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## What Can We Accomplish in 2018? A Wish List?

### 1. Coordinated WI and MI initiative? MN?

Scope: [Great Lakes Forests Region](#) (“GLFR”).

### 2. Start with freight data. LSSA Data Co-op Committee. Where’s the freight?

Are there sufficient multi-shipper consolidated freight lanes – with sufficient volume, consistency and balance – to leverage more efficient and competitive rates and services from railroads and truckers serving the forest products and other industries of the Great Lakes Forest Region?

### 3. Public and private perspective:

- a. Use the light density rail lines or be prepared for a wave of abandonments.
- b. Cannot wait for mining (after WI moratorium repeal) to save northwoods rail lines.
- c. Investment in log cars is as good or better than investing in rail lines.
- d. Investment in log cars will return \$4 of direct public benefits for each \$1 invested
- e. Plus indirect public benefits of at least \$14 for each \$1 invested.
- f. WI needs more than \$12 million in FRPP. Get away from bonding only?
- g. Other beneficiaries:  
The forests; forested landowners; tourism, hunting and fishing; school children.

### 4. Bring the value story to the broad group of stakeholders. Foundation for 2019?

- a. Legislators, state and federal; DOTs – MI, MN, WI in coordination.
- b. Over-the-road truckload shippers/receivers in the GLFR.
- c. County, community and development officials.
- d. Local media.

### 5. Other added value to the host associations and their members?