNR magazine links citizens to the work of the DNR, the Wisconsin landscape, and the issues as well as joys of the our outdoor. It allows for a positive communication between government and citizens. It connects the human watershed of citizens to the our government...it allows the DNR to show, illustrate and express itself in a fashion that is pretty non combative. While I'm not a big fan of constant logging, the magazine has offered view points of practices, private forest options, and the goods coming from wood lot management...enough so, that our household enjoys the benefits coming such practices first read about in the DNR magazine...The ground water story in the recent publication is a wonderful EDUCATION on how water moves through the soil...it doesn't hide in scientific review language, but graphically shows the work the wonders of water in the soil...

This magazine is a valued Wisconsin tradition: Our household still holds a copy from the early 1960's about shocking surveys on Couderay Lake/Sawyer County. The story of a windy, rainy, fall night...the work of the DNR in studying muskies, the lightless shoreline, the effort of the crew...captured the imagination of my dad/a well known musky hunter...turned his attitude to the value of/not the harvest of the fish and pointed him towards early catch and release tactics...for others it gave us an insight to lakes beyond "catching a fish."

Keep the magazine, keep the good stories that don't blow stories out of the water that private publication do, keep the DNR linked to the public with this fine publication.

Tom and Carol Heinrich/Hayward, Wisconsin...

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Submitted on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - 07:24



**From:** [St Norbert Abbey St Norbert Abbey](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** DNR Magazine  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 7:24:07 AM

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Dear Gov.,

Your record and that of your Republican cronies in Madison are outrageous in regard to issues of environmental concerns and protection. Canceling the DNR Magazine is just another example of your crap thinking on protection of Wisconsin's air, water, and land resources. You are a typical rapacious destroyer of the natural world. I suggest you read some of the papal material on care for the planet. Of course your incomplete Maquette stint did not seem to fine tune your religious conscience in any way. The Jesuits failed again!!!!!!!

Dr. Terrence Lauerma

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### [Scott Walker's budget would limit low-income tax credits to those who work](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Gov. **Scott Walker** enters the assembly chamber for his budget address Wednesday at the Capitol in Madison. Walker's proposed two-year budget ...



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### [DNR magazine cut seen as latest climate science scrub](#)

WiscNews

Gov. **Scott Walker** wants to eliminate the DNR's Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine, which has 88,000 subscribers that support its operations.



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**From:** [BJ Ermenc](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Cc:** [Sen.Vukmir - LEGIS](#); [Rep.Kooyenga - LEGIS](#)  
**Subject:** Do NOT cancel DNR Magazine!  
**Date:** Monday, February 13, 2017 10:27:42 PM

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Dear Governor Walker and legislators,

Please do not insult all of our intelligence and undermine our ability to attract visitors to our state by eliminating the subscriber-supported nearly 100 year old Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. There is no justification for doing so as **no tax dollars** are spent for it's publication. The only possible reason to eliminate it is to stifle valid scientific information about our environment and climate change.

Thank you.

[Elizabeth \(BJ\) Ermenc](#)

[Active Voter](#)



[Wauwatosa, WI 53210](#)

*[Help create peace; start within.](#)*

**From:** [Jeff Schmidt](#)  
**To:** [Evenson, Tom - GOV](#)  
**Subject:** DNR magazine  
**Date:** Monday, February 13, 2017 8:26:24 PM

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Mr. Evenson,  
Please note that the administration's decision to drop the magazine is deplorable.  
Jeff Schmidt  
Mequon

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** WI Natural Resources Magazine  
**Date:** Monday, February 13, 2017 8:13:26 PM

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Wisconsin 54601

**Subject: WI Natural Resources Magazine**

I really enjoy the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine and subscribe to it. I am not a hunter or fisherman and just enjoy the articles about animals and plants, etc. I am generally a supporter of Gov. Walker but the Magazine should be continued.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://walker.wi.gov/node/10/submission/4843>

Submitted on Monday, February 13, 2017 - 20:13

**From:** [Sereno, Jennifer A - DNR](#)  
**To:** [Dick, James F - DNR](#); [DNR DL AD DLT](#); [DNR DL OC ALL](#); [DNR DL DW COMMUNICATORS](#)  
**Subject:** Informational: Media Contact Summary for Feb. 13, 2017  
**Date:** Monday, February 13, 2017 5:47:43 PM

