DISSOLVED FOREST TAXLAW (points)

*taxlaw\_diss\_pt (TAXDxW9xx), SDEDNR.FR\_GIS\_DISS\_TAXLAW\_TYPE\_PT\_SV*

**Data updated: 4/12/2019**

**This dataset has limited availability due to trespass concerns related to polygon taxlaw representation.**

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### DEFINITION:

Dissolved Tax Law point is a **generalized representation** of lands enrolled in the Managed Forest and Forest Crop Law Programs, collectively referred to as Tax Law layers, and dissolved by taxlaw and access type (open, closed, both) within each QQ. **Points are located at the center point of each 40-acre quarter-quarter section in which land is enrolled.** Points do not identify specific enrollment location. Acreage enrolled from fractional or government lots are located either to the most approximate QQ, Q or S as possible. (Enrolled parcels are represented by the PLSS shape they lie within; however, the actual size of the enrolled property may be as small as .1 acres.)

### Location: [\\central\frgeo\frgislib\Forest\_Management\Taxlaw](file:///\\central\frgeo\frgislib\Forest_Management\Taxlaw)

### Associated GIS Datasets:

Point (center point of 40 acre QQ):

* Dissolved point spatial view: *SDEDNR.FR\_DISS\_TAXLAW\_TYPE\_PT\_SV,*

*X13661.FR\_GIS\_DISS\_TAXLAW\_OPEN\_PT\_SV*

* Dissolved feature class: *X13661.FR\_GIS\_DISS\_TAXLAW\_TYPE\_PT\_VAR*
* Dissolved shapefile: *taxlaw\_diss\_pt.shp (NEW in 2016)*
* Non-dissolved spatial views: *SDEDNR.FR\_TAXLAW\_PT\_SV,*

*X13661.FR\_GIS\_TAXLAW\_OPEN\_PT\_SV*

* Non-dissolved feature class: *X13661.FR\_GIS\_TAXLAW\_PT\_VAR*
* Non-dissolved shapefile: *taxlaw\_pt.shp (TAXxW9xx.shp)*

Polygon (generalized to the 40 acre QQ):

* Dissolved parent feature class: *X13661.FR\_GIS\_DISS\_TAXLAW\_TYPE\_AR\_VAR*
* Dissolved shapefile:  *taxlaw\_diss\_ar.shp (TAXDpW9xx.shp)*
* Dissolved polygon spatial view: *SDEDNR.FR\_DISS\_TAXLAW\_TYPE\_AR\_SV*
* Non-dissolved spatial views: *X13661.FR\_GIS\_TAXLAW\_AR\_SV*
* Non-dissolved feature class: *X13661.FR\_GIS\_TAXLAW \_AR\_VAR*
* LIMITED AVAILABILITY: Non-dissolved shapefile: *taxlaw\_ar.shp (TAXpW9xx.shp)*

### Feature Type(s):

Point.

**Geographic Extent**:

Statewide.

**Source Scale**:

Varied.

**Projection:** Wisconsin Transverse Mercator NAD 1983/1991 (WTM83/91)

Parameters

*Projection Transverse*

*Datum HPGN*

*Units Meters*

*Spheroid GRS 1980*

*Scale factor .9996*

*Longitude –90 0 0.00*

*Latitude 0 0 0.00*

*False Easting 520,000*

*False Northing –4,480,000*

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Wisconsin’s forest tax laws encourage sustainable forest management on private lands by providing a property tax incentive to landowners. Both the Managed Forest Law (MFL) and Forest Crop Law (FCL) encourage proper management of woodlands not only in their purposes and policies, but through a written management plan for a landowner’s property. The management plan incorporates landowner objectives, timber management, wildlife management, water quality and the environment as a whole to create healthy and productive forest. In exchange for following a written management plan and program rules, landowners pay forest tax law program rates in lieu of regular property taxes.

FCL lands are open to the public for the following activities: hunting and fishing

MFL lands enrolled as open are open to the public for the following activities: hunting, fishing, hiking, sight-seeing, and cross-country skiing.

Additional rules regarding public access may be reviewed here: [**http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestLandowners/mfl.asp?s1=FTax&s2=OpenLands**](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestLandowners/mfl.asp?s1=FTax&s2=OpenLands)

**Open Private Forest Lands (OPFL) Project Background:**

Provide a simple GIS web mapping application to display the approximate representations of over 1.3 million acres of Forest Tax Law lands (Managed Forest and Forest Crop Law) open to the public for hunting, hiking, fishing, cross-country skiing, and sightseeing. Display information to allow the public to access the lands without spending a lot of time cross checking plat books or contacting local county offices or the county Land Information Offices.

**Update Frequency**:

Semi-Annual (January, September). Edits to Tax Law entries can occur throughout the year, but most changes are not effective until January 1 with the exception of landowner information. Landowner information edits are updated in the spatial views on a weekly basis. In addition, Forestry will re-generate taxlaw shapes as significant improvements to the data are completed. In January of each year, the feature class is re-generated to reflect new entries, changes to access, etc. effective January 1.

January update: Update to reflect enrollments as of January.

September update: Pre-hunting season update.

The GIS layer was last updated April 12, 2019 to reflect conditions as of January 1, 2019. Corrections are made to the data throughout the year that may not be reflected in this snapshot.

**ATTRIBUTES:**

**SDE/Shapefile Crosswalk**:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Column Name (SV)** | **Column Name (shp)** | **Type** | |
| FCL\_MFL\_TYPE | TAX\_TYPE | | T, 3 | |
| ACCESS\_TEXT | ACCESS | | T, 1 | |
| LAST\_CHANGED\_DATE | CHNG\_DATE | | Date | |

**Field Descriptions**:

**OBJECTID:** Unique feature ID.

This number is a sequential number assigned to each individual feature as a unique id. It is assigned by the application when the feature is created.

**Format**: Numbers, No commas

**FCL\_MFL\_TYPE**: (t, 3) Indicates whether the polygon is enrolled in MFL or FCL.

**Format**: ALL CAPS

**Domain: Code Definition**

MFL Managed Forest Law

FCL Forest Crop Law

F&M both tax law programs are represented in the QQ

**ACCESS\_TEXT**: (t, 1) Indicates whether the quarter-quarter contains areas which are open to the public, closed to the public, or both.

**Format:** ALL CAPS

**Domain: Code Definition**

O QQ contains areas that are Open to the public

C QQ contains areas that are Closed to the public

B QQ contains Both open and closed areas.

**LAST\_CHANGED\_DATE:** (date) Date the record was last changed.

**Format**: MM/DD/YYYY

**Ex:** 03/21/2014

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Tax Law programs: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestLandowners/tax.html>

Web mapping application: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestlandowners/opentopublicapp.html>

**Associated Data/Documentation**:

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This is a generalized spatial representation of lands enrolled by landowners in the Managed Forest Law and Forest Crop Law programs. Enrolled parcels are represented by the 40-acre quarter-quarter they lie within; however, the actual size of the enrolled property may be as small as 10 acres.

Certain government lots or fractional lots, which cannot be represented by a PLSS quarter-quarter number, may be included in this GIS layer at the QQ, Q, or Section level. An estimated 1% of the MFL lands are represented in this manner. Look to the “PLSS\_LEVEL\_ABBR” field for the PLSS level to which records are located.

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