

**SUMMARY WORKSHEET FOR REQUESTING 8 FOOT WOVEN WIRE FENCE PROJECTS**

Please provide the following information for each proposed fence project:

- 1) Year of proposed installation: 2024
- 2) Name of technician/specialist requesting approval: Jim Tharman Date: 3/28/24
- 3) Name of landowner: Steve Leach 1741 Lighthouse Lodge Rd. Eagle River, WI 54521 (715) 617-5020  
Business name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) County: Oneida
- 5) Types of crops damaged: Strawberries, blueberries
- 6) Projected linear feet: 2,502 (6,386 total) Acres Protected: 9.2 (29.8 total)
- 7) Projected total cost: \$17,514.00
- 8) Projected WDACP cost (75% of total): \$13,135.50

9) **Damage/claim history (for the last 3 years, including amount of damage). If n/a please explain:**  
 There was appraised damage of \$6,154 to strawberries in 2016, reported damage of around \$20,000 dollars in 2015, and about \$15,000 reported damage to strawberries in 2014. I had verified early damage in 2014 and 2015, but there was no formal appraisal per his request.

10) **Cost comparison:**

15 years of claims:	<u>About \$93,000 (based on verified claim damage)</u>
8' fence cost:	<u>\$13,135.50</u>
Dollars saved:	<u>\$79,864.50</u>

11) **Land use surrounding site:** There is a small group of homes to the west of the property. There is about 100 acre pasture/field southwest of the property. Across the road to the southeast is Planting Ground Lake with lake homes about a half mile away.

12) **Is there limited hunting access on surrounding properties?**  Yes  No  
 Explain: There is private property that surrounds the site

13) **Is the proposed fence near a non-hunting area (i.e. city)?**  Yes  No  
 Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

14) **Are there large blocks of deer cover near the site?**  Yes  No  
 Explain: There is large blocks of woods to the east and south of the property.

15) **Are there other WDACP cooperators near the site?**  Yes  No

16) **What is the current deer population in this area and expected population trends in the future?**  
 The 2016 post hunt population was estimated at 22,400 deer for Oneida Co. The 3-year population goal was determined to "increase" the population. The population has had a 21% increase since 2014. The population trends vary greatly across the county however with areas near lake houses and urban areas experiencing much higher deer densities. These levels routinely create damage concerns in these areas. The Leach property is an area that would be experiencing a higher deer density due to its proximity to lake communities and the urban area of Eagle River.

17) **History and success of the use of shooting permits and other abatement measures on the property?**  
The strawberries were fenced in with a 5ft 5 strand fence. Later in 2014 there was a 2ft. extension added to the posts with two additional wires added. A 3D fence was put up around a new patch in 2014 and 2015. The fencing worked for a while, then the deer kept going through the fence breaking off insulators and shorting out the fence. Repellants were used in 2015, but the deer continued to access the area. Shooting permits worked for a few of the deer, but when they became

nocturnal, shooting was ineffective.

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**18) Other comments?**

\_\_The landowner will be responsible for site prep. Site prep would include removal of the existing high tensile fence along the East side of the proposed fence. Once the fence is constructed, the landowner is responsible for reinstalling the high tensile fence on the outside of the new woven wire fence.

