

**AGENDA FOR THE
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, March 17, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

(County Board to maintain a two-hour meeting limit or take action to continue meeting beyond that time.)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Douglas Finn.

Pledge of Allegiance to be recited.

Roll call taken by County Clerk Susan Sandvick.

Approval of the January 21, 2016, meeting minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. WITC, notice of vacancies and appointments to be made on WITC District Board, as of July 1, 2016. (Receive and place on file.)
2. Wisconsin DOT, notice of parcels available in Town of Amnicon. (Refer to Land and Development Committee.)
3. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Findings of Fact Conclusions of Law and Order regarding 21st Avenue West Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project. (Refer to Land Conservation Committee.)
4. Resolution from Rusk County supporting Department of Health Services enhancing medicaid non-emergency medical transportation system. (Refer to Health and Human Services Board.)
5. Wisconsin DNR, notice of pending application by Town of Hawthorne and Wisconsin Central Railroad, for proposed wetland individual permit. (Receive and place on file.)
6. Wisconsin DNR, notice of severance share on wood products cut from County Forest Lands in Douglas County for January and February, 2016. (Refer to Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee.)
7. Wisconsin Department of Administration, notice of Douglas County's completion of contractual obligations for Phase 1 funding of CDBG Housing contract. (Refer to Zoning Committee and Administration Committee.)
8. Wisconsin DNR, notice of inconsistencies with state statute in Douglas County Ordinance #5.04, ATV Routes and Operation. (Refer to Corporation Counsel and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.)
9. James Anderson III, Superior Days Coordinator, thank you for Douglas County donation to Superior Days 2016. (Receive and place on file.)

DOUGLAS COUNTY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Douglas County is to provide cost-effective services, with equal access to all citizens; to continue and enhance partnerships; to responsibly manage our resources and plan for the future.

PRESENTATIONS

Employee of the Quarter Award

ORDINANCES

Amendment to Ordinance #8.0, Zoning Ordinance, presented by the Zoning Committee. (Exhibit A-3-16)

RESOLUTIONS

#11-16: Resolution by the Administration Committee establishing elected officials salaries for next term of office – County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds.

#12-16: Resolution by the Administration Committee approving 2015 carry-overs and reserves.

#13-16: Resolution by the Administration Committee approving budgetary transfers.

#14-16: Resolution by the Administration Committee recommending approval of amendment to Douglas County Grievance Procedure – Impartial Hearing Officer.

#15-16: Resolution by the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee authorizing right-of-way easement to Dahlberg Light and Power Company. (Exhibit B-3-16)

#16-16: Resolution by the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee approving amendments to Douglas County Comprehensive Land-Use Plan, Chapters 500 and 900. (Exhibit C-3-16)

#17-16: Resolution by the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee approving donation of land from Peter M. Linstroth for county forest. (Exhibit D-3-16)

#18-16: Resolution by the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee supporting uniform regulations for tree stand use on public lands.

#19-16: Resolution by the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee authorizing Douglas County's application for WDNR grant programs for snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle trails.

#20-16: Resolution by the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee approving Memorandum of Understanding with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation – State Natural Areas Program. (Exhibit E-3-16)

#21-16: Resolution by the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee authorizing acquisition of approximately 1,480 acres from The Lyme Timber Company LP to meet objectives of Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2006-2020. (Exhibit F-3-16)

#22-16: Resolution by the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee recommending approval of Forestry Department staff participation with The Conservation Fund to complete the Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

COUNTY BOARD CHAIR REPORT

APPOINTMENTS:

By County Administrator: Veterans Service Officer – Brian Erickson (biography attached)

By County Board Chair: Farmland Preservation Committee – Steve Rannenberg, Gary Kane;
and Douglas County Emergency Fire Wardens (attached)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (on iPad paperless drive)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT: Next regularly scheduled meeting – Thursday, April 14, 2016;
Reorganization meeting - Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

Submitted by,

Susan T. Sandvick
Douglas County Clerk

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Posted: Courthouse, Government Center, www.douglascountywi.org



Pamela A. Tafelski 03-10-16

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #8.0
ZONING ORDINANCE
PRESENTED BY THE ZONING COMMITTEE**

Roll Call		
District Number	Yes	No
1. Pomush		
2. White		
3. Finn		
4. Clark		
5. Baker		
6. Paine		
7. Glazman		
8. Robinson		
9. Jaques		
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16. Johnson		
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Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____ Passed _____ Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend _____ Other _____		
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THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Zoning Committee held a public hearing on March 9, 2016, on the following petition for amendment of the county zoning district ordinance map:

Part of SW1/4-SW1/4, Lot 1, CSM #279, Vol 2, Pgs 73-74, Section 14, T48N-R10W; (BR-006-00609-01; 13661E County Road FF), Town of Brule, from the R-1: Residential zoning district to the RR-1: Residential-Recreation zoning district, by Thomas and Kelley Stoneburner, Mendota Heights, Minnesota. Intended use: Dwelling.

WHEREAS, public hearing notice, affidavit of publication, notice given to town clerk of the hearing, and letter of Town Board approval, are as shown in Exhibit A-3-16.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Zoning Committee and approves the petition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk notify the town clerk of this action.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
(Fiscal Note: None)

EXHIBIT A-3-16

ORDINANCE #8.0 Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Presented by Zoning Committee



DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Notice of Public Hearing
Douglas County Planning & Zoning Committee

A Public Hearing will be held by the Douglas County Planning & Zoning Committee at **10:00 a.m.** on **Wednesday, March 9, 2016** in the Government Center Board Room, Second Floor, 1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin to hear the following:

a) Amendment to the Douglas County Zoning Ordinance:

Petition No. 16-01 – Thomas & Kelley Stoneburner, Mendota Heights, MN - Pt. SW1/4-SW1/4, Lot 1, CSM #279, Vol 2, Pgs 73-74, Section 14, T48N-R10W; (BR-006-00609-01; 13661E County Road FF), Town of Brule – from the R-1: Residential zoning district to the RR-1: Residential-Recreation zoning district. (proposed use: dwelling), filed February 5, 2016 in the County Clerk's Office.

b) Conditional-Use Permit(s):

- 1) Adam Olson, etal, Kingsford, MI – accessory building – E1/2-SE1/4-NE1/4, Section 35, T44N-R13W; (GO-012-01881-01; 14214S West Mail Road), Town of Gordon.
- 2) Kelly Herrick, New Auburn, WI, (c/o Gary Peterson, Rice Lake, WI) – seasonal dwelling – Pt. NE1/4-NE1/4, Section 34, T44N-R13W; (GO-012-01864-00), Town of Gordon.
- 3) Daniel Swanson, Superior, WI – garage – E1/2-E1/2-SW1/4-SE1/4, Section 33, T47N-R13W; (OA-022-00912-03), Town of Oakland.

c) Conditional-Use Permit Renewal(s):

- 1) Udeen Trucking, Inc./Northern Horizon, Superior, WI – Permit #8150 for a non-metallic mine renewal – Pt. SW1/4-SW1/4, Section 21, T47N-R14W; (TS-030-00495-00; 497-00; 498-00; 3204E & 3228E County Road B), Town of Superior.
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- 3) 18th Hole LLC, Superior, WI – Permit #8520 for a non-metallic mine renewal – Pt. N1/2-SE1/4-NE1/4 in Section 35; NW1/4-NE1/4; SW1/4-NE1/4; NE1/4-NW1/4; SW1/4-NW1/4; & SE1/4-NW1/4 in Section 36, T47N-R12W; HA-014-00925-00; 00942-00; 00943-00; 00945-00; 00947-00; 00949-00; 7070S 18th Street Rd), Town of Hawthorne.
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- 7) Roger Colby, Maple, WI – (Operator-Milestone Materials, Amery, WI) – Permit #22397 for a non-metallic mine renewal – NW1/4, SE1/4, Section 25, T48N-R11W; (MA-020-00589-00; 4220S Wuori Road), Town of Maple.
- 8) Grube Aggregate LLC, Poplar, WI – Permit #14985 for a non-metallic mine renewal – NW1/4-SE1/4, Section 15, T47N-R12W; (AM-002-00398-00; 8676E Berg Park Road); Town of Amnicon.

Mary Lou Bergman, Chair
Steve Rannenber, Planning & Zoning Administrator

If you have any comments on these items, let the Planning & Zoning Office know in writing prior to the meeting, or appear at the Public Hearing. Planning & Zoning Office, 1313 Belknap St., Rm. 206, Superior, WI 54880 (715-395-1380). Action may be taken on any item listed on the public hearing. In accordance with WI Statutes 59.69 (5)(a), attachments to public hearing notice and maps of subject properties are available for review in the Planning & Zoning Office, or at www.douglascountywi.org. The County of Douglas complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are in need of accommodation to participate in the public meeting process, please contact the Douglas County Clerk's Office at (715) 395-1341 by 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled meeting. Douglas County will attempt to accommodate any request depending on the amount of notice we receive. TDD (715) 395-7521.

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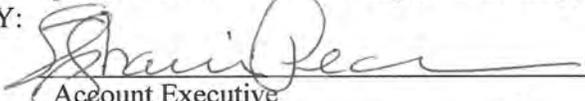
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SS
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS) #20076

Stephanie Pearson, of the City of Superior, in said County, being duly sworn, says that she is the Account Executive of Superior Telegram, Inc. publishers and printers of **Superior Telegram**, a public newspaper printed and published in the City of Superior, Douglas County, Wisconsin, and that the notice, (of which the hereto annexed is a true and correct printed copy from said paper) was inserted, printed and published in said **Superior Telegram** for

2 Successive week(s), at least once in each week, and in each and every number thereof: that the first publication of said notice in said newspaper was on the **19th** day of **February, 2016** and that the last publication was on **26th** day of **February, 2016**

BY: 
Account Executive

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 26 day of February 2016.


Notary Public

Notary Public, Douglas County, WI
My Commission Expires May 15 2017

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Clerk of the County Court

Fee: \$144.26

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Wisniewski, Shelly

From: Nelson, Diane Renee
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 4:51 PM
To: Wisniewski, Shelly
Subject: RE: CU 8196 - NMM Renewal (file att)

Shelly,

At the last town board meeting the town had no objection to

1. Olson Brothers, Inc Mine renewal
2. Midland Services Inc addition
3. Stonebrunner Zoning change

Thanks
Diane

From: Wisniewski, Shelly
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 8:41 AM
To: Nelson, Diane Renee
Subject: CU 8196 - NMM Renewal (file att)

Good morning Diane.

Hard copy will follow via USPS today. Brace ourselves for the snow storm, eh?

Take care,

Shelly Wisniewski, Office Specialist

Douglas County Zoning

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Roll:	
Ayes	_____
Noes	_____
Absent	_____
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Refer	_____
Amend	_____
Other	_____

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RESOLUTION #11-16
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Elected Officials Salaries Established

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes § 59.22(1), the Douglas County Board of Supervisors must establish the total annual compensation for services to be paid to county officials (other than supervisors and circuit judges) prior to the earliest time for filing nomination papers for the county elective office, and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish the total annual compensation for county elected officials, which is separate and distinct from the fringe benefits offered by the County to elected officials, and which fringe benefits are subject to increase or decrease during the officer's term at the discretion of the Board and in accordance with state and federal law, and

WHEREAS, as part of the County's fringe benefit program, county elected officials may participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System in accordance with state law, and

WHEREAS, as part of the County's fringe benefit program, county elected officials may elect to receive health insurance coverage under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented managerial county employees who are not law enforcement managerial employees or non-represented managerial employees described in Wisconsin Statutes § 111.70(1)(mm)2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Douglas County Board of Supervisors that the total annual compensation for county-elected officers under Wisconsin Statutes § 59.22(1) shall be as follows, effective on the first day of a term of office that begins after the date of this resolution:

	<u>County Clerk</u>	<u>Register of Deeds</u>	<u>County Treasurer</u>
2017	\$ 60,691.00 (1%)	\$ 60,691.00 (1%)	\$ 60,691.00 (1%)
2018	\$ 61,905.00 (2%)	\$ 61,905.00 (2%)	\$ 61,905.00 (2%)
2019	\$ 63,143.00 (2%)	\$ 63,143.00 (2%)	\$ 63,143.00 (2%)
2020	\$ 64,406.00 (2%)	\$ 64,406.00 (2%)	\$ 64,406.00 (2%)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned county officials are entitled to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System in accordance with law and the County shall pay only its share of contributions required by law.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned county elected officials are entitled to participate in the County's health insurance program subject to terms and

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Roll: Ayes _____ Noes _____ Absent _____ Abstain _____ Passed _____ Lost _____ Refer _____ Amend _____ Other _____		
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conditions of the program, which may be modified from time to time, under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented managerial county employees described in Wisconsin Statutes § 111.70(1)(mm)2.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: \$ 2,112 in 2017; \$ 4,252 in 2018; \$ 4,357 in 2019; \$ 4,443 in 2020)

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RESOLUTION #12-16
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Budgetary Carry-overs, Restricted, Committed and Assigned Funds for 2015

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and authorizes the following 2015 budgetary carry-overs and establishments of restricted, committed, and assigned funds:

GENERAL FUND:

\$ 14,155	2013 Capital Projects approved not yet expended
620	2014 Capital Projects approved not yet expended
280,237	2015 Capital Projects
544,935	2016 Capital Projects
155,262	Communications upgrades
1,629	Unexpended website designation
27,000	Elections
1,000,000	Sales Tax Reserve
353,961	Land Conservation
39,586	Fairgrounds improvements
870,818	*Land & Development
54,226	Tank removal
115,108	Septic loans

HUMAN SERVICES:

\$ 386,705	Remaining supplemental funds designation
1,678	Designation for equipment upgrades

HEALTH

\$ 25,000	PNCC audit costs
71,156	Software/Equipment

FORESTRY

\$ 44,122	Mooney Dam repairs
21,160	Bird Sanctuary
7,305	Non-Lapsing Account for Lucius Woods sound shell (funding from concert fee revenue)
327,879	Remaining land acquisition designation, estb. 2007
34,161	Surveying
144,695	Park improvements
92,170	Disaster Recovery Fund
460,574	2015 Capital Projects – office expansion project

HIGHWAY

\$ 1,182,963	STP Projects Restricted
1,260,000	STP Projects Unrestricted
528,476	County Bridge Aid designated
34,677	County Bridge Aid undesignated
65,000	Underground storage tank reserve
547,545	Equipment and building improvement purchases
5,000	Centerline striping
95,610	2013 Reserve Fuel System upgrade/2014 Capital Budget

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INFORMATIONAL:

RESERVES APPROVED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET:

\$	18,500	Medical Examiner van
	23,966	Zoning car
	38,880	Veterans van
	23,682	Emergency Management vehicle
	7,975	Surveyor vehicle

RESERVES REQUIRED BY STATE STATUTE:

\$	83,036	Jail Assessment
	89,694	Register of Deeds computer maintenance
	5,776	Veterans Soldiers & Sailors
	112,961	Retained fees

RESERVES REQUIRED FOR AUDIT:

\$	59,286	Long-Term Receivables
	11,569	Prepaid
	244,850	Public Safety Trust Accounts
	2,142,213	Compensated Absences (All funds)
	1,587,110	Tax Collections

**Balances are not finalized for 2015 at the time of publishing*

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Reserves created from 2015 budget surpluses, one-time revenues, or from existing reserves, restricted, committed or assigned funds)

(Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required)

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RESOLUTION #13-16
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Budgetary Transfers

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and approves the following budgetary transfers:

