PIGEON LAKE 10/02/2016 T. SCHNEIDER

Pigeon Lake Field Station, a camp that has been run by UW-River Falls since 1982, is on the market following the approval of the sale by the UW System Board of Regents and the Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Land or BCPL, the owners of the camp’s land. The camp, near Drummond in northern Wisconsin, was used for summer courses in many subjects such as art and science.

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TORI SCHNEIDER: CARA (CARE-A) RUBIS (ROO-BIS), DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER AND DINING SERVICES, WAS IN CHARGE OF THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF THE CAMP AND ATTRIBUTED THE CLOSING OF THE CAMP TO DECREASED INTEREST AND THE DOWNTURN OF THE ECONOMY IN 2008.

CARA RUBIS: “IT WAS SAD TO SEE PIGEON LAKE GO AND TO CLOSE IT UP BUT IT WAS SOMETHING THAT FINANCIALLY WE NEEDED TO DO.”

TORI SCHNEIDER: THE CAMP IS BEING SOLD FOR ONE MILLION, 3 HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,325,000). THE MONEY WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN BCPL, THE UW SYSTEM AND UWRF. GREGG HEINSELMAN (HIN-ZEL-MAN), ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS, WORKED WITH THE BCPL AND BOARD OF REGENTS TO GET THE SALE IN MOTION.

GREGG HEINSELMAN: “NOT BEING MISSION CRITICAL TO SYSTEM AND NOT BEING MISSION CRITICAL TO UW-RIVER FALLS, I WAS DIRECTED TO WORK WITH BCPL AND UW SYSTEM TO DIVEST OUR INTEREST IN PIGEON LAKE.”

TORI SCHNEIDER: FOR THE FALCON NEWS SERVICE, I’M TORI SCHNEIDER.

 The camp was closed two years ago.

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