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Our Legal Private Property Rights and
Northwest Wisconsin Air Quality Health Risk Finding
Saturday, October 20, 2018 – 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Roger Marten Community Center
120 S. Franklin Street, Mondovi, WI
(Just South of US-10 in the City of Mondovi)

Speaker, Tim Jacobson, is an attorney at Fitzpatrick, Skemp & Associates, LLC in La Crosse, Wisconsin, practicing in the areas of environmental, agricultural, business, construction, and personal injury litigation. In August of 2018, the Wisconsin Court of Appeals reaffirmed the viability of the "anticipatory private nuisance" theory in one of Jacobson's cases seeking to stop a frac sand mine from being constructed next to residential properties.

Jacobson has served as president of Midwest Environmental Advocates, a public interest law firm based in Madison, Wis., and served on the WI-DNR Stewardship Advisory Council and the WI-DNR Citizens Advisory Council. He is board secretary of Wisconsin Wetlands Association. He worked as executive director of Mississippi Valley Conservancy for more than seven years.

In 2014, Jacobson received an Emmy Award for Outstanding Achievement in Documentary Film for Mysteries of the Driftless, which was broadcast on PBS. Currently, he is president of Sustainable Driftless, Inc., an organization about to release the film, *Decoding the Driftless*.

Presentation: The Role of Private Property Rights in the Legal Landscape. Western Wisconsin has been disproportionately inundated with frac sand mining and processing facilities compared to neighboring Minnesota due to a governmental and regulatory environment that is mining-friendly. Despite attempts to limit or stop mining through permit challenges and political activism, mines have continued to be built and expanded, and regulatory agencies have turned a blind eye toward illegal practices. During this presentation, you will learn about options for utilizing the power of private property rights and the judicial system to stop inappropriate siting of controversial industry facilities and to compensate property owners negatively impacted by a plethora of nuisances arising from these operations.

Speaker, Dr. Crispin Pierce, is a tenured Professor of Environmental Public Health at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Author of 20 peer-reviewed publications and principal investigator of 15 grants, Dr. Pierce quantifies human health risks from environmental exposure. Recent work includes measurement of heavy metals in hair, airborne

particulates around frac sand operations, and gases emitted from confined animal feeding operations. He was designated as a Fulbright Scholar to Finland and serves as a technical advisor and subject matter expert in the National Environmental Health Association.

Presentation: Results - Air Quality
Measurements, Health Risks, Citizen "Purple Air"
Monitor. Joined by student colleagues, Dr. Pierce will
present results from year-long, "pre-mining" air quality
measurements in Albertville, WI, health risk findings
from sites in Bloomer and New Auburn, WI now being
published, and initial results from a citizen ("Purple
Air") monitor in Hixton, WI.

Meet Hank Boschen, the webmaster of lookdownpictures.com, a website dedicated to aerial drone views and 360° interactive panoramic photographs of local frac sand mines. He will present a video showing drone footage of a farmer's field as it is transformed into a frac sand mine and industrial processing facility.

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Welcome to the Frac Sand Sentinel, a newsletter highlighting resource links, news media accounts, blog posts, correspondence, observations and opinions gathered regarding local actions on, and impacts of, the developing frac sand mining and processing industries.

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