1. Land Conservation	\$ 1,500	JE#190547 2016 National Mitigation & Ecosystem Banking Conference attendance
2. Emerg. Mgmt.	\$ 90,000	JE#190546 Reverse March 2015 Resolution - Monies not spent
3. Emerg. Mgmt	\$ 240,000	JE#190544 Reverse August 2015 Reasolution #69-15 - Total not spent
4. Emerg. Mgmt	\$ 79,000	JE#190545 Release Capital Projects funding for Udeen Tower
5. Land & Develpmt	\$ 5,285	JE#190743 Environmental site assessment and archeological survey for fairgrounds parking lot
6. Forestry	\$ 34,161	JE#191024 Release funding for surveying projects
7. Forestry	\$ 460,574	JE#191024 Release funding for office expansion project
8. Forestry	\$ 144,695	JE#191024 Release funding for Lake Minnesuing Parks & Park Creek Pond Park improvement projects
9. Forestry	\$ 44,122	JE#191024 Release funding for dam major repairs
10. Forestry	\$ 4,000	JE#191024 Release funding for land acquisition – Linstroth property (closing costs, recording fees, taxes, etc.)
11. Forestry	\$ 230,000	JE# 191024 Release funding for land acquisition – Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project – Phase I
12. Highway	\$1,260,000	JE#191025 Release funding for construction projects for the purchase of hot mix & other road materials
13. Highway	\$ 547,545	JE#191025 Release funding for equipment & building improvement purchases
14. Highway	\$ 95,610	JE#191025 Release funding for fuel system upgrade
15. Highway	\$ 5,000	JE#191025 Release funding for centerline striping

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: (1) Increase Land Conservation budgeted expenditures; decrease Land Conservation reserve; (2) & (3) Reserve balance for 2016; (4) Increase General Fund capital assets; decrease Capital Projects balance; (5) Decrease Land Improvement Reserve; increase contracted services – no effect on levy; (6) Increase Forestry Contracted Services Expense; decrease Forestry Surveying Reserve; (7) Increase Forestry fixed assets; decrease Forestry Office Expansion Project Reserve; (8) Increase Forestry fixed assets; decrease Forestry Lake Minnesuing Park and Park

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Creek Pond Park Reserve; (9) Increase Forestry fixed assets; decrease Forestry Dam Major Repair Reserve; (10) & (11) Increase Forestry fixed assets; decrease Forestry Land Acquisition Reserve; (12) Increase Heavy Construction Contracted Services Expense; decrease Construction Funding Reserve; (13) Increase fixed assets; decrease Equipment and Building Improvement Purchases Reserve; (14) Increase Fixed Assets; decrease Fuel System Upgrade Reserve; (15) Increase County Marking and Signs Contracted Services Expense; decrease Centerline Striping Reserve)

(Administrative Note: Two-thirds vote of Board-elect required)

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RESOLUTION #14-16
RESOLUTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Douglas County Grievance Procedure – Impartial
Hearing Officer Amended

RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee and amends Douglas County Grievance Procedure – Impartial Hearing Officer as follows:

“Selection of Impartial Hearing Officer: Following receipt of the appeal requesting a hearing before an Impartial Hearing Officer, the Corporation Counsel shall provide a list of three names of persons available to serve as an Impartial Hearing Officer. The County Administrator and Grievant shall select a name from the list. If the parties cannot mutually agree on an Impartial Hearing Officer from the list, then the parties shall strike names from the list with the parties flipping a coin as to who strikes the first name. The remaining name shall be selected and assigned as the Impartial Hearing Officer.”

Date this 17th day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

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**RESOLUTION #15-16
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Right-of-Way Easement to Dahlberg Light and Power
Company Authorized

WHEREAS, Douglas County is the fee simple owner of the following parcels of land all located in the Town of Gordon, Douglas County, Wisconsin more particularly described as follows:

- (1) The Northwest Quarter (NW¹/₄), Section 19, Township 44 North, Range 11 West of the 4th Principal Meridian, according to the United States Government Survey thereof (PIN #GO0120098800).
- (2) The Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄), Section 19, Township 44 North, Range 11 West of the 4th Principal Meridian, according to the United States Government Survey thereof (PIN #GO0120098400).
- (3) The Southwest Quarter (SW¹/₄), excluding the right-of-way of Wisconsin Central Ltd. (railroad subsidiary of the Canadian National Railway), Section 18, Township 44 North, Range 11 West of the 4th Principal Meridian, according to the United States Government Survey thereof (PIN #GO0120098200).
- (4) The South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S¹/₂ NE¹/₄), excluding the right-of-way of Wisconsin Central Ltd. (railroad subsidiary of the Canadian National Railway), Section 18, Township 44 North, Range 11 West of the 4th Principal Meridian, according to the United States Government Survey thereof (PIN #GO0120094500).

WHEREAS, said parcels are further identified in Exhibit B-3-16, and

WHEREAS, said Douglas County owned parcels are all entered as regular lands under the Wisconsin County Forest Law (§28.11 Wis. Stats.), and

WHEREAS, Dahlberg Light and Power Company, is desirous to obtain a right-of way easement on said Douglas County owned parcels for the construction, operation, maintenance, and service of a high-voltage, electric transmission utility line.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves granting a right-of-way easement on the Douglas County owned parcels herein described to Dahlberg Light and Power Company at a price to be no less than Eight-Thousand Thirty-One and 10/100 Dollars (\$8,031.10) for purposes of a high-voltage, electric transmission utility line.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the easement payment herein described be designated and reserved in the Forestry Department's fund balance to be used for future County Forest land acquisition projects.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
 (Fiscal Note: Increase Forestry Land Acquisition Reserve)

EXHIBIT B-3-16

RESOLUTION #15-16

Right-of-Way Easement to Dahlberg Light and Power Company

Presented by Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee

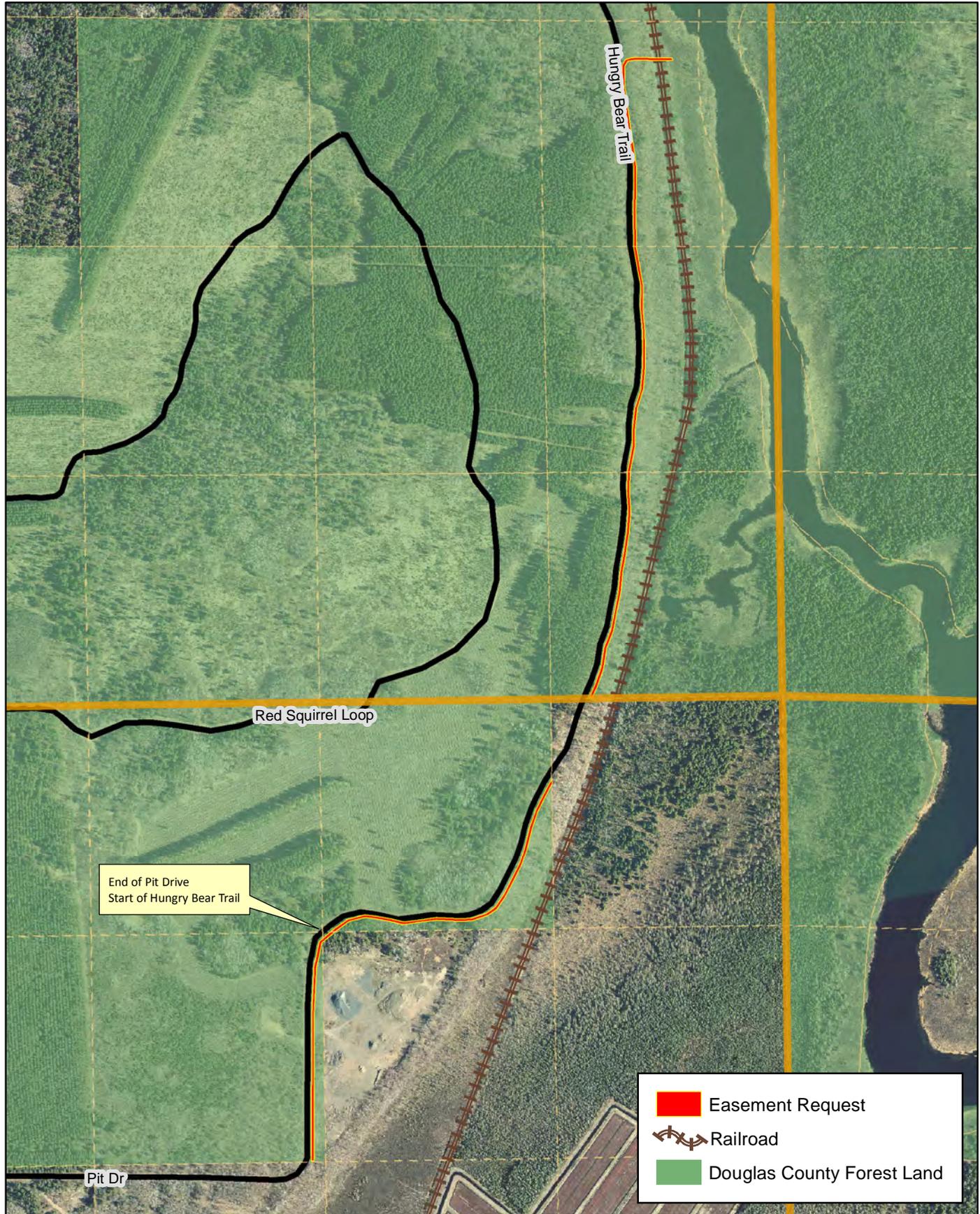


DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 17, 2016

Dahlberg Light & Power Easement Request

NENW, SENW, & NWNE Section 19, SESE, NESE, & SENE Section 18, T44N - R11W, Town of Gordon, Douglas County, WI
Approx. 7,124' long x 15' wide (2.45 acres)

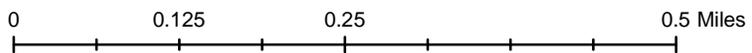


End of Pit Drive
Start of Hungry Bear Trail

-  Easement Request
-  Railroad
-  Douglas County Forest Land



This map provides a representation of the geography and topology of tax parcels. It is not intended to be used for authoritative definition of legal boundary or property title.



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**RESOLUTION #16-16
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Douglas County Comprehensive Land-Use Plan
Amendments (Chapters 500 & 900)

WHEREAS, Douglas County has lands enrolled in the County Forest Law program, pursuant to §28.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, commonly referred to as the Douglas County Forest, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Supervisors on March 20, 2008, adopted resolution #18-08 approving the Douglas County Comprehensive Land-Use Plan for a period encompassing 2006-2020, and

WHEREAS, changes to said Plan are prepared as needs arise and submitted as official plan amendments, and

WHEREAS, subsection (5)(a) of the above referenced Statute requires said Plan amendments be approved by the Douglas County Board of Supervisors and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), and

WHEREAS, Section 530 (Special Management Areas) and corresponding Chapter 900 (Appendixes) of said Plan specifically describe the State Natural Areas and other Exceptional Resources Areas (High Conservation Value Forests) designated on the Douglas County Forest, and

WHEREAS, amendments include withdrawing one State Natural Area (Buckley Creek Barrens), designating a new State Natural Area (Five Mile Barrens), changing the name of a State Natural Area (Pokegama Carnegie Wetlands), adding new descriptions for all 12 State Natural Areas, editing the descriptions of all 9 High Conservation Value Forests, replacing or creating all corresponding maps in the Appendixes, and adding management plans for the Five Mile Barrens State Natural Area and Five Mile Barrens Extended Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves amending Section 530.1 (Wisconsin State Natural Areas), Section 530.2 (Exceptional Resource Areas – High Conservation Value Forests), and Chapter 900 (Appendixes) as referenced herein and set forth in Exhibit C-3-16.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee is directed to forward said amendment to the WDNR for approval.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

EXHIBIT C-3-16

RESOLUTION #16-16

Amendments to Douglas County Comprehensive Land-Use Plan, Chapters 500 and 900

Presented by Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee



DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 17, 2016

CHAPTER 500 AMENDMENT
DOUGLAS COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND-USE PLAN 2006-2020

LAND MANAGEMENT AND USE

530 SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS

High Conservation Value (HCV) forests are local, regional, or national areas with unique qualities. Douglas County's focus in managing these areas will be to maintain or enhance the qualities that make these areas special. In some instances, this may require altering management practices to mitigate impacts; in others, it may entail no active management. HCV lands on County Forest include many exceptional resources: wild rivers and lakes, significant geological features, natural areas, ruffed grouse management areas, and historical and archeological sites. HCV forests contain communities such as habitat for endangered or threatened species, oak and pine barrens, natural-origin pine stand and rare natural communities such as forested seeps, red clay flats, mesic floodplain forest, bedrock glades, large muskegs, shorelines of wild rivers and lakes, and animal concentration spots. It is the policy of the County to manage these types of resources in ways that protect their exceptional features.

To achieve this, a balance must be struck between the art and science of forest-management and other resource management on the Douglas County Forest. What is good management for one natural resource may have more significant implications for another. Accommodations in active management of forest resources may have short-term benefits but may cause long-term adverse effects. The intent of the DCFD in partnership with the WDNR and other natural resource agencies and groups is to assess all natural resources on a broad scale. The goal is to balance the needs of the Forest and its users while maintaining its statutory obligations and a strong commitment to active, science-based silviculture.

Above all, the Douglas County Forest is a working forest under active management rather than a preservation forest. Other needs, resource disciplines, and users will be accommodated and considered when possible to allow for protection and management of non-timber resource, e.g., forest aesthetics, cultural sites, recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, and ecological processes. Within the County Forest, including the State Natural Areas and Exceptional Resources Areas sound forest-management practices will be emphasized in maintaining, protecting, and enhancing the health of the many resources that make up the County Forest.

530.1 Wisconsin State Natural Areas

Douglas County manages a variety of areas high in significant biological diversity including, Wisconsin State Natural Areas (SNA), which reflect the wealth and variety of the State's native landscape. They contain outstanding examples of native biotic communities and often are the last refuges in the State for rare and endangered plant and animal species. The SNA program works with counties to further recognize outstanding native biotic communities that the counties currently are managing as exceptional areas. SNA are unique in that they can be stand-alone properties or be designated within the boundaries of another property type. Douglas County maintains its land ownership, management, and decision-making authority, but with cooperative recognition of these sites, the County can enhance its ability to provide a broader range of opportunities on the County Forest.

COMPREHENSIVE LAND-USE PLAN 2006-2020

The WDNR's SNA staff will work cooperatively with the DCFD coordinating educational, monitoring, and research activities. Assistance on management projects can provide the County help in carrying out necessary management activities that protect the unique character of the area. The importance of SNA program has been recognized on the Douglas County Forest, which contains ~~10~~ 12 SNA sites that comprise ~~9,990~~ 13,067 total acres (see map in Appendix D-IV).

530.1.1 Black Lake Bog

~~This 2,200-acre site is an exceptional resource and has an HCV forest of stunted spruce. Identified natural communities are soft bog lake, northern wet forest, northern sedge meadow, open bog, and shrub carr. Several species of concern at Black Lake Bog including LeConte's sparrow, northern harrier, timber wolf, lake darter, and green-striped darter. The Minnesota portion of the site is a dedicated Minnesota Natural Area (see map in Appendix E-IV).~~

Located on end moraine, Black Lake Bog contains a vast, inaccessible, undisturbed wetland complex of bog lake, open bog, and northern wet forest, a community poorly represented in the younger drift-west zone. The open bog is dominated by leather-leaf with patches of bog-rosemary. Black spruce are scattered in the bog and are usually stunted but occasionally grow into a dense stand of full-sized trees. The bog and Black Lake form the headwaters of the Black River. Black Lake is entirely muck-bottomed and has a maximum depth of 4 feet, methyl purple alkalinity of 28 ppm, and a Secchi disk reading of 3 feet. Black River has a gradient of 22 feet/mile and methyl purple alkalinity of 41 ppm. The river below the outlet averages 2.5 cu. ft./sec. Wildlife found on the tract include waterfowl, great blue heron, beaver, and short-eared owl which may nest in the bog. Timber wolves also use the area (see map in Appendix E-IV).

T45N-R15W, Sec 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, and 30 (in part).
Containing 2,008 acres more or less.