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### Media Contact Summary for Feb. 13, 2017

**Sturgeon Spearing. Ryan Koenigs handled.**

- **Lauren Kahlil and Eric Peterson, FOX 11/Good Day Wisconsin, Green Bay**
- **Zach Knapton and Steve Dent, CBS 5, Green Bay**
- **Jorge Rodas, ABC 2, Green Bay**
- **Bill Wagness and Raquel Lamal, NBC 26, Green Bay**
- **Melissa, WTAQ Radio, Green Bay**
- **Gretchen Steele, freelance outdoor writer**
- **Kevin Naze, freelance**
- **Melanie Zukowski, Fond du Lac Reporter**
- **Trisha Stevens, Fond du Lac Visitors Bureau**
- **Madeline Behr and Ethan Sarfan, Post Crescent, Appleton**

**Natural Resources Magazine. Jim Dick handled.** Two outlets asked for DNR comment after we were accused of trying to cease publication of the magazine to avoid publishing “controversial stories.” That accusation has no merit. The decision was prompted by core analysis work during the alignment process in which publishing a magazine did not seem to be a priority in carrying out the agency’s mission of protecting and enhancing our natural resources. We are stewards of the resources, not magazine publishers.

- **Lee Bergquist-Journal Sentinel**
- **Steve Verburg-State Journal**

**Ice safety. William Hanke handled.**

- **Nolan Blair, ABC 2, Green Bay**
- **FOX 11, Green Bay**

**Snowmobile accident, Vilas County. Brian Jopeck, Lakeland Times. Timothy Ebert handled.**

Information provided was the victim’s name, age, location, and that the victim struck a tree and was transported for medical treatment.

**Vehicle through ice, Sawyer Harbor. Samantha Hernandez, Door County Advocate.**

**Christopher Kratcha handled.** Warden Kratcha explained the partially submerged vehicle had been removed the morning of 02-13-2017, and the operator had 30 days to remove the vehicle per Statute, therefore there were no citations issued. Warden Kratcha explained nearly every year a vehicle breaks through in Sawyer Harbor due to the rock reefs, current, melting ice, and shore run-off. Warden Kratcha stated ice fishermen need to be cautious as the warm weather arrives, and reconsider driving vehicles on the ice due to ice deterioration near shore and off shore.

**Vehicle through ice, Green Bay. CBS 5, Green Bay. Darren Kuhn handled.** The interview consisted of standard ice safety message, precautions that can be taken when driving vehicles on the ice and general personal protection equipment available for travelling on the ice.

**Patron’s License holder study. Steve Verburg, Wisconsin State Journal. Jordan Petchenik handled.** Jordan provided a copy of the study to Steve.

**WPDES permit holders and wastewater plants. Scott Gordon, Wisconsin Public Radio.**

**Jennifer Sereno handled.** Wisconsin currently has 642 total municipal treatment plants.

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### NEWS

#### [DNR magazine cut seen as latest climate science scrub](#)

Madison.com

**Scott Walker** proposed shuttering the magazine as part of the state budget he unveiled last week. The cut wouldn't save tax dollars because the nearly ...



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#### [Legislators Could Trim Walker Budget](#)

urbanmilwaukee

**Scott Walker** proposed last week. Walker's budget also called for using the remaining \$26 million from the VW settlement to buy new Milwaukee ...

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#### [Governor Walker's 'Reform Dividend'](#)

Governor Scott Walker - State of Wisconsin

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**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Trudeau  
**Date:** Monday, February 13, 2017 4:18:02 PM

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Scott -

Did you go to Washington DC today? Were you invited by Trump to discuss your "wall" idea between the US and Trudeau of Canada? What? No invitation? Yes, I see so many other politicians jumped on your idea. I guess your God did not spread the word too far for you. Oh, I see you scrubbed the DNR magazine and claim it will save over \$300,000 over 2 years. What? It is **PAID FOR** by the people who buy it and the ones who buy the patron licenses. Nice try but without your college degree, the state is **NOT** saving anything! Another move by you to shut down anything that opposes your views. Oh, and I expect to see a reduction of \$6.00 in my patron license. It will be given to anyone opposing you in your reelection bid.

