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PUBLIC NOTICE: Flowering Rush Herbicide Treatment on Forest Lake, Round 2 of 2

Forest Lake - The Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District, in conjunction with the City of Forest Lake, Forest Lake Lake Association, Washington County, and MN Department of Natural Resources, will be conducting the second of two rounds of aquatic invasive species herbicide treatment of flowering rush on Forest Lake during the **week of August 20th**. The herbicide that will be used is called Tribune (active ingredient is Diquat) and will be applied by the licensed applicator company, PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. PLM will treat patches of flowering rush in Forest Lake's middle (2nd lake) and east (3rd lake) basins. Signs will be posted along the shoreline as necessary, but due to the large span of the treatment areas throughout the lake, it is not time-efficient for PLM to post signs on each and every lot. There are no fishing or swimming restrictions for this treatment. Additional water use restriction information can be found on page 11 of the Tribune product label (see restrictions for application rate of 2 gallons/surface acre) link here: [Tribune product label](#).

Signatures for aquatic invasive plant treatments are not required for the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District as the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has waived the signature requirement, as allowed by state statute. The law requires notification to lakeshore owners on how to opt-out of treatments. According to Minnesota Statutes (103G.615, Sec. 78, Subd 3a,b,c), the District is required to notify landowners of proposed treatments, offering them an opportunity to request that treatment not occur on waters adjacent to their property. (Adjacency is defined as waters within 150 feet of the shore lake-ward between property lines). It is the landowner's right to request treatment not be performed in front of their property. Contact the District using the information below to opt out.

Additional notifications for this year's treatment program were sent out earlier this summer. These included a post-card that was mailed to all residents on Forest Lake, handouts distributed by watercraft inspectors at public boat launches, posting in the Forest Lake Times, and an informational email by the Forest Lake Lake Association.

Those who wish to opt out of treatment may do so by contacting:

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