530.1.2 Belden Swamp

~~This 1,862-acre wetland complex is an exceptional and unique resource. The large size and muskeg-like vegetation of this bog is not duplicated elsewhere in northwestern Wisconsin. Portions are thinly vegetated with stunted black spruce and tamarack over ericaceous shrubs. Other parts are open with wire-leaved sedges and bog birch dominating. The bog is home to healthy populations of jutta arctic butterfly, LeConte's sparrow, yellow bellied flycatcher, and northern harrier. This site has been selected as a long-term peatlands study site with funding by the Focus on Energy program of the Wisconsin Department of Administrations. The SNA program will develop baseline data and work with the County and other interested stakeholders to study and promote the site's ecological values (see map in Appendix F-IV).~~

Belden Swamp is a huge wetland straddling the divide between two major watersheds. It forms the headwaters of the Spruce River, which flows south into the Mississippi River watershed; and the Black River, which flows north into the Lake Superior drainage basin. The wetland complex contains the largest remaining undisturbed open bog in Wisconsin, along with an extensive muskeg, northern wet

forest and a zone of shrubby, emergent aquatic vegetation surrounding the wetland. The thinly timbered muskeg contains stunted black spruce and tamarack with ericaceous shrubs, and sedges over a carpet of Sphagnum moss. Other parts of the site are quite open with abundant wireleaved sedges and a low growth of bog birch and ericads, including bog laurel and bog rosemary. A dense conifer swamp of black spruce and tamarack, recovering from longago logging, is found in the northeast corner of the site. The large size, isolated location, and roadless aspect provide excellent habitat for the resident pack of timber wolves. Also present are four rare species: LeConte's sparrow (*Ammodramus leconteii*), yellowbellied flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*), northern harrier (*Circus cyaneus*) and the Jutta Arctic butterfly (*Oeneis jutta*). Other resident birds include palm, Nashville, and yellow warblers, savanna and Lincoln's sparrows, hermit thrush, veery, and sedge wren (see map in Appendix F-IV).

T45N-R14W, Sec 18, 19, and 30 (in part).

T45N-R15W, Sec 13, 23, 24, 25, and 26 (in part).

Containing 1,795 acres more or less.

530.1.3 Ericson Creek Forest and Wetlands

~~This 2,089-acre area is an HCV forest that includes a diverse assemblage of community types. The remoteness of the communities along with relative absence of recent disturbance elevates this area to a significant natural feature. The completeness of species assemblages in each community and their juxtaposition makes this area unique in all of Wisconsin. Communities represented are open bog, northern wet forest, northern wet-mesic forest, northern hardwood swamp, northern sedge meadow, northern dry-mesic forest, boreal forest, and northern mesic forest. With an exceptional assemblage of natural communities within close proximity, diverse assemblages of species including rare species are possible. Populations of several rare species are found at this site. The bog and sedge meadow harbor populations of 15 species of special concern: three-toed woodpecker, great gray owl, boreal chickadee, Connecticut warbler, LeConte's sparrow, bobolink, northern harrier, sedge wren, dragon's mouth orchid, freija fritillary, frigga fritillary, bog fritillary, and the only location in Wisconsin for the titania fritillary. The denser conifers harbor Cape May warbler and Swainson's thrush. The mesic forest has two nesting pairs of the threatened red-shouldered hawk and the most westerly known population of black-throated blue warbler. The site is established to protect habitat for the rare birds and to use experimental and innovative harvest techniques that enhance bird and boreal forest habitat (see map in Appendix G-IV).~~

Ericson Creek Forest and Wetlands harbors a rich combination of natural communities with a diverse composition of species. Ericson Creek forms a portion of the western boundary of the natural area before joining the Amnicon River on its journey to Lake Superior. An extensive northern sedge meadow parallels the creek and small pockets of cedar swamp (northern wet-mesic forest) are located along the eastern boundary. The principal feature is the 500-acre open Sphagnum bog and associated muskeg of tamarack and black spruce. Imbedded in the wetland are upland islands containing boreal forest of white spruce and balsam fir and northern dry-mesic forest dominated by red and white pines. The southern portion of the area contains northern mesic forest of sugar maple, basswood and red oak. The natural area has had varying degrees of past disturbance, which has increased the amount of site heterogeneity and species diversity. The boreal forest was logged at the turn of the 20th century and has evidence of past fire while the second-growth mesic forest has a history of maple sugaring. The

wetlands appear essentially undisturbed. Eighteen rare species have been identified in the natural area, including several birds, butterflies and plants. The threatened red-shouldered hawk has nested here as have several other bird species of special concern, including three-toed woodpecker, boreal chickadee, Swainson's thrush, LeConte's sparrow, great gray owl, northern harrier, and Connecticut, Cape May, and black-throated blue warblers. Four rare fritillary butterflies live here: bog fritillary (*Boloria eunomia*), freija fritillary (*Boloria freija*), frigga fritillary (*Boloria frigga*), and titania fritillary (*Boloria titania*). This is the only known location in the state for the titania fritillary. Rare plants growing here include the endangered small shin-leaf (*Pyrola minor*) and dragon's-mouth orchid (*Arethusa bulbosa*) (see map in Appendix G-IV).

T45N-R13W, Sec 5 and 6 (in part).

T46N-R13W, Sec 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32 (in part).

Containing 2,505 acres more or less.

530.1.4 Nemadji River Floodplain Forest

~~This 341-acre HCV mesic floodplain forest along the banks of the Nemadji River contains diverse flora, including many canopy tree species: large diameter silver maple, swamp white oak, basswood, northern white cedar, white spruce, and three species of ash. The spring flora is rich and mesic and includes many species usually found in southern Wisconsin. Four threatened wood turtles were recorded during a survey (see map in Appendix H-IV).~~

Nemadji River Floodplain Forest, along the banks of the Nemadji River, supports a type of forest unusual in composition and perhaps unique in the state. Floodplain forests are very rare along rivers flowing north into Lake Superior. The natural area lies in a steep-sided valley cut through the Lake Superior clay plain, on terraces about fifteen feet above normal water levels. The forest canopy is composed of black ash, green ash, basswood, red maple, silver maple, balsam poplar, American elm, and bur oak. Scattered conifers - white spruce, white cedar, white pine, and balsam fir - are also present in the canopy, making for an unusual mix of tree species. The deep, red clay alluvial soils support an herb layer that is exceptionally rich, with a species composition reminiscent of maple-basswood forests far to the south. Spring ephemerals and their associates are especially well-represented, and include sessile-leaved bellwort, downy yellow violet, tall meadow-rue, spring-beauty, bloodroot, yellow trout-lily, wild ginger, Dutchman's-breeches, cut-leaved toothwort, blue cohosh, wild leek, and American starflower. Resident birds include the common raven, Nashville warbler, northern waterthrush, red-eyed vireo, hermit and wood thrush, and rose-breasted grosbeak (see map in Appendix H-IV).

T48N-R14W, Sec 22, 23, 26, and 27 (in part).

Containing 320 acres more or less.

~~530.1.5 Buckley Creek and Barrens~~

~~This 899-acre site contains a creek, which is a slow, soft, cold water stream flowing from a spring pond 4.5 miles to the St. Croix River. Most of the stream flows through swamp conifers composed of black spruce, tamarack, balsam fir, white cedar, and alder. The uplands to the east are HCV pine barrens~~

~~that were burned in 1977. Dominant trees are slow growing jack pine and Hills oak. The barrens are nearly free of invasive exotic species. The composition of plant and animal species indicates a diverse barrens community. Butterflies of special concern, on this site included the dusted skipper, cobweb skipper, Henry's elfin, hoary elfin, coral hairstreak, striped hairstreak, and gorgone checkerspot (see map in Appendix I-IV).~~

530.1.5 Five Mile Barrens

The Five Mile Barrens natural area is within the footprint of the so-called "Five Mile Tower Fire", a wild fire that burned in the summer of 1977. This catastrophic blaze burned over 13,000 acres in total. Five Mile Barrens lies near the midpoint of the fire's path. The site is dominated by jack pine with small inclusions of scrub oak that originated from the fire. The topographic relief is rolling outwash plain with extensive flat areas. Characteristic barrens plant species present include downy phlox, hoary puccoon, New Jersey tea, rough blazing star and the state-threatened dwarf milkweed (see map in Appendix I-IV). Management goals and strategies can be found in the Five Mile Barrens Forest Management Plan (see the Appendices).

T43N-R13W, Sec 28, 33, 34, and 35 (in part).
Containing 1,699 acres more-or-less.

An additional 4,087 acre site adjacent to the SNA that fits a very similar land type description has been identified as the Five Mile Barrens Extended Zone. Management of this area is intended to enhance the critical barrens habitat provided by the SNA while also maximizing the production of forest products (see map in Appendix I-IV). Management goals and strategies can be found in the Five Mile Barrens Extended Zone Forest Management Plan (see the Appendices) and are only offered as voluntary considerations complementing the SNA Forest Management Plan.

T43N-R13W, Sec 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 (in part).
Containing 4,087 acres more-or-less.

530.1.6 Empire Swamp

~~This 1,410-acre area features a HCV peatland that serves as the headwaters for the Tamarack River and is a combination of several natural communities, including northern sedge meadow, northern wet forest, tamarack swamp, black ash swamp, alder thicket, open bog, and muskeg. The swamp harbors 11 rare bird species (osprey, northern harrier, olive-sided flycatcher, yellow-bellied flycatcher, gray jay, merlin, Connecticut warbler, Swainson's thrush, palm warbler, Cape May warbler, and black-backed woodpecker). Bird diversity is exceptional with 19 species of warbler including the highest known density of golden-winged warbler in the State (an estimated 250 males). In June, this site contained three territorial Philadelphia vireo males and was home to five rare butterfly species (four fritillaries and jutta arctic) and nine plants (calypso, dragon's mouth, Canadian black currant, Hooker's orchid, mountain cranberry, sheathed sedge, sparse flowered sedge, white bog orchid and small pyrola). Timber harvesting can occur on stands with adequate growths so long as the habitat needs of the rare birds are met. Other forest management is limited to upland edges and access across the bog. During frozen conditions, physical or mechanical manipulation of the swamp's hydrology is restricted~~

~~(see map in Appendix J-IV).~~

Empire Swamp is a large, undisturbed peatland that serves as the headwaters of the Tamarack River. The wetland is a combination of several natural communities of outstanding quality, including northern sedge meadow, northern wet forest, tamarack swamp, black ash swamp, alder thicket, open bog, and muskeg. The swamp harbors 11 rare bird species, including Osprey, Gray Jay, Merlin, and Black-backed Woodpecker. Bird diversity is exceptional, with 19 species of warbler present, including the highest known density of Golden-winged Warblers in the state. Five rare butterfly species are known from the site, including the Jutta Arctic, as well as nine rare plant species, among them Calypso, Dragon's Mouth, Hooker's Orchid, Sheathed Sedge, and Small Pyrola (see map in Appendix J-IV).

T44N-R13W, Sec 6 (in part).
T44N-R14W, Sec 1, 2, 3, 11, 12 (in part).
T45N-R13W, Sec 31 (in part).
T45N-R14W, Sec 26, 34, 35, 36 (in part).
Containing 1,570 acres more-or-less.

530.1.7 Blueberry Swamp

~~This 370-acre portion of Blueberry Swamp occupies a drainage divide with the eastern part flowing to the Bois Brule River and the western part flowing to the Poplar River. The core of the swamp holds more mineral-rich waters and harbors a forest of black ash and white cedar. The swamp provides habitat for numerous rare plant and animal species, including a diverse array of orchids. Birds recorded on the site include yellow bellied flycatcher, blue headed vireo, golden winged warbler, Canada warbler, and evening grosbeak. The relatively undisturbed core is an outstanding ecological reference area. Rated one of the top hardwood swamps in northern Wisconsin, this site is source water for Namekagon River and Blueberry Creek, which provides exceptional water to the Bois Brule River. Timber harvests in white cedar swamps are deterred until adequate cedar regeneration can be assured (see map in Appendix K-IV).~~

The core of Blueberry Swamp holds mineral-rich waters, harbors a high quality forest of black ash and white cedar, and provides habitat for numerous rare plant and animal species, including a diverse array of orchids. Birds known to inhabit the area include Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Blue-headed Vireo, Golden-winged Warbler, Canada Warbler, and Evening Grosbeak. The relatively undisturbed core functions as an excellent ecological reference area, because this site has been rated one of the top hardwood swamps in all of northern Wisconsin (see map in Appendix K-IV).

T47N-R10W, Sec 7, 18 (in part).
T47N-R11W, Sec 12, 13 (in part).
Containing 864 acres more-or-less.

530.1.8 ~~Pokegama Red Clay Flats~~ Pokegama Carnegie Wetlands

~~This 640-acre site is an excessively poorly drained red clay flats area in the headwaters of the Pokegama and Little Pokegama Rivers. This forested area supports a wetland mosaic of shrub swamp,~~

~~sedge meadow, emergent marsh, small ponds and tiny upland islets of white spruce, white pine, balsam fir, and trembling aspen. Of special significance are the many populations of rare plants occurring in the site's wetlands. It is important to recognize that these plants are not widespread in the Lake Superior region but are concentrated near Superior with the highest concentration at this site. The WDNR has created an acquisition boundary to purchase private rare plant habitat (clustered bur reed, floating marsh marigold, neat spike-rush, seaside crowfoot, small yellow water crowfoot, sweet coltsfoot, and water starwort) to complement the County owned protection efforts. The County recognizes this site as a rare plant management area and establishes it as an ecological reference area. There will be some timber management, on this reference area but because of poor drainage, activities would promote white pine and white spruce more than regenerating off-site aspen. The reference area would be used to better manage the surrounding clay plain for rare plants (see map in Appendix L-IV).~~

Pokegama Carnegie Wetlands is an excessively poorly-drained area of red clay flats in the headwaters of the Pokegama and Little Pokegama Rivers. It supports a wetland mosaic of shrub swamp, sedge meadow, emergent marsh, small ponds and tiny upland islets of white spruce, white pine, balsam fir, and trembling aspen. Of special significance are the many populations of rare plants occurring here in their highest concentration in the state. Among the rare species are Clustered Bur Reed, Floating Marsh Marigold, Neat Spike-Rush, Seaside Crowfoot, Small Yellow Water Crowfoot, Sweet Coltsfoot, and Water Starwort (see map in Appendix L-IV).

T48N-R14W, Sec 16-21 (in part).
Containing 1,205 acres more-or-less.

530.1.9 Flat Lake

~~This 105-acre site has a shallow, soft water, seepage lake with a fluctuating shoreline. The bottom is composed of muck and sand and sedges and rushes dominate the emergent vegetation. The submerged vegetation is lush and diverse. A pair of trumpeter swans nests on Flat Lake. In south central Douglas County there are many lakes and wetlands with greatly fluctuating water levels. These shallow lakes are excellent sites for the study of diverse aquatic insect and plant populations. Timber management will continue on the uplands using BMP for water quality (see map in Appendix M-IV).~~

Flat Lake features a shallow, soft water, seepage lake that has a fluctuating shoreline. The bottom is composed of muck and sand. Sedges and rushes dominate the emergent vegetation, while the submerged vegetation is lush and diverse. Trumpeter swans have nested here. Because the shallow lake contains no fish, it serves as an excellent site for the study of diverse aquatic insect and plant populations (see map in Appendix M-IV).

T44N-R11W, Sec 3, 4 (in part).
Containing 94 acres more-or-less.

530.1.10 Goose Lake

~~This 80-acre site has a soft water, seepage lake with a fluctuating shoreline. Sedge and rushes are the most common plants and 20 acres of sedge meadow adjoin the lake. This type of lake and wetland is~~

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~~found in the sandy outwash areas that were dominated by pine barrens in the pre-European period. Shorelines and wetlands were subjected to periodic fires. Species of concern in these shoreline communities include plantain shoreweed, ternate grape fern, common bog arrow grass, and Blanding's turtle. BMP along the shoreline would include periodic tree removal from the immediate shoreline, and leaving scattered individual trees or small groves. Goose Lake is an excellent site for studying the ecological effects of fluctuating water levels. Timber management will continue on the uplands using BMP for water quality (see map in Appendix N-IV).~~

Goose Lake features a soft water, seepage lake with a fluctuating shoreline and emergent vegetation consisting of sedges and rushes. Twenty acres of high-quality northern sedge meadow adjoins the lakeshore. Rare species found here include Plantain Shoreweed, Ternate Grape Fern, Common Bog Arrow-Grass, and Blanding's Turtle. The lake provides makes an excellent location to study the ecological nature of fluctuating water levels on aquatic systems (see map in Appendix N-IV).

T43N-R10W, Sec 10 (in part).
Containing 67 acres more-or-less.