Dennis Hooser

[REDACTED]

Madison, WI 53704

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**From:** [Dick, James F - DNR](#)  
**To:** [Evenson, Tom - GOV](#)  
**Subject:** FYI  
**Date:** Monday, February 13, 2017 3:58:05 PM

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FYI-the list may be useful.

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**From:** Dick, James F - DNR  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2017 3:57 PM  
**To:** 'Steve Verburg'  
**Subject:** RE: deadline request

Steve,

The rationale to cease publication of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Magazine had nothing to do with so-called controversial stories. The decision was based on our core-work analysis conducted during the department-wide alignment process which is now being implemented. While the magazine is self-sustaining through subscriptions, and is apparently popular among the subscribers, it doesn't meet the definition of core work necessary to the DNR's mission of protecting and enhancing our natural resources. If the budget recommendation remains intact during the budget process, it would also mean DNR employees who often took time to research and write the stories needed to fill the pages, could focus on their own core-work duties. Information included in the magazine can be found in other sources. We are stewards of the resources, not magazine publishers.

The Conservation Patron license fee would be reduced by the cost of the subscription. Some apparently claim there is an anti-science, anti-environmental education agenda to this decision. We would point to several stories in the last few issues alone that have to deal with some sort of science, environment or environmental education topics.

February 2016 issue

Page 12- Opening the Door to Lifelong Opportunities-Envirothon program teaches conservation through competition.

Page 14- A Peek beneath the Surface-Wisconsin geology reveals interesting history

Page 17- Helping Themselves, Helping Their Tribes, Helping the Environment-It's not just about the money for participants in the summer tribal youth program

Page 21- The North American Conservation Model-a unique tradition in need of an update.

December 2016

Page 14- A Greater Clarity-unprecedented-citizen actions lead to a cleaner, clearer lake.

Insert- Natural Heritage Conservation Program 2016 Annual Report-various short articles on endangered species.

October 2016

Page 11-The State of North America's Birds (in Wisconsin)-2016 report is a picture of accomplishments and work ahead.

Page 19- Hunting and Conservation Go Hand in Hand

June 2016- Magazine title: Leaving a Healthy Lakes Legacy

Page 4 Let's Make Health Lakes Together-Lakeshore property owners improve habitat and water quality with simple and inexpensive projects.

Page 7-Clean Boats, Clean Waters- Citizens making a difference

Page 10- A Boatload of Volunteers-Wisconsin's Citizen Lake Monitoring Network Celebrates 30 years.

Page 14 A War on Water Lettuce-How community and multi-agency action eradicated this aquatic invasive

Insert-Planning our Conservation Future- 30 page insert on various aspects of conservation and environmental protection.

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**From:** Steve Verburg [<mailto:SVerburg@madison.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2017 3:27 PM

**To:** Dick, James F - DNR

**Subject:** FW: deadline request

Jim,

In addition to my previous questions:

Was the magazine identified in the alignment process as being outside DNR's core mission? Was education so identified?

Can you tell me if you have different numbers from these I found on the DNR website or obtained from former employees:

About 40,000 people buy conservation patrol licenses for \$165, and \$6 from each license goes to the magazine.

About 48,000 individual subscribers pay \$8.97 annually for six issues.

Thanks,

Steve

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**From:** Steve Verburg

**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2017 12:22 PM

**To:** Dick, James F - DNR

**Subject:** deadline request

Jim,

I'm working on deadline on an article about the Natural Resources magazine. Natasha Kassulke says after Sec. Stepp was appointed articles on critical issues related to climate change and endangered species were spiked and everything was more heavily vetted by DLT.

She says this is part of a growing anti-science agenda and a growing vacuum of environmental information and education on research and informing the public on these matters, including what they can do to be involved in environmental issues.

Was Secretary Stepp unhappy with, or did she hear complaints about, the 2013 Nelson Institute insert in the magazine?

Were there complaints from the reporter at the Lakeland newspaper? Is there less interest in educating the public? I note that the educators and naturalists were cut from the state parks budget and needed to be funded by friends groups.

Can you respond to Natasha Kassulke's statements?

Thanks,

Steve Verburg

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**sounds like one more step in an anti-science agenda that includes creating a growing vacuum of** environmental information and education on research and informing the public on science and data, and what they can do to get involved in environmental

issues.