**19) County Signature of Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

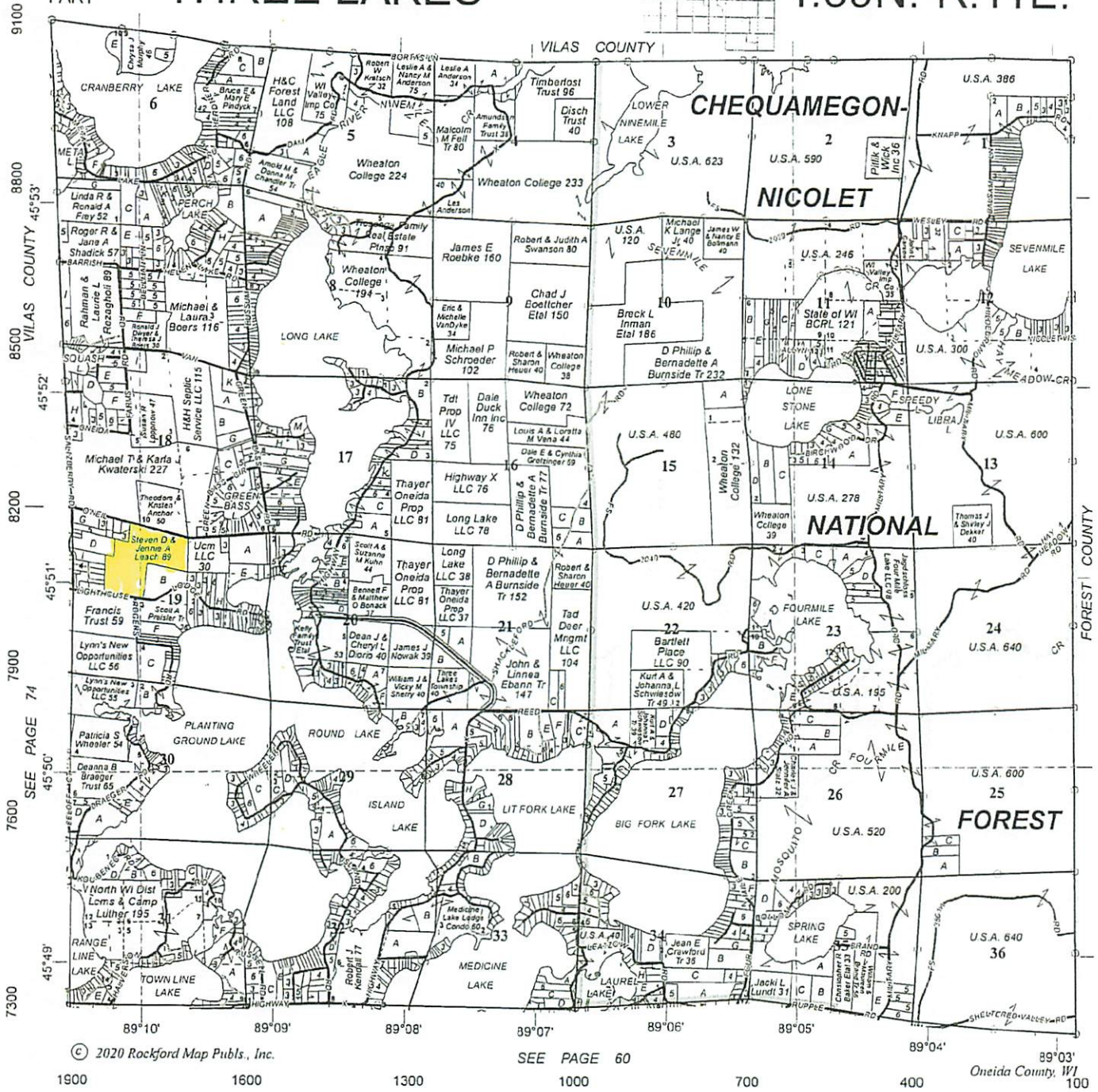
**Approval of this proposal also constitutes approval of the fence contract and corresponding budget amendment.**

Please complete this form and mail it to the WDACP (address below) *along with a cover letter and aerial photo of the proposed site with the proposed fence location indicated.* Please include in the subject line of your letter the county, name of landowner, and business name, if applicable.

Wisconsin DNR  
Wildlife Damage Specialist  
8770 Hwy J  
Woodruff, WI 54568

# NORTHEAST PART THREE LAKES

## T.39N.-R.11E.



# Leach Fence Ammdement

2,502 linear feet 9.2 acres

## Legend

- Existing Fence
- Gate - replace
- Gate to remove
- Leach fence ammdement
- Remove Fence

New Gate

Gate - remove

Gate - replace

Gate2

Google Earth Gate 3

1000 ft