530.1.11 Upper Nemadji River Floodplain Forest

~~This 610-acre mesic floodplain forest along the banks of the upper Nemadji River, including the north and south forks, is an exceptional and unique resource. The primary natural community type is a mesic floodplain terrace. Many plants found primarily much farther south are abundant on the terraces along the Nemadji River. The diverse natural communities, remote location and varied topography all elevate this area to a significant natural feature unique in all of Wisconsin. The County has recognized this area as a natural reserve and will not actively manage the area for timber. Further conservation goals and strategies can be found in the Nemadji River Corridor Land Protection Project Land Management Plan (see map in Appendix S-IV).~~

The Upper Nemadji River Floodplain Forest comprises 713 acres along the banks of the Nemadji River and supports a type of forest unusual in composition. Floodplain forests are very rare along rivers flowing north into Lake Superior. The natural area lies in a steep-sided valley cut through the Lake Superior clay plain, on terraces about ten feet above normal water levels. The forest canopy is composed of black ash, green ash, basswood, red maple, silver maple, balsam poplar, American elm, and bur oak. Scattered conifers - white spruce, white cedar, white pine, and balsam fir - are also present in the canopy, making for an unusual mix of tree species. The deep, red clay alluvial soils support an herb layer that is exceptionally rich, with a species composition reminiscent of maple-basswood forests far to the south. Spring ephemerals and their associates are especially well-represented, and include sessile-leaved bellwort, downy yellow violet, tall meadow-rue, spring-beauty, bloodroot, yellow trout-lily, wild ginger, Dutchman's-breeches, cut-leaved toothwort, blue cohosh, wild leek, and American starflower (see map in Appendix S-IV).

T47N-R15W, Sec 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, and 29 (in part).
Containing 713 acres more or less.

530.1.12 Solon Springs Sharptail Barrens

Situated on the rolling glacial outwash sand plain that extends from Burnett to Bayfield counties, Solon Springs Sharptail Barrens features a large pine barrens with widely scattered clumps of jack pine, pin oaks, bur oak grubs, and occasional red pine. The vegetation is characteristic of the presettlement vegetation that once covered much of northwestern Wisconsin. Maintained by fire, the barrens are one of the best sharp-tailed grouse habitats in Wisconsin. Shrubs present are sweet fern, blueberry, dewberry, New Jersey tea, hazelnut, willow, wild rose, chokecherry, and bearberry. Groundlayer species include big and little blue-stem, prairie alumroot, puccoon, Canada mayflower, wormwood, asters, and goldenrods. Bird life is dominated by species, which require extensive open landscapes including the rare sharp-tailed grouse (*Tympanuchus phasianella*), upland sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*), grasshopper sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*), Connecticut warbler (*Oporornis agilis*), and Tennessee warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*). Other birds include mourning dove, eastern towhee, Brewer's blackbird, and vesper and field sparrow (see map in Appendix T-IV).

T44N-R12W, Sec 11 (in part).
Containing 227 acres more or less.

530.2 Exceptional Resource Areas (High Conservation Value Forests)

In addition to the regionally important SNA areas listed, Douglas County harbors many other areas with great biological diversity. 9 sites, comprising 3,397 total acres, have been identified as High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF) on the Forest. The County will manage these resources to maintain or enhance their ecological values (see map in Appendix U-IV).

530.2.1 Moose Lake

Moose Lake is a small, soft water bog lake that forms the headwaters of Moose River. This lake is fringed with alder and bog birch. Surrounding the fringe is a black spruce and tamarack bog (see map in Appendix V-IV).

T46N-R13W, Sec 36 (in part).
T46N-R12W, Sec 31 (in part).
T45N-R13W, Sec 1 (in part).
T45N-R12W, Sec 6 (in part).
Containing 291 acres more or less.

530.2.2 Amnicon River Pines

Amnicon River Pines is a small area of older natural origin red and white pines north of the Amnicon River. The County will manage the area for perpetuation of the pines (see map in Appendix W-IV).

T46N-R13W, Sec 19 and 20 (in part).
Containing 47 acres more or less.

530.2.3 Ericson Creek Pine Forest

Ericson Creek Pine Forest is south of the Amnicon River and west of Ericson Creek. Scattered islands of natural origin pine are present in the large, open bog. Dominant species are red and white pine with characteristic understory plants present. The County will manage the area for perpetuation of the pines (see map in Appendix X-IV).

T46N-R16W, Sec 24 and 25 (in part).
Containing 43 acres more or less.

530.2.4 Breitzman Lake Bog

Breitzman Lake Bog is a 13 acre soft water bog lake that is surrounded by ~~22 acres of~~ spruce and tamarack forest. The shoreline is a floating bog mat. Boreal birds use the area for breeding. The floating bog mat will not be managed. Part of this area is in private ownership (see map in Appendix Y-IV).

T46N-R15W, Sec 23 (in part).
Containing 34 acres more or less.

530.2.5 St. Croix River

St. Croix River includes a reach several miles up and downstream from the County Highway T bridge. This area has significant populations of rare species, including the ~~endangered pygmy snaketail dragonfly~~, state-threatened gilt darter (fish) ~~and as well as the~~ Blanding's turtle and ~~the rapids clubtail dragonfly, a species of special concern~~. pygmy snaketail dragonfly, both of which are special concern species (see map in Appendix Z-IV).

T44N-R13W, Sec 34, 35, and 36 (in part).
T43N-R13W, Sec 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 17, and 18 (in part).
T43N-R14W, Sec 13, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 33, and 34 (in part).
Containing 1,382 acres more or less.

530.2.6 Gordon Lake

Gordon Lake is a shallow, soft water seepage lake southeast of Gordon. It contains a rare species of dragonfly. Timber management will continue on the uplands around the lake (see map in Appendix A-V).

T43N-R11W, Sec 7 (in part).
Containing 19 acres more or less.

530.2.7 Mud Lake Bog

Mud Lake Bog encompasses a peatland of open bog, muskeg, and black spruce swamp. Six rarely encountered butterfly species are found in abundance on the site (frejia fritillary, purple lesser fritillary, bog fritillary, red-disked alpine, jutta arctic, and bog copper). Since most of the site has no or stunted trees, timber management will be limited (see map in Appendix B-V).

T46N-R16W, Sec 15, 16, 22, and 23 (in part).
Containing 441 acres more or less.

530.2.8 Nemadji River Terrace

This ~~960~~ 926 acre high conservation value forest area includes the steep terraces of the Nemadji River system. Younger deciduous forest with patches of conifer cover the steep slopes above the floodplain. Boreal forest groundlayer species dominate the forest floor and have much different species than the floodplain terrace. In addition, the well vegetated slopes provide an excellent filter to maintain water quality in the Nemadji River system and the seep areas contain a unique composition of plant species preferring mineral rich water. The County will passively manage the area for its timber to promote natural succession towards climatic boreal forest conditions. ~~by restoring and favoring dominant conifer components.~~ Further management goals and strategies can be found in the Nemadji River Corridor Land Protection Project Land Management Plan. ~~(see map in the Appendixes).~~ (see map in Appendix C-V).

T47N-R15W, Sec 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, and 30 (in part).
Containing 926 acres more or less.

530.2.9 Lower Ox Lake Conifer Swamp

Situated within the floodplain of the St. Croix River, the 214 acre Lower Ox Conifer Swamp features a good-quality stand of northern white cedar, near the northwest range limit for this species in Wisconsin. In some areas, black ash is co-dominant with cedar in the overstory and across the site the understory contains a mix of alder, winterberry and some red osier dogwood. Groundlayer plants range from wet species such as blue joint grass and sensitive fern, to wet-mesic species such as goldthread, blueberry and bunch berry (see map in Appendix D-V).

T44N-R11W, Sec 7, 8, 17, and 18 (in part).
Containing 214 acres more or less.

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Five Mile Barrens Forest Management Plan Extended Zone

This plan consists of entirely voluntary guidelines and considerations to assist with managing the area. The following general guidance contains no mandatory requirements and shall not be binding in any fashion. Consideration and implementation of all information shall be at the sole discretion of Douglas County.

Property Assessment:

Extended Zone Acreage: 4,087
The Five Mile SNA Acreage: 1,699
Total Five Barrens Project Acreage: 5,786

Management Summary:

The General Property Description fits the description covered in the SNA plan with the addition of red pine and other forest types identified in the Extended Zone Map.

The Five Mile Barrens Forest Management Plan: Extended Zone forms an added barrens opportunity to enhance the proposed Five Mile Barrens SNA to manage red pine stands to provide critical barrens wildlife habitat, while supplying recreation and forest products. This opportunity is a voluntary consideration, based on the stands condition and proximity to the current rolling barrens project. Rolling barrens is an area of forest management where stands are harvested sequentially to provide a larger area of regenerating forest/young barrens. An example: a red pine stand has had mortality from disease, and the stand is adjacent to recently harvested/regenerating rolling barrens. Under this plan, consideration could be used to harvest the red pine stand more completely, adding to the barrens landscape effect. The stand would then be regenerated to productive forest as part of a new larger forested block.

This plan will help implement the highest priorities within the WI Wildlife Action Plan and The NW Sands Habitat Corridor Plan. The location and landscape scale of this plan is designed to provide a critical connection, creating a stepping stone for barrens wildlife to use over time between the Douglas County Wildlife Area and the Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Area.

Management Objectives:

Voluntarily consider managing the site to enhance the Five Mile SNA Rolling Barrens and the full-range of barrens successional stages and habitats in a landscape context. This rolling barrens would not be managed as the early successional barrens that can be found in the nearby Namekagon Barrens. This site is managed in a shifting mosaic of timber harvest providing large open barrens habitats of regenerating forest and over time, multiple age classes of pine.

Pine Plantations/Pine Barrens

- Consider landscape objectives while planning harvests; where feasible enhance the scale of adjoining rolling barrens block habitats. Enhancing the size of adjacent rolling barrens will provide critical habitat for wildlife species requiring large open barrens blocks, and over time large forested blocks.
- Consider regenerating some red pine stands to jack pine where the opportunity exists. Jack pine stands grow slower at first, providing open young barrens habitat for a longer period of time.
- Utilize appropriate mechanical soil disturbance methods to attain pine forest regeneration, and to restore the barrens herbaceous ground layer. Consideration should be given to less intensive soil disturbance methods when practical.
- Strive to keep invasive species populations and their expansion to a minimum noting that Douglas County has a local ordinance that restricts the use of chemical herbicide treatments.

Management Prescriptions:

The Extended Zone Plan follows with the Five Mile SNA Plan as a voluntary consideration as the rolling barrens moves across the area designated. The Five Mile SNA starts at a 340 acre block of county land that was recently salvage cut and planted to jack pine, contiguous with the western boundary of the Five Mile SNA Barrens. This presents an opportunity to conduct the initial harvests adjacent to this block and generally continue to the east and south over time creating a shifting mosaic of rolling barrens. The Extended Zone gives consideration for salvage and other harvests to be a part of the Five Mile Rolling Barrens. As SNA portion is finished, the Extended Zone provides addition consideration to continue the rolling barrens west over time. The entire general barrens rotation might take around fifty years.

Voluntarily consider timber harvests/regeneration as the primary tool to enhance the Five Mile Rolling Barrens at the landscape scale.

- Consider adding on to the original 340 acres by harvesting the western and northern most stands first. The assemblage of harvests/regenerating stands over time will provide a landscape scale rolling barrens of at least 640 acres. Over time, as the rolling barrens moves over the SNA, consider adjacent Extended Area stands for harvest/regeneration to enhance the rolling barrens.
- Consider accelerated harvests for salvage or landscape considerations to meet the objectives of the rolling barrens and to re-block the fragmented forest. Accelerated harvests could be earlier than normal rotations for red pine and other tree species.
- Rejuvenate the diverse barrens ground layer composition by using mechanical means to break up Pennsylvania sedge sod and invasive shrub layer. Consider less intensive practices where practical. For example, anchor chaining across old furrows to provide scarification.

- Consider making modifications to the Woody Biomass Harvest Guidelines and have the option to use biomass harvesting to meet barrens objectives and to mimic wildfires. Whole tree harvesting may also create a critical more open temporary barrens habitat.
- Harvest stands completely, as preferred by wildlife species adapted to open barrens. Do not leave tree retention, visual barriers, or buffers that block the view shed. Limit the presence of shade tolerant species.

Trails and Roadsides:

Manage in a manner consistent with the Douglas County Fifteen Year Plan.

Approvals:

DNR NW Sands Wildlife Biologist Date

DNR Liaison Forester Date

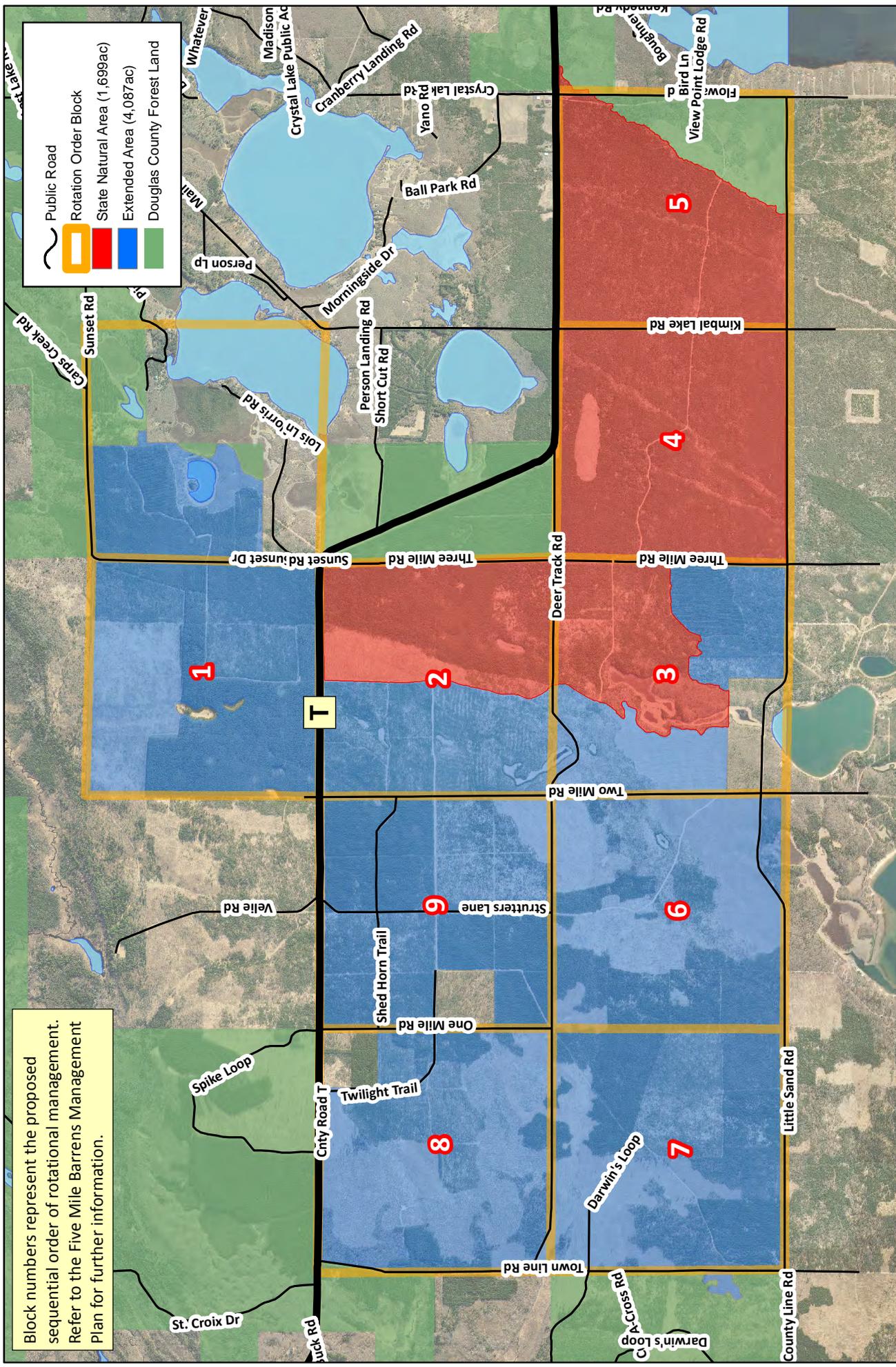
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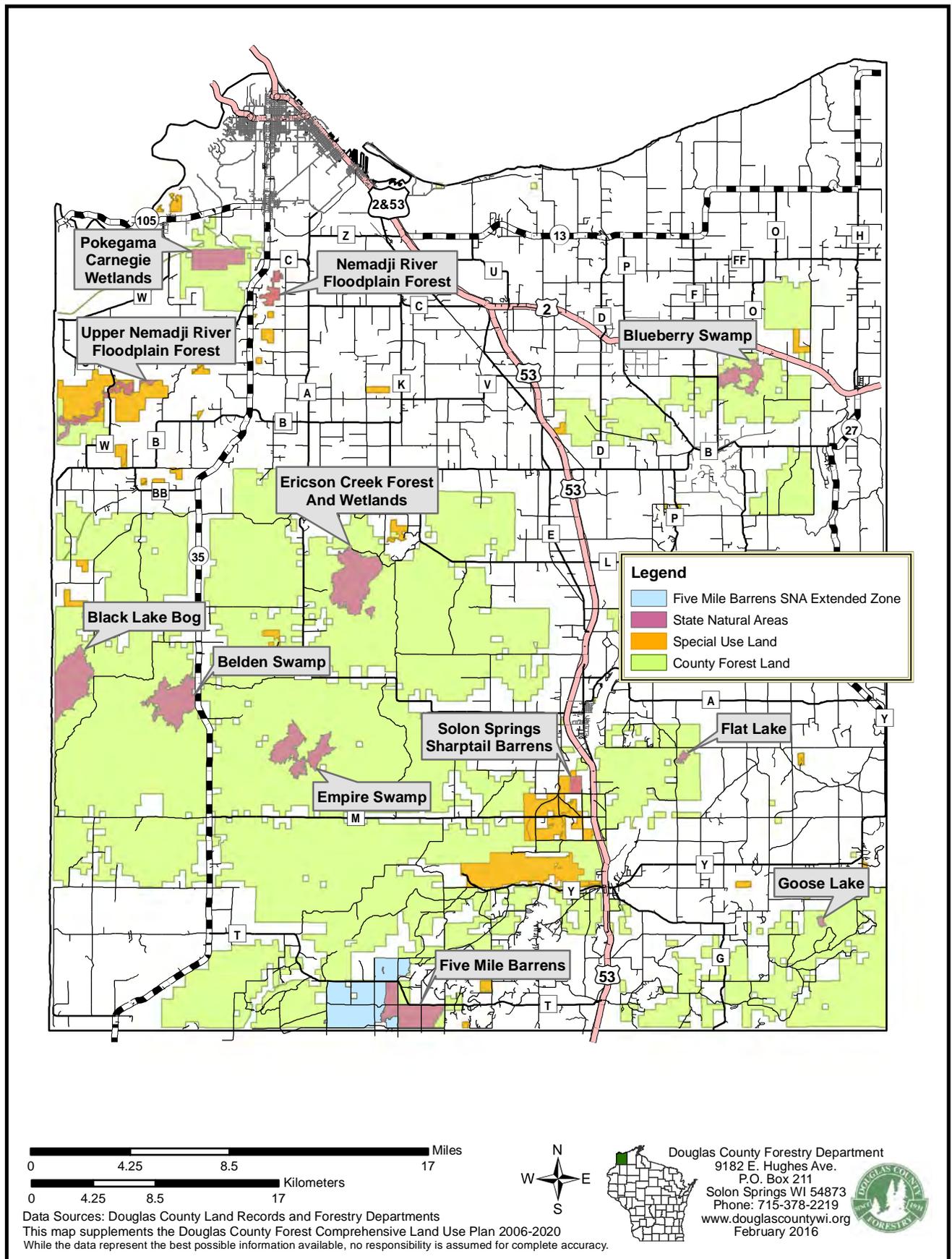
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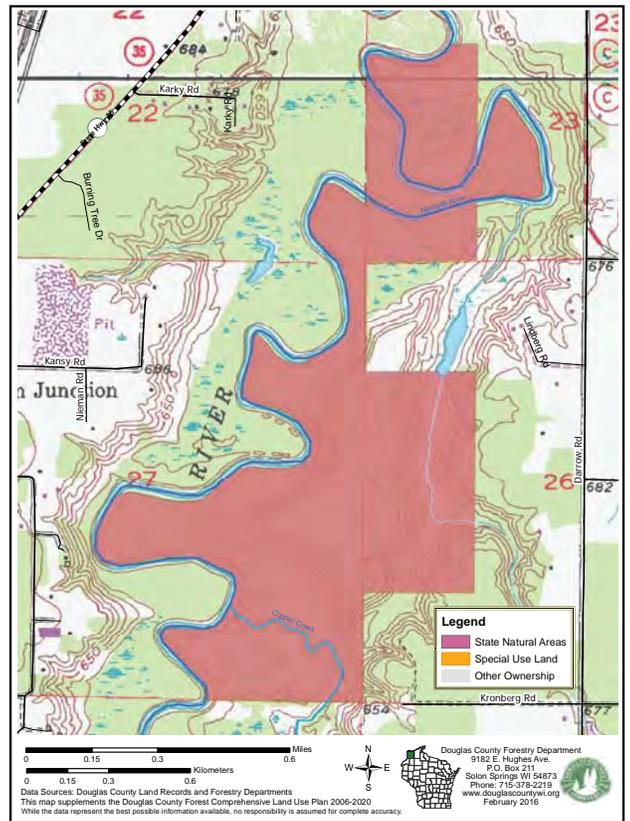
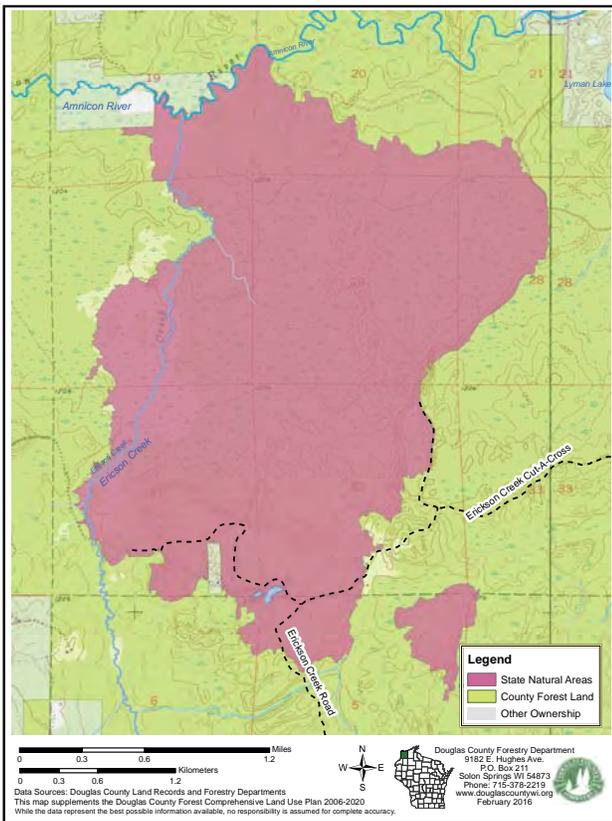
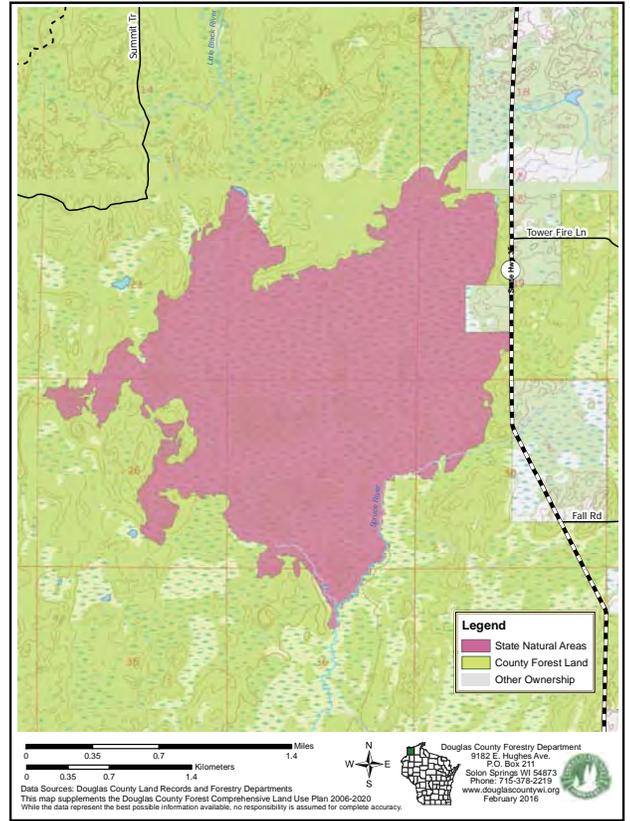
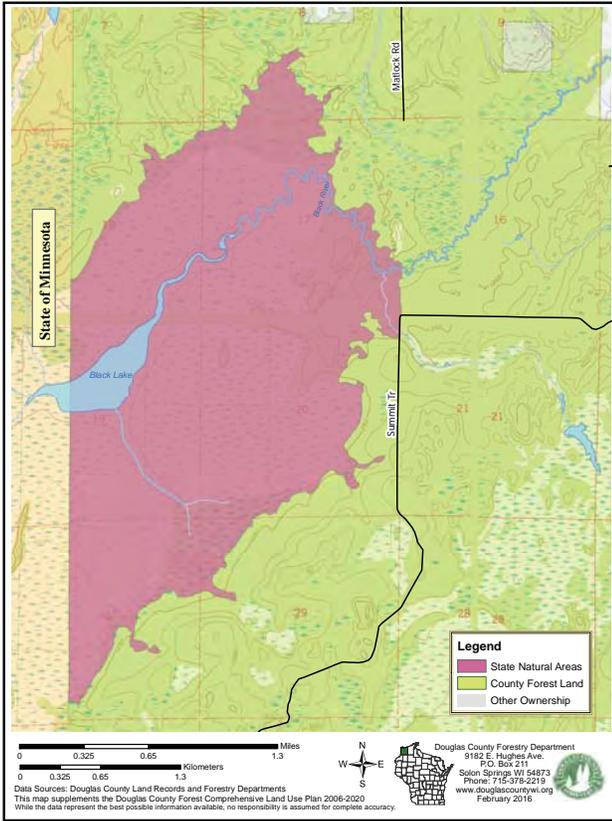
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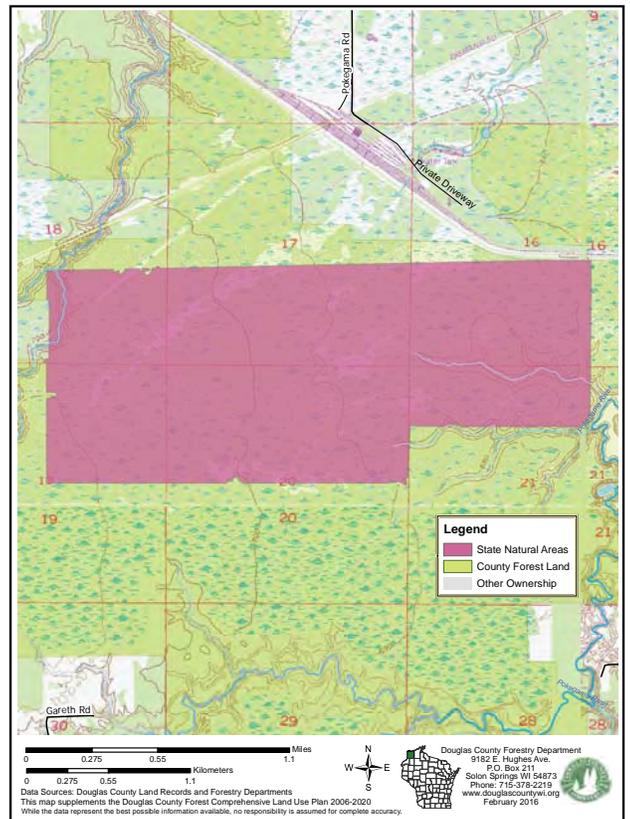
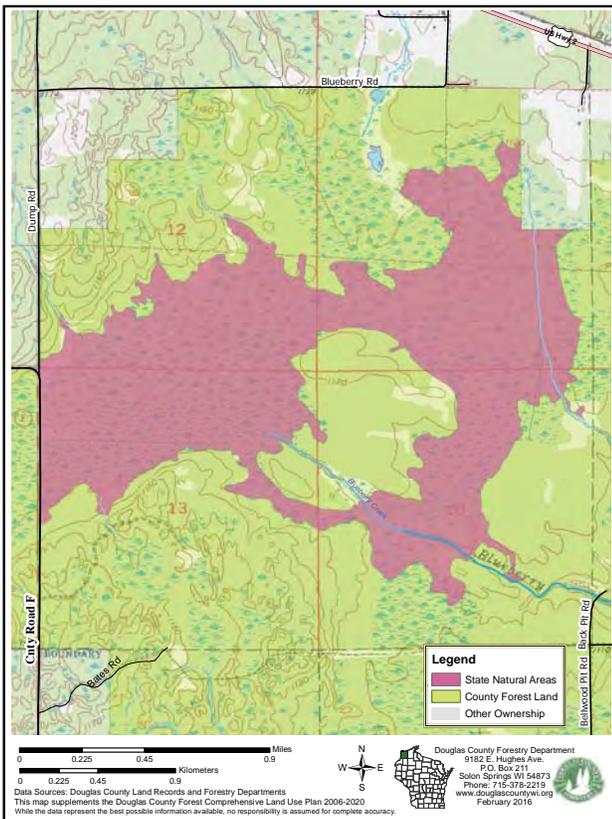
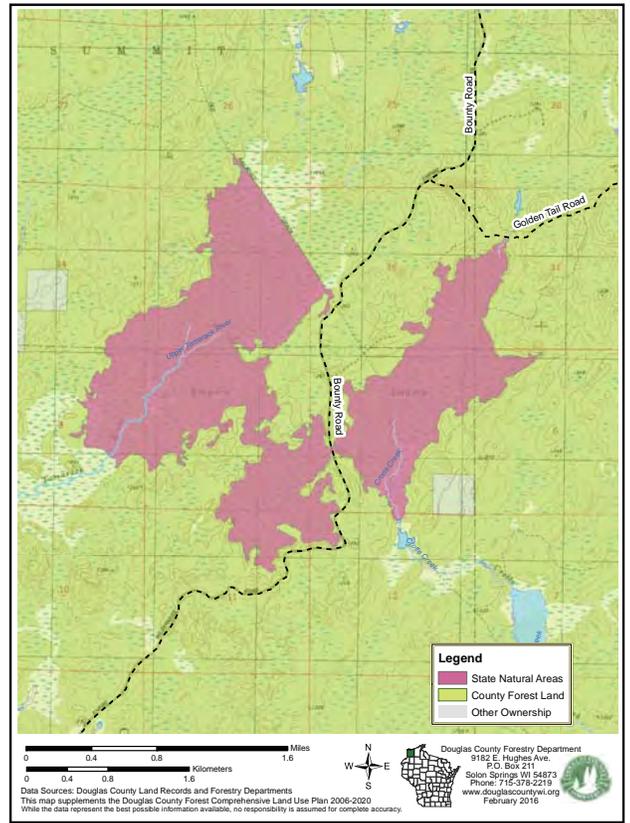
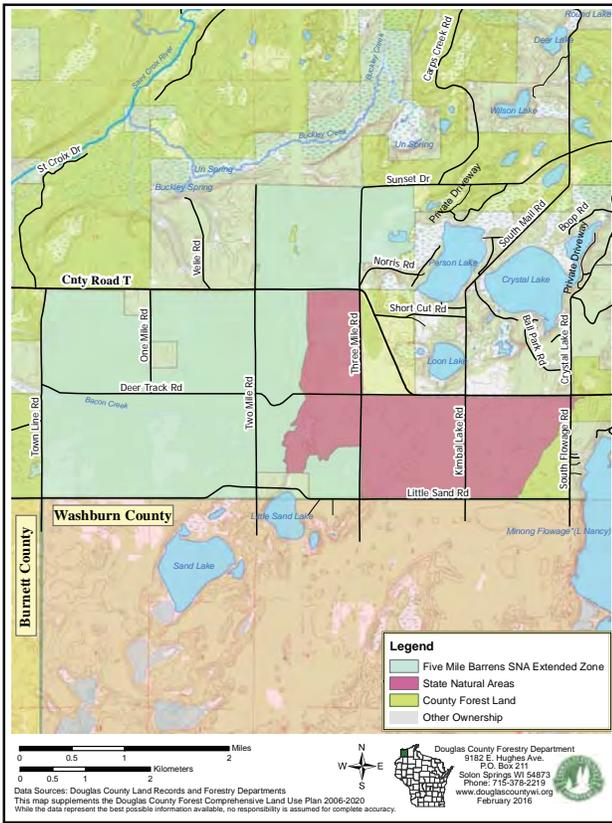