Steve Verburg

Reporter, Wisconsin State Journal

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**From:** [Bergquist, Lee](#)  
**To:** [Evenson, Tom - GOV](#)  
**Subject:** Re: it's lee bergquist of the milwaukee journal sentinel  
**Date:** Monday, February 13, 2017 3:49:29 PM

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thanks Tom, Lee

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**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2017 3:47:00 PM  
**To:** Bergquist, Lee

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**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2017 2:30 PM  
**To:** Evenson, Tom - GOV  
**Subject:** Re: it's lee bergquist of the milwaukee journal sentinel  
Thank you, Tom, but to be clear, the state is not saving \$300,000 or two full-time positions, right? Thanks again for the quick response, Lee  
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**From:** Evenson, Tom - GOV  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2017 2:27:12 PM  
**To:** Bergquist, Lee  
**Subject:** RE: it's lee bergquist of the milwaukee journal sentinel  
Lee –

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**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2017 2:10 PM

**To:** Evenson, Tom - GOV

**Subject:** it's lee bergquist of the milwaukee journal sentinel

Hi Tom,

I am writing a story about an item in the budget to kill the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. Former editors and other say the magazine was self-supporting. The budget item says it will 'save' \$300,000 in fiscal 2018-19 and two FTE SEG positions. Those two positions are not currently filled.

If the magazine supports itself with subscription revenue, what is the rationale eliminating it?

I have also contacted the DNR. I am trying to finish the story by the end of the day.

Thanks,

Lee

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**To:** [Skenandore, Rachel - GOV](#); [Evenson, Tom - GOV](#); [Jablonski, Jack - GOV](#)  
**Subject:** RE: deadline request re dnr magazine  
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**To:** Hurlburt, Waylon R - DOA; Evenson, Tom - GOV; Jablonski, Jack - GOV  
**Subject:** RE: deadline request re dnr magazine

Looks good to me

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**From:** Hurlburt, Waylon R - DOA  
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**To:** Evenson, Tom - GOV; Jablonski, Jack - GOV  
**Cc:** Skenandore, Rachel - GOV  
**Subject:** RE: deadline request re dnr magazine

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**To:** Jablonski, Jack - GOV; Hurlburt, Waylon R - DOA  
**Cc:** Skenandore, Rachel - GOV  
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**Cc:** GOV Press  
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Thanks,

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**Subject: DNR split and elimination of the Wis. Natural Resources magazine**

First of all, it is appalling that the DNR has mostly been gutted of the scientists, and professional staff that have worked so diligently to keep our Wisconsin waters clean, our forests and wildlife managed, our parks staffed, and businesses monitored for environmental abuses but, to split these departments up, when they work so closely together seems to be a divide and conquer sort of strategy that will cost tax payers more by moving these entities to different parts of the state than if they were left to operate out of the current locations. If money were not spent on moving these division locations, state parks funding could be maintained for the recreation, green space, camping and outdoor services that they provide. I am also alarmed that a valid and informative self supporting publication "Wisconsin Natural Resources" is going to be eliminated. It seems that given it is self supporting through subscriptions, says that it is wanted. The only reason I can imagine that this self supporting publication would be discontinued is that the administration does not want the people of Wisconsin to be informed about their public lands, wildlife, water resources, etc. One less communication avenue that is available to the public, makes it easier for rule changes, management changes, and actions that could effect our natural resources to go unnoticed. Effective and science based management of Wisconsin's natural resources is what has made Wisconsin a desirable place to live, vacation, and recreate. Please do not allow legislation to diminish that which we hold so dear.

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NEWS

### [Walker budget plan boasts tax cuts, reserve concerns](#)

Watchdog.org

MADISON, Wis. — Gov. **Scott Walker's** "Reform Dividend" budget proposal pays back taxpayers with a bevy of tax cuts. Overall tax relief in the biennial ...

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Wisconsin 53128

**Subject: DNR**

Mr. Walker

Please do not discontinue our DNR magazine. This is a valuable and noteworthy publication that my family enjoys and looks forward to reading. If the purpose of dropping the magazine from publication is to keep our residents ignorant of the DNR public business, this is a huge mistake , and as a voter I will remember this when voting!

Ken Anderson  
Genoa City, Wi. 53128

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**To:** [Evenson, Tom - GOV](#)  
**Subject:** RE: deadline request re dnr magazine  
**Date:** Monday, February 13, 2017 2:35:08 PM

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Thanks, Tom.

Can you point to the publications whose efforts are duplicated by the DNR magazine?