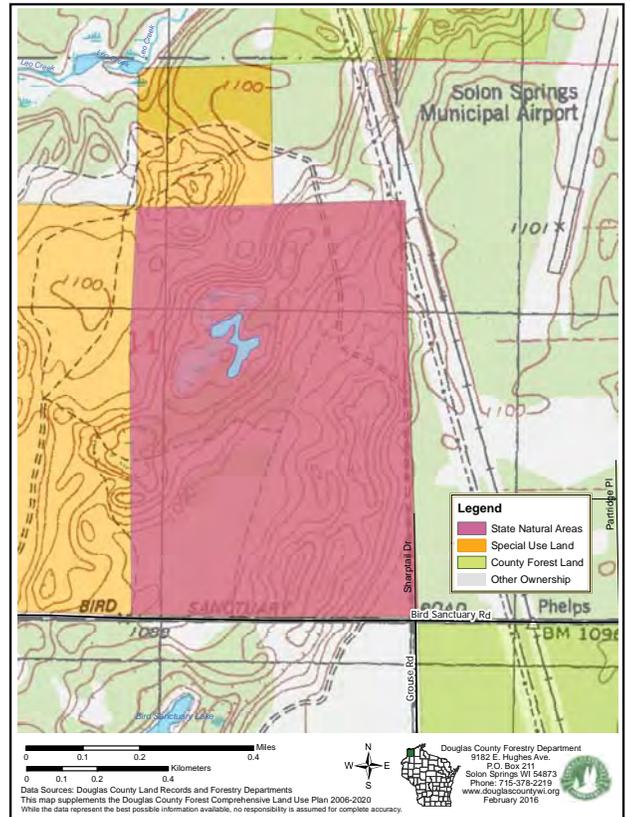
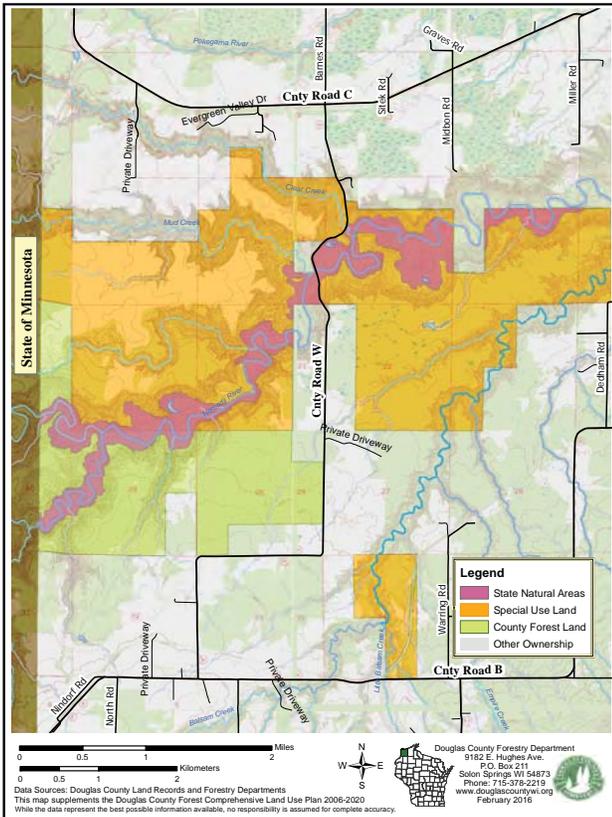
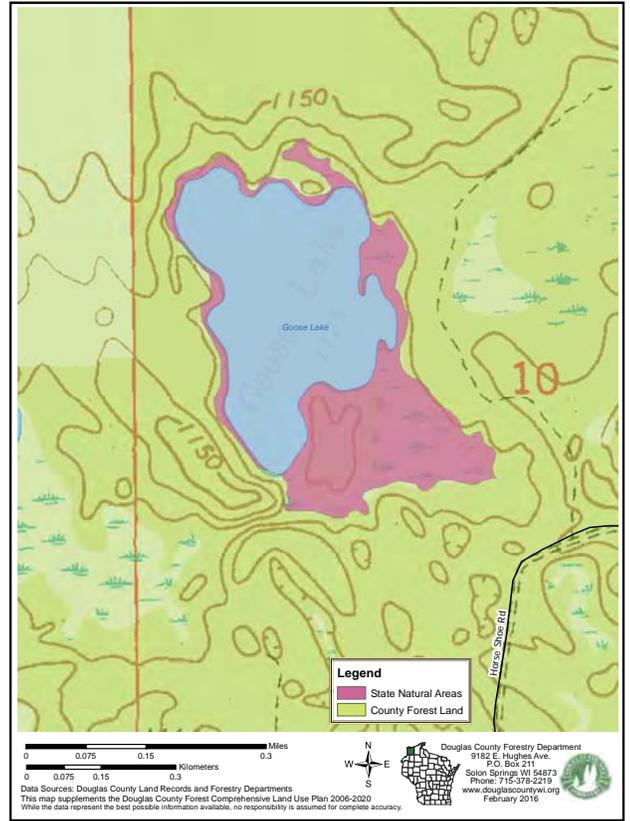
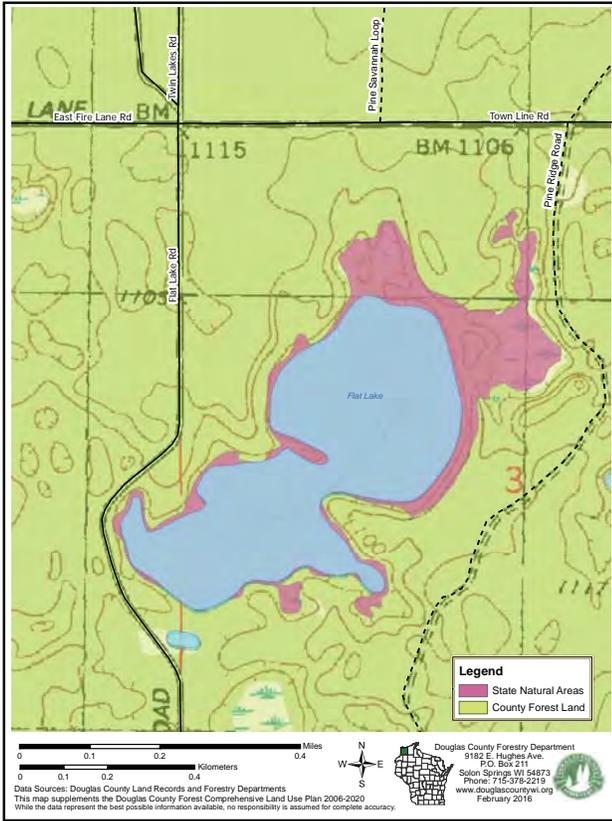
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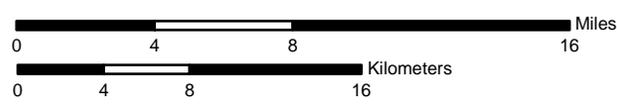
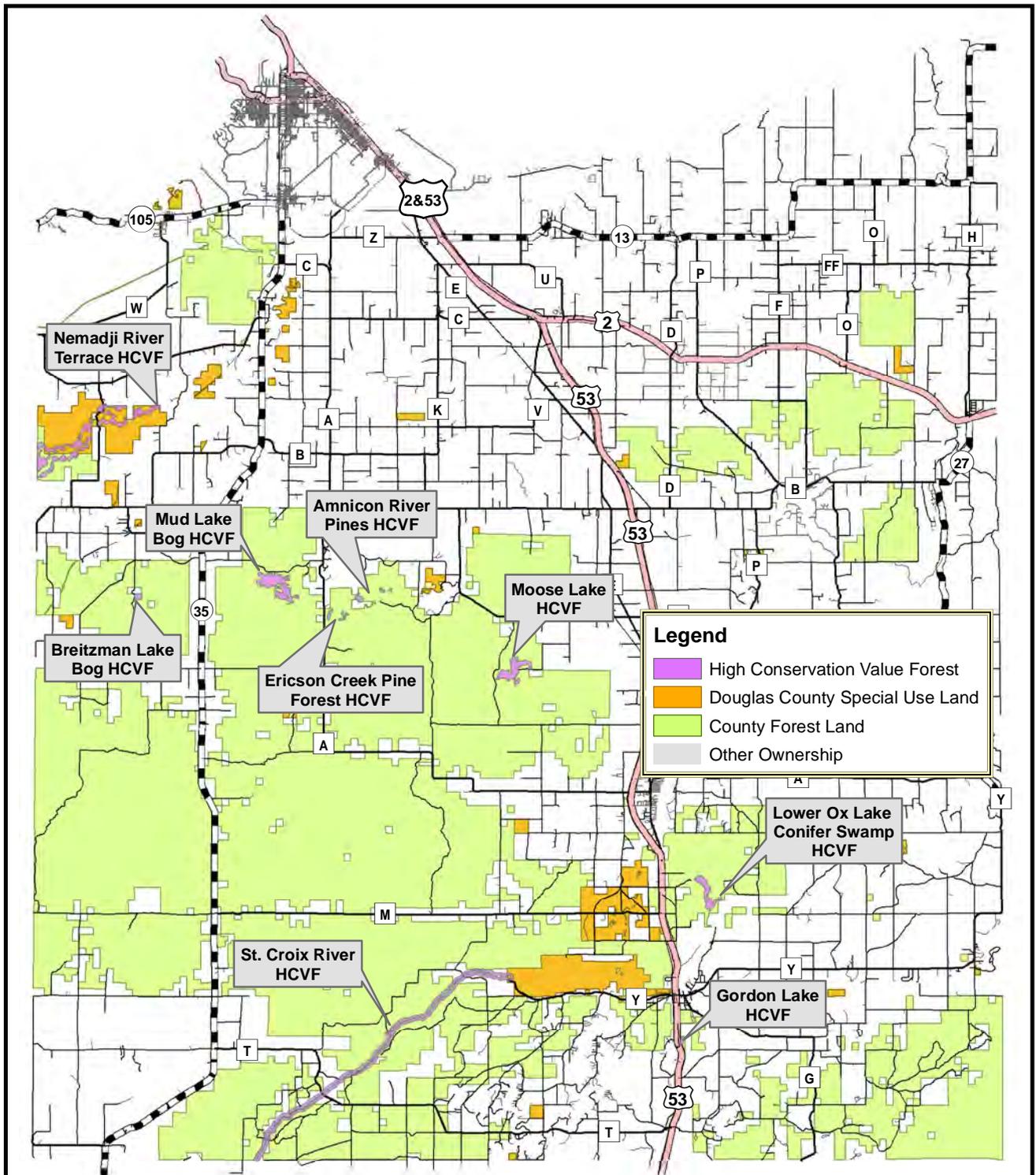








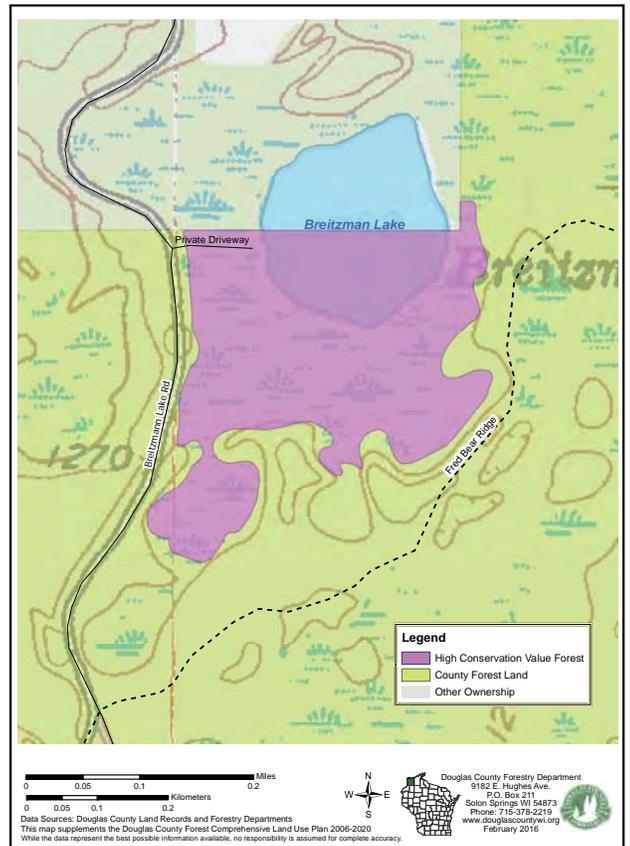
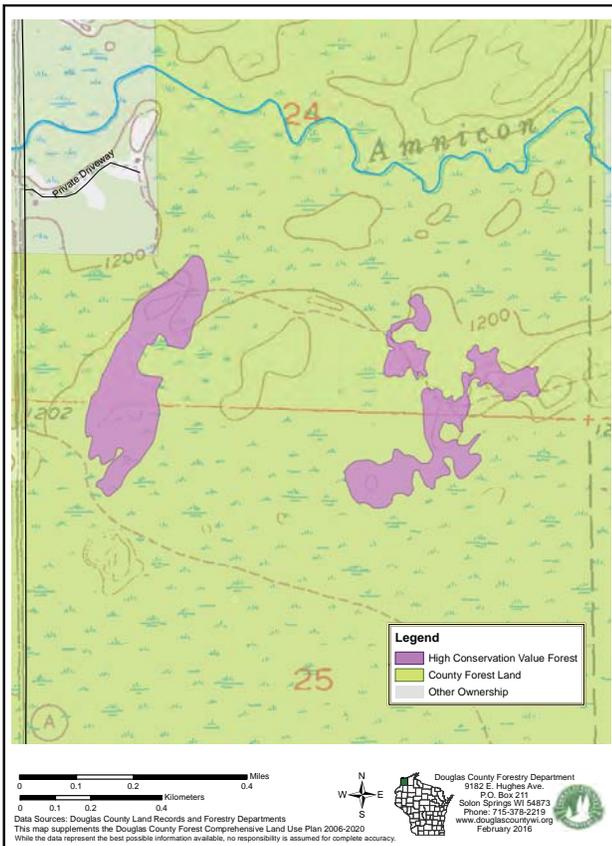
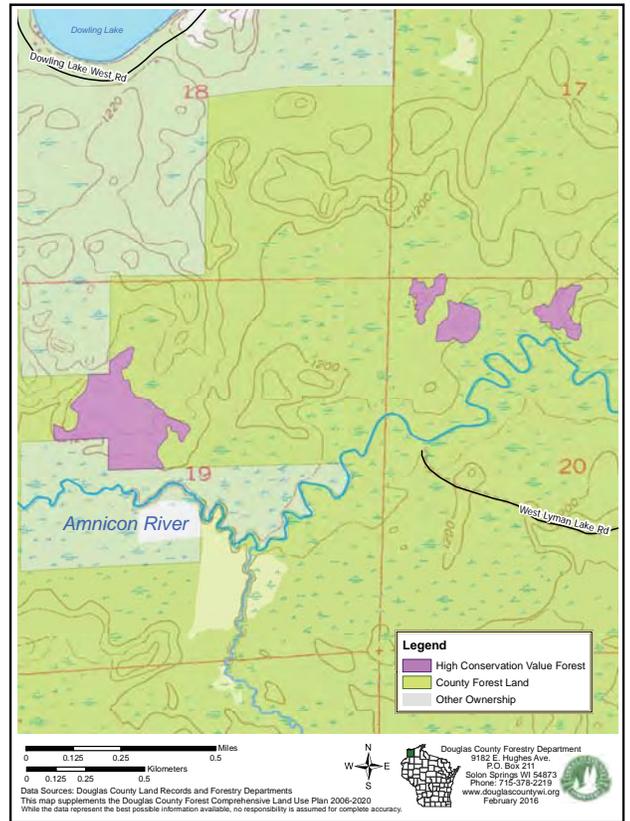
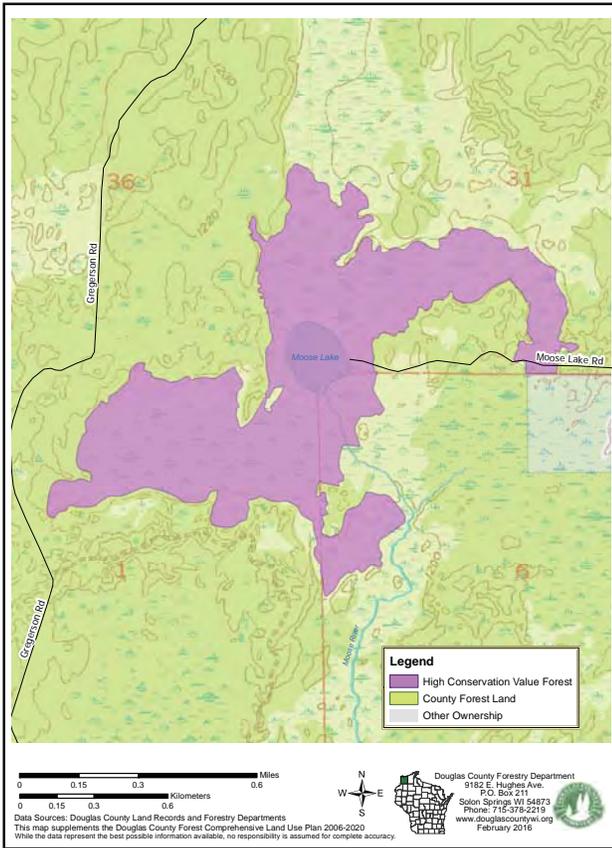


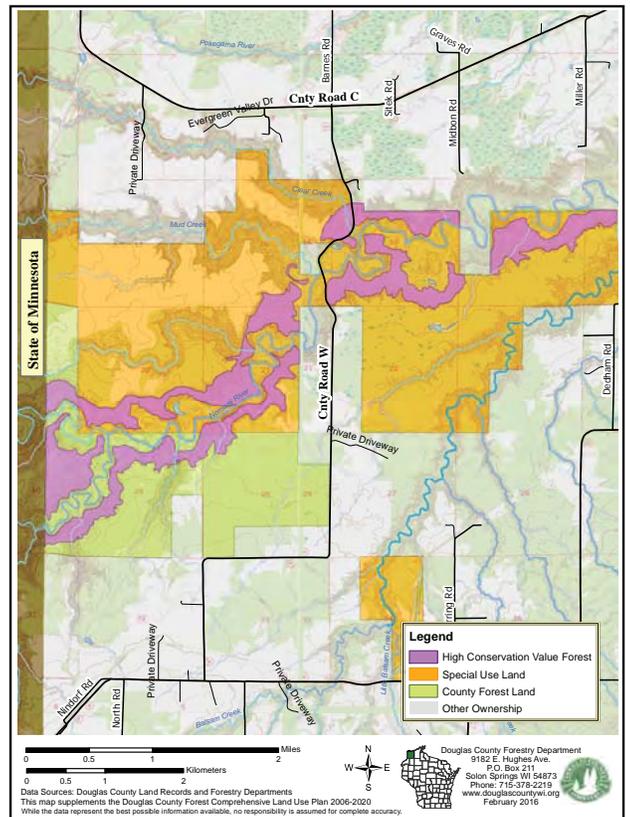
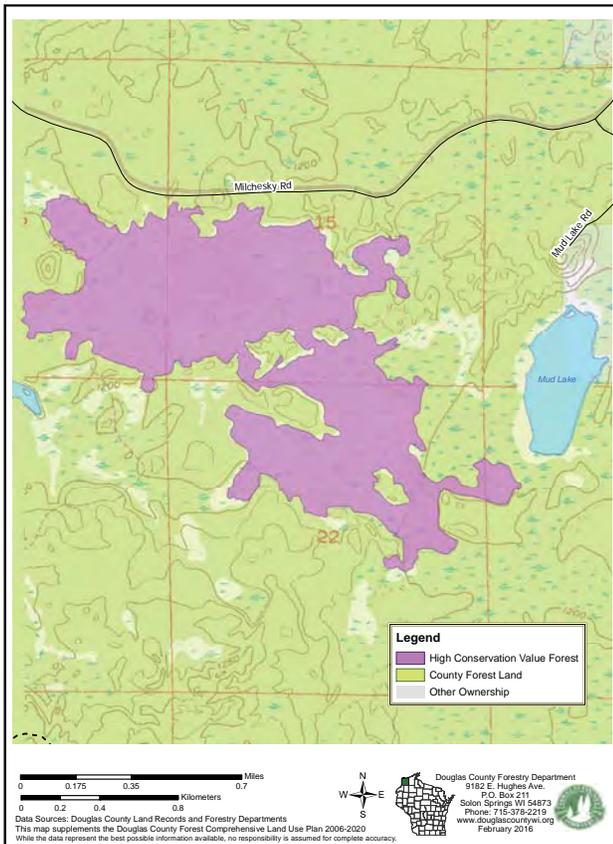
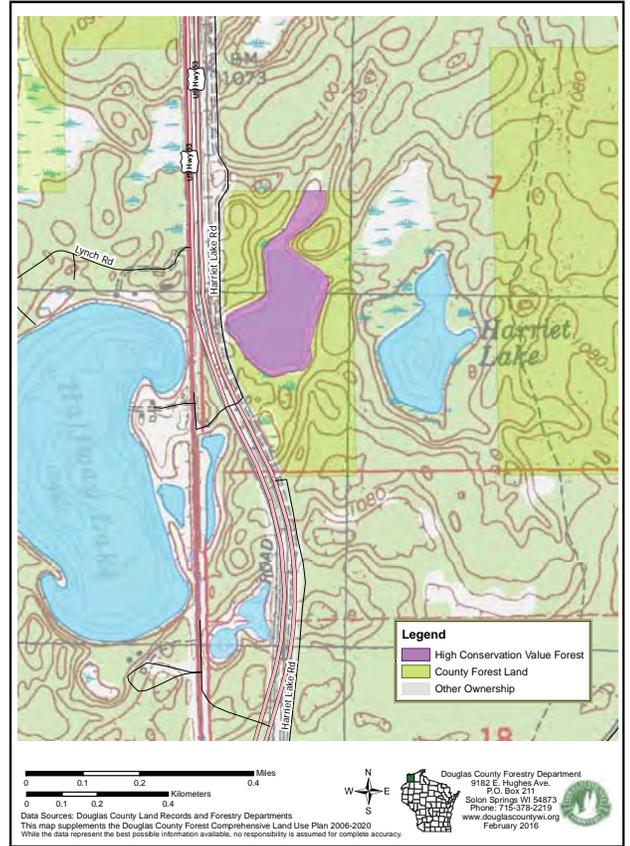
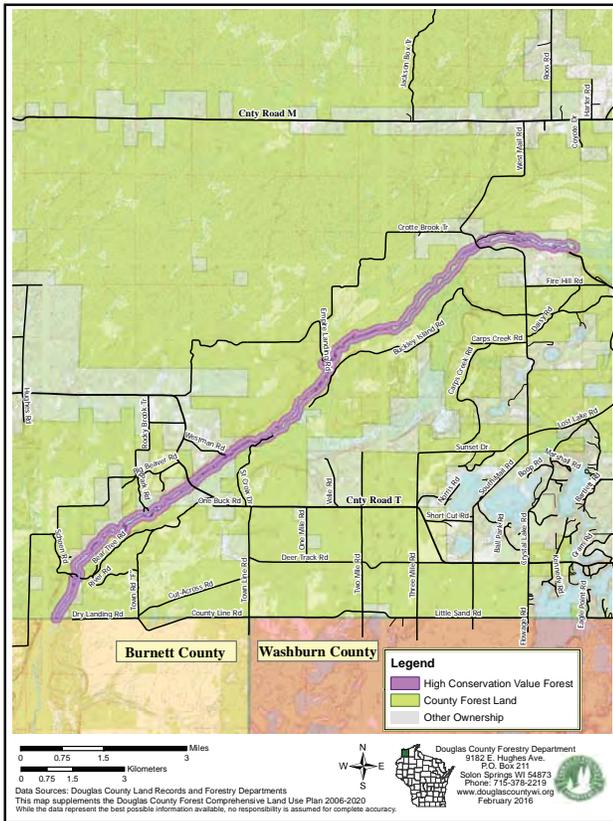


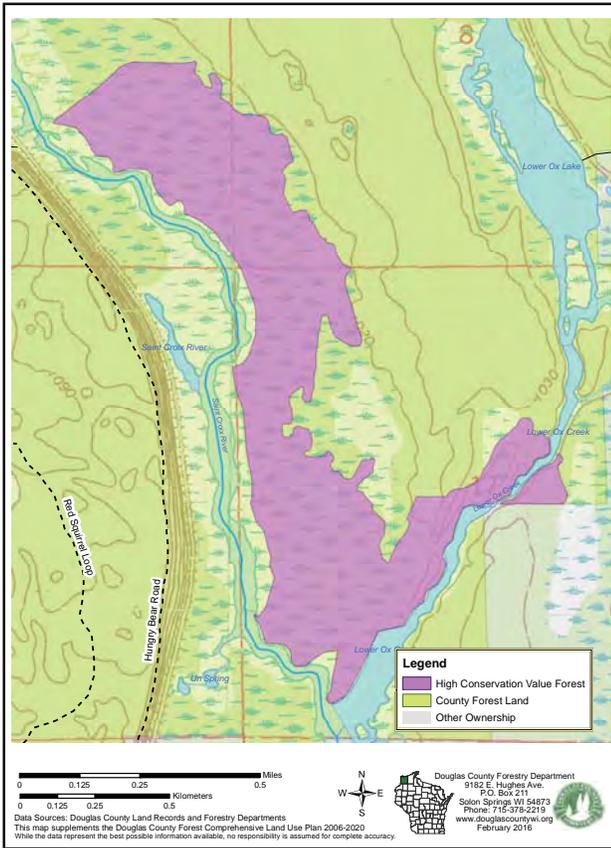
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Data Sources: Douglas County Land Records and Forestry Departments
 This map supplements the Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2006-2020
 While the data represent the best possible information available, no responsibility is assumed for complete accuracy.







Five Mile Barrens Forest Management Plan

Property Identifier

Douglas County Forest – Five Mile Barrens State Natural Area

County: **Douglas**

Designated SNA Acreage: **1699**

Forestry Property Code: **1600 – compartment 230 and portion of compartments 229, 233, and 234.**

Management Plan Date:

Part 1: Property Assessment

General Property Description

- Landscape and regional context

Five Mile Barrens is located in the Northwest Sands Ecological Landscape and Landtype Association 212Ka06 Bayfield Level Barrens. The site is in the center of the Northwest Sands – Pine Barrens Conservation Opportunity Area. This site is also at the core of the Namekagon – Solon Springs Important Bird Area. Within the NW Sands Habitat Corridor this site is perfectly positioned between the Namekagon Barrens and the Douglas County Wildlife Areas core barrens properties.

This area lies near the center of the Northwest Sands ecological landscape. The topographic relief is rolling outwash plain with extensive flat areas, especially along river ways. These rolling uplands consist of native and restored pine barrens, with patches of grassland interspersed with groves of jack pine and red pine. The flat basins are vegetated with wiregrass sedges for the most part. Some red pine plantation and swamp conifers also are present.

- History of Land Use and Past Management

The site was part of the Five Mile Tower Fire that burned in the summer of 1977. This catastrophic fire burned --- acres in total with the Five Mile Barrens near the midpoint of the fires path. This fire in typical wild fire fashion burned some areas to the point of soil sterilization, whereas in some areas patches of unburned vegetation escaped the conflagration.

Site Specifics

Five Mile Barrens is dominated by jack pine with small inclusions of scrub oak that originated from the fire of 1977. A few stands originated in 1981 as a result of post fire timber management. A small area originated in 1995, and an area of 7 acres had its origin in 1943. The remaining acreage is a red pine plantation that was planted in 2001 and inclusions of sedge meadow (keg).

State Natural Area designation - If approved by Douglas County, the entire management area would be designated as a State Natural Area.

Five Mile Barrens Forest Management Plan

- High Value Conservation Forests (HCVF) or other resources/natural community types limited in the landscape – Douglas County could list this land as High Conservation Value Forest for the purposes of forest certification.
- Biotic Inventory status- A plant list was developed in September 2012.
- Rare species – Dwarf milkweed was found on site in September 2012
- Invasive species
 - Spotted knapweed is found throughout the site, but presently limited to road and trail sides.
 - Orange Hawkweed is sparsely found in the same areas as knapweed.
- Soils – Sandy and sandy loam soils of variable particle sizes predominate on the outwash sands.

Cultural and Recreational Considerations

- Cultural and archeological sites (including tribal sites)

There are no archaeological or historic records found in the Department's database.

Part 2: Management Components

Management Objectives:

Manage the site to represent the full-range of barrens successional stages and diverse habitats in a landscape context. This "rolling barrens" would not be managed as the early successional barrens that can be found in the nearby Namekagon Barrens. This site will be managed in a shifting mosaic of timber harvest providing open habitats of regenerating forest and over time, multiple age classes of pine.

- 1) Pine Barrens
 - a. Provide rolling barrens habitats while regenerating Pine Barrens forests at a landscape scale conducive to species requiring large habitat blocks.
 - b. Restore stand origin diversity to the jack pine stands that originated in the 1977 wild fire.
 - c. Utilize appropriate mechanical soil disturbance methods to attain natural regeneration where practical. Consideration will be given to methods causing the least soil disturbance when practical.
 - d. Strive to keep invasive species populations and their expansion to a minimum noting that Douglas County has a local ordinance that restricts the use of chemical herbicide treatments
- 2) Pine Plantation
 - a. Consider landscape objectives while planning harvests; where feasible enhance the scale of adjoining block habitats.
 - b. After last entry, the site will be evaluated and priority given to promoting a stand or mixed stand of jack pine, red pine and/or oak species. Existing natural regeneration will be used if possible.
 - c. Restore ground layer composition by removing invasive shrubs through mechanical or prescribed fire means.
- 3) Sedge Meadow (Keg)
 - a. Maintain.
 - b. Consider running fire through the sedge meadow, if deemed safe.

Five Mile Barrens Forest Management Plan

Management Prescriptions:

A 340 acre block of county land was recently salvage cut and planted to jack pine, contiguous with the western boundary of the Five Mile Barrens. This presents an opportunity to conduct the initial harvests adjacent to this block and generally continue to the east and south over time creating a shifting mosaic of rolling barrens.

Site preparation efforts will be primarily mechanical. Prescribed fire will be considered as an alternative method for the area located east of Three Mile Road, where practical.

Since the entire Five Mile Barrens SNA has the same soil type this will provide a great comparison of site preparation effectiveness for pine stand re-establishment.

Jack Pine - Oak – Conduct timber harvests as the primary tool to maintain pine barrens at the landscape scale.