The DNR has considered public education about what it does -- and the science behind what it does -- to be part of its mission and its ability to be effective by enlisting citizens to do what they can for the environment. That's no longer part of the core mission?

Is there a way it burdens the DNR to operate a self-supporting enterprise that is outside its core mission?

Steve

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**From:** Evenson, Tom - GOV [mailto:Tom.Evenson@wisconsin.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2017 2:27 PM

**To:** Steve Verburg

**Subject:** RE: deadline request re dnr magazine

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**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Changes to DNR  
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**Subject: Changes to DNR**

Dear Governor Walker,

I applaud streamlining the DNR and government in general. However, in our current political climate I'm concerned about the intent behind the words. As long as the COMMON GOOD remains a guiding principle streamling is good. For example if water near mega cow farms remains clean making it easier for that industry is good.

Regarding the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine: I've received and given it for years. It is a wonderful standard bearer for our State. Why in the world do you want to cease its publication? Is it because you don't like the DNR and its positions? It's not about money as it generates quite a bit of revenue. Why not raise its subscription rate a little bit?

Ceasing the magazine is a good example of what I mean by "intent behind the words". You're a politically savvy and ambitious person. The time is ripe for garnering high praise for living-in-the-truth. I'm an independent voter. I'm looking for leaders who aren't swayed by the "carrot in front of their nose" nor are co-opted by forces and seduced.

Yours in the Common Good,  
Martha E Rogers

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**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Please don't cut Wisconsin Natural Resource magazine  
**Date:** Monday, February 13, 2017 9:44:09 AM

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**Subject: Please don't cut Wisconsin Natural Resource magazine**

I was very concerned and disappointed when I heard that your budget calls for cutting the Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. The magazine is a highly valued product that informs the public on environmental issues in the state. It is very well done and an important educational tool. You have said you want to reinvest in education, then please do not cut an educational product used by teachers and many others. It is a critical tool, for example, to share hunting safety messages and to provide information on changes in regulations to help keep hunters, anglers, ATV and other license holders in compliance. I am a subscriber and willingly pay for the product. It is entirely subscriber funded and Republicans and Democrats -- nearly 90,000 -- subscribe. If you want to cut a part of the CP license package to free up more money for hunting, why not pick a part of the package that isn't as popular as the magazine. Have you seen the latest CP license holder survey that shows the magazine is more popular than small game hunting, trapping, a pass to Heritage Hill and more?

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**From:** [Website Contact Submission](#)  
**To:** [Governor Scott Walker](#)  
**Subject:** Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine  
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A former U.S. Olympic track runner/national rifle team coach-turned-warden found an old junk jug in Superior and declared it the traveling trophy for what he envisioned as a friendly, yet competitive, warden contest between Minnesota and Wisconsin officers. That was 50 years ago. The annual match now includes Iowa and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and emphasizes learning from each other to provide effective law enforcement services. **Read more:**

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## December 6, 2016

### **Deadline to apply for black bear and spring wild turkey permits is Dec. 10**

MADISON - Wild turkey and black bear hunters have until Dec. 10 to submit an application for 2017 hunting season permits. - [Read Full Article](#)

### **Upcoming four-day antlerless and holiday hunts give hunters an additional opportunity to enjoy the outdoors**

MADISON - All deer hunters with a valid antlerless tag for the county and land type they are hunting are encouraged to take advantage of additional opportunities to hunt deer in December and January. - [Read Full Article](#)

### **DNR bobcat researchers looking for trapper assistance**

MADISON - As part of the first study of its kind in Wisconsin, the Southwest Wisconsin CWD, Deer and Predator Research Project will actively monitor coyote and bobcat populations in southwest Wisconsin, and trappers and landowners are reminded of opportunities to play a key role in this study. - [Read Full Article](#)

### **Natural Resources Board to meet December 14 in Madison**

MADISON - A request for the approval of the draft master plans for the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area and the Powel Marsh State Wildlife Area, a request to designate a new state trail and two separate rules pertaining to management of lake trout on lakes Superior and Michigan are among the items the state Natural Resources Board will address when it meets December 14 in Madison. - [Read Full Article](#)

### **Frosty wolf howls, snowflake sleuthing and cold weather camping are among the winter delights awaiting readers of the December Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine**

MADISON - Searching for cozy fireside reading as the temperature begins its annual winter trek down the thermometer? Then grab something warm to drink and peruse the latest issue of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine ([www.wnrmag.com](http://www.wnrmag.com)) with us! - [Read Full Article](#)

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## November 29, 2016

### Wisconsin's annual nine-day gun deer hunt sees increase in statewide buck harvest

MADISON - Close to 600,000 deer hunters embraced the excitement of another nine-day gun deer season in Wisconsin, and preliminary numbers show an increase in the buck harvest, especially in the far northern counties. (More.) - [Read Full Article](#)

### 2017 Wisconsin State Park stickers on sale Dec. 1

MADISON -- People looking for a holiday gift that keeps giving throughout the year can give outdoor enthusiasts access to some of the most scenic areas found in Wisconsin that offer thousands of miles of trails, hundreds of nature hiking opportunities and dozens of beaches, with a 2017 Wisconsin state park admission sticker or state trail pass. - [Read Full Article](#)

### Communities, groups receive grants to promote urban forests in Wisconsin

MADISON -- Thirty-three communities, nonprofit groups, and counties will share \$487,578.97 in 2017 state grant dollars to promote and sustain urban forest resources in Wisconsin. - [Read Full Article](#)

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## Gun-deer season answers: November 10 chat, Warden Wire FAQs

**LIVE GUN-DEER 'Ask the Experts' CHAT:** DNR Wardens and Wildlife Management experts will host a live, online chat Thursday, November 10, at noon to take your questions concerning regulations, rules and safety for the gun-deer season. Join at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov). Want to learn more? Listen to Warden Matt O'Brien's video on @WDNR (Twitter):

<https://twitter.com/WDNR/status/794573956363784193?s=09>

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## Warden Wire Special Edition FAQs: private and public lands

Welcome to the third chapter of *Warden Wire's* feature **FAQs: Special Edition - 2016 Gun-Deer Season**. Today's topic is hunting on private and public lands. Links to the first two chapters including answers to carcass tagging and harvest registration are included!

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## November 2, 2016

Welcome to the second chapter of **Warden Wire's** feature **FAQs: Special Edition - 2016 Gun-Deer Season**. These special edition FAQs were taken by the [DNR Call Center](#), the Department of Natural Resources' conservation wardens and the Bureau of Wildlife Management. Today's topics include tagging deer and harvest registration. The Call Center is staffed daily, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m., and offers bilingual service in Spanish and Hmong. The DNR Call Center staff is happy to help you with any and all of your questions. The number is 1-888-936-7463.

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To a DNR warden, being named warden of the year and the recipient of ***The Watch*** is like winning their world series. The Chicago Cubs and the Cleveland Indians don't have anything on this one! The Watch award is a very big deal with a very big history stretching 86 years and counting. It was the brainstorm of the late Haskell Noyes of Milwaukee. Haskell was a star American college basketball guard who left the offense for the defense of Wisconsin's natural resources - and that's how this story starts of why Milwaukee attorney Chris Noyes came to accept the first-ever statewide Green Tie Award. **Spoiler alert** -- the Brule River is the answer. **READ MORE:**

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**Subject:** Warden Wire: FAQs Special Edition - 2016 Gun-Deer Season (#1)  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 3:39:48 PM

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## DNR wardens: Time to prepare for gun-deer season!

Welcome to *Warden Wire's* popular and periodic feature known as *Frequently Asked Questions*. Today, Warden Wire starts its series called *FAQs: Special Edition - 2016 Gun-Deer Season*. These annual special edition FAQs were heard by wardens on the beat, as well as wildlife managers and the [DNR Call Center](#) staff. This first edition provides an overview of rules. Future editions will provide greater details for each topic to help you prepare for this year's deer hunting seasons.

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## DNR warden rescues anniversary paddlers; wear your life jacket

Conservation Warden Nick Webster was barely in his truck to start his day when he heard the radio call for help for two capsized canoeists in a southwestern Wisconsin river. The river was high, the current was strong and the trees were hanging low. Not good. **Read more:**

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## October 11, 2016

### 2016 Wisconsin ring-necked pheasant season opens Oct. 15 at noon

MADISON - Pheasant hunting will again take center stage in Wisconsin when the fall 2016 hunting season opens statewide Saturday, Oct. 15 at 9 a.m. and remains open through Dec. 31. - [Read Full Article](#)

### 2016 fall pheasant stocking numbers will provide for another exciting fall pheasant hunt

MADISON - This fall, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologists plan to release roughly 75,000 game farm pheasants on 90 public hunting grounds throughout Wisconsin. - [Read Full Article](#)

### In its second year, GameReg gives hunters options for easy and timely registration in the field or at an in-person registration station

MADISON - In its second year, GameReg gives hunters a number of options when registering harvest in 2016 without having to travel to a registration station. - [Read Full Article](#)

### Peninsula State Park Eagle Tower deconstruction completed

FISH CREEK, Wis. - The deconstruction of Eagle Tower at Peninsula State Park was completed the Week of Sept. 19 through 23 and all roads and trails within the park have reopened. - [Read Full Article](#)

### Sustainable forestry in Wisconsin recognized nationally

MADISON - Forest certification initiatives in Wisconsin received national honors from the Forest Stewardship Council with presentation of the 2016 FSC Leadership Award to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at the recent national Greenbuild conference. - [Read Full Article](#)

### Chart Energy & Chemicals pursues Tier 2 of Wisconsin's Green Tier

MADISON - The Department of Natural Resources seeks public input on proposed contract negotiations with Chart Energy & Chemicals, Inc. Located in La Crosse, Chart Energy & Chemicals is seeking participation in Tier 2 of the Green Tier program. - [Read Full Article](#)

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## Southern duck and goose closures on deck for next week

Although the southern duck zone just opened last weekend, DNR conservation wardens remind hunters as of next week, Monday - Friday, October 10-14, the southern duck and goose seasons will close. Wardens say all goose and duck hunting south of Highway 10 and east of Highway 41 (**including the Bay of Green Bay**) is illegal during these 5 days. **Read more:**

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## Public reminded of latest deer baiting/feeding ban in northern counties

DNR conservation wardens want the public to know they are transitioning from their nearly year-long public education phase of the new law banning the baiting and feeding of deer in Forest, Vilas and Oneida counties into enforcing the law as the fall hunting seasons start. The feeding of birds and small mammals still is allowed under the January 11 law, provided these feeders are not accessible by deer. **Read more:**

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## October 4, 2016

### [Annual Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative meeting will connect conservation and art](#)

MADISON - The Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative's annual meeting will be held Oct. 27-29, 2016 at the Stoney Creek Inn and Conference Center in Rothschild. WBCI has partnered with Bird City Wisconsin and the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum to develop this year's theme: "Protecting Birds through Action and Art." - [Read Full Article](#)

### [Deer Donation Program provides great opportunity to help families in need this fall](#)

MADISON - Each year, hunters, meat processors, and food pantries help the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and its partners donate thousands of pounds of venison to those in need. - [Read Full Article](#)

### [2016 Operation Deer Watch efforts come to a close](#)

MADISON - Operation Deer Watch, the annual citizen-science survey that tracks the numbers of bucks, does and fawns, ended Friday, Sept. 30. - [Read Full Article](#)

### [Reforestation program begins spring 2017 tree seedling sales](#)

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reforestation program will begin its annual tree seedling sales in early October. - [Read Full Article](#)

### [Forest Fire Protection Grant recipients announced for forest and wildland fire suppression](#)

MADISON - Fire departments in 196 Wisconsin communities will receive a total of \$645,487 in grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Forest Fire Protection Grant Program in 2016. This funding can be used for equipment, prevention, and training to enhance forest fire protection and suppression ability. - [Read Full Article](#)

### [Shared hunting experiences highlight fall issue of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine](#)

MADISON - "I never thought I'd say that my favorite year hunting was one when I didn't shoot a trophy buck." - [Read Full Article](#)

### [DNR to host online bobcat chat Oct. 13 at noon](#)

MADISON - Join Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources experts Thursday, Oct. 13 at noon for an online chat about bobcats in Wisconsin. - [Read Full Article](#)

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## Got a wish list for outdoor recreation in Wisconsin? Let's hear it!

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## Warden Wire FAQs: Part Three of the Voluntary Public Access Program (user topics)

Welcome to **Warden Wire's** periodic feature highlighting frequently asked questions. Today's FAQs were taken by the [DNR Call Center](#), the Department of Natural Resources' conservation wardens and the Bureau of Wildlife Management. This is **Part Three** of a series of questions and answers which focus on a voluntary program that provides financial incentives to private landowners in exchange for public access to do recreational activities on these private properties. Parts one and two featured an overview and landowner topics. Today's **Part Three** answers common user questions about appropriate uses of these private lands. **Read on:**

[http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/WardenWire/WardenWire\\_Lookup.asp?id=439](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/WardenWire/WardenWire_Lookup.asp?id=439)

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## Warden Wire FAQs: Part Two of the Voluntary Public Access program

Welcome to **Warden Wire's** periodic feature highlighting frequently asked questions. This is **Part Two** of a series of questions and answers which focus on a **voluntary program that provides financial incentives to private landowners in exchange for public access** to do recreational activities. This part focuses on landowner questions, and Part Three will focus on user questions. Part One, sent Wednesday, provided a general overview. **Read on:**

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## ***Warden Wire FAQs: Voluntary Public Access - private land access for public rec uses***

Welcome to **Warden Wire's** periodic feature highlighting frequently asked questions about popular topics. This is **Part One** of a series about a voluntary program that provides financial incentives to private landowners in exchange for public access to do recreational activities. The next two and final parts in this three-part series will address common landowner and user questions. **Read on:**

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## August 2, 2016

### [Join us! DNR Park a great place for fun and education at this year's State Fair](#)

MADISON - Join the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at the 2016 Wisconsin State Fair! The department will be offering activities and exhibits around the theme of "Join Us" in caring for Wisconsin's valuable natural resources. - [Read Full Article](#)

### [A new pilot project to "capture" wildlife one of many stories highlighted in Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine's August issue](#)

MADISON - A pilot project to capture wildlife through the power of photography leads the list of stories in this month's Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine. - [Read Full Article](#)

### [Wild Turkey, Pheasant and Waterfowl Stamp design contest winners announced](#)

MADISON - Talented wildlife artists submitted a total of 29 pieces of artwork for the 2017 Wisconsin wild turkey, pheasant, and waterfowl stamp design contest, and the top three submissions in each division will be on display in the Natural Resources Park at the 2016 Wisconsin State Fair. - [Read Full Article](#)

### [Trout and salmon stamp contest winning entries announced](#)

MADISON, Wis. - Five Wisconsin artists created six top entries for the Great Lakes Salmon and Trout Stamp and the Inland Trout Stamp contests organized by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. - [Read Full Article](#)

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## July 26, 2016

### **Farmland Zone antlerless tags available; join DNR staff for helpful live chats, visit deer page to prep for another Wisconsin deer hunt**

MADISON - One of Wisconsin's favorite pastimes - the annual deer hunt - is just around the corner. Hunters are reminded to purchase licenses early and visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) for other helpful information before heading into the woods. - [Read Full Article](#)

### **DNR: Public shooting ranges on rise in southern areas**

Dane County range to maintain its public-access hoursMADISON, Wis. - The state's shooting sport expert says new Department of Natural Resources leases at private shooting ranges with continued public access at a Dane County-owned range means more target practice time for shooters and hunters. - [Read Full Article](#)

### **Report deer sightings to Operation Deer Watch**

Wisconsin's residents can help with deer herd management by participating in this year's Operation Deer Watch, an annual citizen-science survey that collects information on deer. Data from this survey provides insight to the reproductive status of Wisconsin's deer herd for 2016 and helps shape deer management for the state. - [Read Full Article](#)

### **Surveys underway expected to show buffalo again aiding Karner blue butterfly recovery**

MADISON - Will buffaloes and rare butterflies prove a winning combination again this year? - [Read Full Article](#)

### **DNR funds volunteer monitoring efforts**

MADISON - Twenty-three Wisconsin organizations, local governments and projects will share a combined \$100,000 from the Department of Natural Resources to expand volunteer efforts to help monitor Wisconsin's natural resources. Efforts will focus on monitoring resources as wide-ranging as water levels in northern lakes, the spread of invasive plants in southwestern Wisconsin, and bumble bees in southern Wisconsin. - [Read Full Article](#)

### **DNR working to identify locations, plan treatment for an invasive wetland plant**

MADISON, Wis. - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is launching a project to eliminate localized populations of an aquatic invasive species commonly known as tall mangrass and is seeking help from property owners to map the invader's whereabouts. - [Read Full Article](#)

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