- To promote more stand origin diversity, divide the stands into smaller stands and accelerate harvest on approximately 1/3 of the 1977 origin acres. Add on to the original 340 acres by harvesting the western and northern most stands first. The assemblage of harvests/regenerating stands over time will provide a landscape scale rolling barrens of at least 640 acres. This acceleration could be between two and ten years early depending on the condition of the stand.
- Delay harvest on 1/3 of the western 1977 origin stands by a similar two to ten years for the same reason.
- Rejuvenate the ground layer composition by either conducting a low intensity prescribed fire or using mechanical means to break up Pennsylvania sedge sod.
- In large stands, leave limited small patches of trees in low areas or other locations that will not cause visual barriers blocking the view shed. Limit retention of shade tolerant species.
- Harvest smaller stands completely, as preferred by wildlife species adapted to open barrens. Do not leave visual barriers that block the view shed in small harvest areas.
- Prescribed fire could be conducted in fall with lower temperatures and higher humidity rather than similar burns conducted in spring. Also, the volatility of fuels would be reduced during this fall time period. The first burn should be small and well publicized to address concerns of neighbors.
- If adequate regeneration is not found within a suitable time frame, supplemental planting via hand planting or direct seeding will be considered.
- Post-harvest, monitor for ground layer diversity. In 2013, Preliminary surveys recorded nearly 75 native barrens ground layer species. The long-term goal is to maintain at least this diversity and have less than 5% coverage by invasive plant species.
- DNR staff will conduct bird monitoring surveys to assess the usage of different successional stages by birds. A survey once every five years would presumably be adequate.

Pine plantation

- Consider landscape objectives while planning harvests; where feasible enhance the scale of adjoining block habitats, including salvage cuts.
- Upon last entry to remove the final trees, decide whether to work with existing natural regeneration, or use an artificial means to reforest the site.

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Trails and Roadsides – A popular year-round motorized recreational trail (ATV, UTV, snowmobile) runs across the entire southern half of the area and is frequently used by the public. Trail improvements and/or developments can occur as deemed necessary and appropriate by the County. Utilize trails and roadsides as haul roads and landing areas during harvests. Thereafter, reseed if necessary with native species. DNR staff will periodically monitor and control, if necessary, invasive exotic species to keep under 5% coverage. Control can be via any method found in the DNR invasive species guidance documents and supported by the County. Herbicides used can only be those approved on the FSC list of approved pesticides. The DNR recognizes that Douglas County has an ordinance that restricts the use of chemical herbicide treatments.

Approvals:

Northwest District Ecologist Date

DNR Liaison Forester Date

Natural Heritage Conservation Bureau Director Date

Douglas County Forest Administrator Date

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**RESOLUTION #17-16
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Donation of Land for County Forest

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee, recommends accepting approximately 80.00 acres of land proposed for donation by Peter M. Linstroth to meet objectives of the Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2006-2020, and

WHEREAS, the property is described as follows:

The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW¼ SE¼) and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW¼ SE¼), Section 28, Township 44 North, Range 15 West, Town of Dairyland, Douglas County, Wisconsin (PIN #DA0100118400 and #DA0100118500).

WHEREAS, said property is further described in Exhibit D-3-16, and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this property will perpetually provide opportunities to supply the local economy with forest products and generate revenues to the county, provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, improve access opportunities to adjacent lands, protect approximately 1,900 feet of undeveloped river frontage, conserve exceptional ecological and biological attributes, and preserve blocking of public lands open to public use, and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire said property for the purpose of establishing County Forest Land pursuant to §59.52(6) and 28.10 Wis. Stats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves accepting approximately 80.00 acres of land proposed for donation by Peter M. Linstroth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the donated property herein described be applied for regular lands entry under the Wisconsin County Forest Law.

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BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee is directed to forward said application for entry to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for approval.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Increase Forestry Fixed Assets; increase Forestry Contributed Capital Revenue)

EXHIBIT D-3-16

RESOLUTION #17-16

Donation of Land from Peter M. Linstroth for
County Forest

Presented by Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee

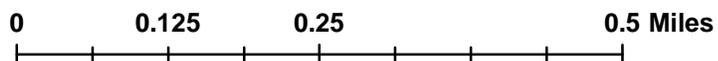
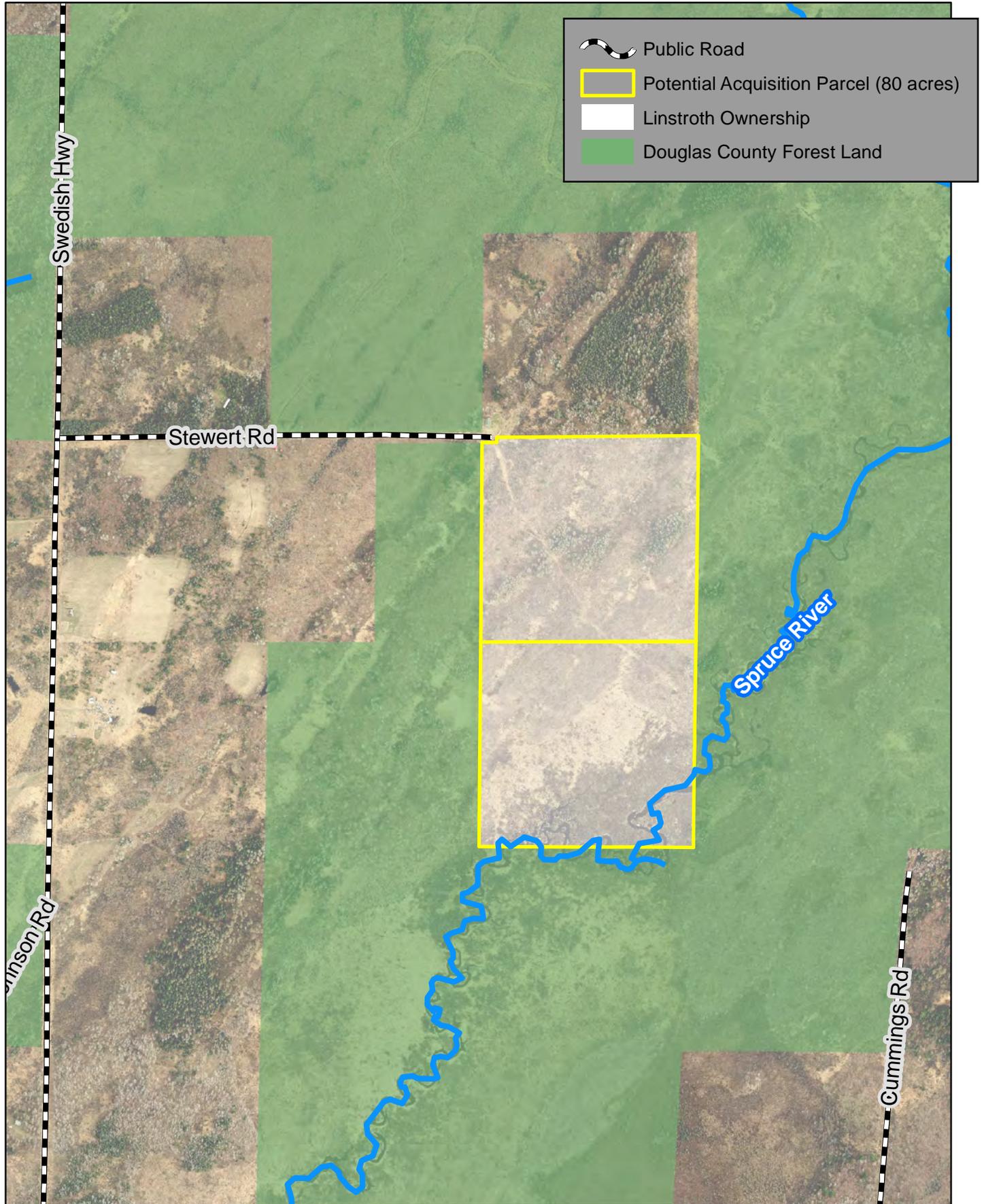


DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 17, 2016

LINSTROTH LAND DONATION PROJECT

NWSE & SWSE, Section 28, T44N - R15W, Town of Dairyland, Douglas County, Wisconsin



**RESOLUTION #18-16
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Uniform Regulations for Tree Stand Use on Public Lands

WHEREAS, currently there is no uniform regulations in place regarding tree stand use on County owned lands, WDNR owned or managed lands, and/or National Forest Lands in Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, neighboring states of Minnesota, Michigan, and Iowa all allow for overnight placement of tree stands on public land, and

WHEREAS, seventeen (17) of the twenty-nine (29) counties with County Forest lands allow for the overnight placement of tree stands on public County Forest lands, and

WHEREAS, the overnight placement of portable, non-permanent tree stands on County Forest lands in Bayfield County and Douglas County during the time period of September 1st to January 1st or 31st has resulted in minimal to no complaints for law enforcement officers, and

WHEREAS, concerns from WDNR staff regarding the perceived need to invest increasing amounts of time in mediating user disputes over hunting locations and the potential for an increase in hunter conflict in the field if tree stands are allowed overnight on WDNR owned or managed lands do not appear to be justified, and

WHEREAS, daily placement of portable, non-permanent tree stands has led to a number of injuries that could be reduced by allowing longer-term, overnight placement; the average age of hunters is increasing and requiring daily placement of tree stands contributes to increased safety risks and endurance concerns, and

WHEREAS, longer-term, overnight placement of portable, non-permanent tree stands on public land is performed by the user with the understanding that use of these tree stands is not exclusively reserved to the owner or the individual placing the stand, and

WHEREAS, in the 2009 Spring Hearing Questionnaire the Wisconsin Conservation Congress asked an advisory question to allow unattended tree stands on State lands that was supported by a vote of 4,624 Ayes and 2,013 Noes; demonstrating clear support

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for changing the current tree stand use regulations on State lands, and

WHEREAS, the Fish and Game League of Douglas County supports Question #1 included in the April 2016 Department of Natural Resources Annual Spring Fish & Wildlife Public Hearing. Question #1 states: “...allowing the unattended, overnight placement of portable stands and blinds on department owned and managed lands located north of State Hwy. 64 beginning on September 1 and continuing through January 31.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby supports and endorses changing the tree stand use regulations to allow for the longer-term, overnight placement of portable, non-permanent tree stands on WDNR owned or managed lands located north of State Highway 64.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby requests an endorsement from the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation during their 2016 Annual Meeting to support allowing for the longer-term, overnight placement of portable, non-permanent tree stands on WDNR owned or managed lands located north of State Highway 64.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby supports Question #1 included in the April 2016 Department of Natural Resources Annual Spring Fish & Wildlife Public Hearing.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, the Douglas County Clerk forward copies of this resolution to all other Wisconsin Counties north of State Highway 64 (Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Dunn, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Vilas, and Washburn), all additional Wisconsin Counties containing County Forest lands (Clark, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau, Marathon, Monroe, Vernon, and Wood), State Senator Janet Bewley, State Representatives Nick Milroy and Beth Meyers, WDNR Secretary Cathy Stepp, WDNR Deputy Secretary Kurt Thiede, WDNR Secretary’s Director John Gozdziwski, WDNR Legislative Liaison Tim Gary, WDNR Chief Warden Todd Schaller, Wisconsin Conservation Congress, Wisconsin Conservation Congress Douglas County Delegate

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Chairman, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, Fish and Game League of Douglas County, and the Wisconsin County Forest Association.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

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**RESOLUTION #19-16
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: WDNR Grant Programs Participation Authorized
(Snowmobile and ATV Trails)

WHEREAS, Douglas County is interested in maintaining, acquiring, insuring, or developing lands for public outdoor motorized trail use, and

WHEREAS, said public motorized trails are eligible for funds under Section 23.09(26) (snowmobile) or Section 23.33 (all-terrain vehicle) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby authorizes Douglas County's application for funds under Section 23.09(26) or Section 23.33 of the Wisconsin Statutes, for such eligible maintenance, acquisition, insurance, rehabilitation, and/or development costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mark Schroeder, Douglas County Forestry Department, or designee, be hereby authorized to act on behalf of Douglas County as signatory on all grant applications and related documents submitted to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available, and to take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete any approved projects.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

RESOLUTION #20-16
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation State Natural Areas Program for designation of Wisconsin State Natural Areas

WHEREAS, Douglas County has lands enrolled in the County Forest program, pursuant to §28.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, commonly referred to as the Douglas County Forest, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of Supervisors on March 20, 2008, adopted resolution #18-08 approving the Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan for a period encompassing 2006-2020, and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forest contains many special resources with rare qualities and exceptional features that are unique at the local, regional, or national scale, and

WHEREAS, the WDNR has a statutory program to establish a system of State Natural Areas (§23.27 and 23.28 Wis. Stats.) devoted to the protection of biological communities, rare species, and other significant natural features native to the state for the purpose of scientific research, environmental education and, most importantly, for the preservation of Wisconsin's biological diversity for this and future generations, and

WHEREAS, participation in said State Natural Areas Program requires a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the WDNR Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation defining the criteria for such participation as required under §23.28(1) Wis. Stats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the WDNR Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation to participate in said State Natural Areas Program as referenced herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 530.1 (Wisconsin State Natural Areas) and Chapter 900 (Appendixes) of the Comprehensive Land Use-Plan 2006-2020 be amended as referenced herein and set forth in Exhibits E-3-16.

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BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee is directed to forward said amendment to the WDNR for approval.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: None)

EXHIBIT E-3-16

RESOLUTION #20-16

Memorandum of Understanding with Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Natural
Heritage Conservation – State Natural Areas Program

Presented by Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee



DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 17, 2016

CHAPTER 500 AMENDMENT
DOUGLAS COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND-USE PLAN 2006-2020
LAND MANAGEMENT AND USE

530 SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS

530.1 Wisconsin State Natural Areas

Douglas County manages a variety of areas high in significant biological diversity including, Wisconsin State Natural Areas (SNA), which reflect the wealth and variety of the State's native landscape. They contain outstanding examples of native biotic communities and often are the last refuges in the State for rare and endangered plant and animal species. The SNA program works with counties to further recognize outstanding native biotic communities that the counties currently are managing as exceptional areas. SNA are unique in that they can be stand-alone properties or be designated within the boundaries of another property type. Douglas County maintains its land ownership, management, and decision-making authority, but with cooperative recognition of these sites, the County can enhance its ability to provide a broader range of opportunities on the County Forest. [See the Appendices for the memorandum of understanding \(MOU\) for the designation of Wisconsin State Natural Areas on the Douglas County Forest.](#) This MOU was in effect at the time this Plan was approved and is included as an unofficial reference. Contact the DCFD for a current version of the agreement between Douglas County and the WDNR.

CHAPTER 900 AMENDMENT

DOUGLAS COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND-USE PLAN 2006-2020

APPENDICES

CHAPTER 900: Appendices *(Included in a separately bound document)*

915 Memorandums of Understanding

MOU for Fire Suppression Services Agreement Appendix U-I

MOU for Designation of Wisconsin State Natural Areas Appendix U-IA *(new)*

Memorandum of Understanding

By and Between

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation
State Natural Areas Program
and
Douglas County Forestry Department

for the designation of Wisconsin State Natural Areas

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by and between the State Natural Areas Program in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation, hereinafter called the “DNR”, and the Douglas County Forestry Department, hereinafter called the “County”, for the purpose of designating Wisconsin State Natural Areas on Douglas County lands.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the DNR has a statutory program to establish a system of State Natural Areas (§23.27 and 23.28 Wis. Stats.) devoted to the protection of ecological communities, rare species, and other significant natural features native to the state for the purpose of scientific research, environmental education and for the preservation of Wisconsin’s biological diversity for this and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the County owns and manages land, recognized by the DNR as being of statewide significance, meeting the criteria for State Natural Area designation, and containing outstanding natural features further described in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to work in partnership with state agencies in the acquisition, protection, and stewardship of natural resources; and the County has voluntarily expressed its willingness, wholly of their own free will, to participate in the DNR’s State Natural Areas Program; and

WHEREAS, the designation of these lands as Wisconsin State Natural Areas will further the mutual goal of the DNR and the County to protect the unique natural features of Wisconsin and Douglas County for the people of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, the DNR and the County hereto enter into this Memorandum of Understanding and mutually agree to the following:

1. The DNR shall officially designate the sites described in Exhibit A as Wisconsin State Natural Areas and accept them into the State Natural Areas system as authorized under §23.28(1) Stats. The locations of the sites are depicted on the project boundary maps and in the legal descriptions contained in Exhibit A.

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2. The County shall voluntarily recognize the designation of these lands as State Natural Areas and provide, to the best of its ability, the ongoing stewardship of the natural values of these State Natural Areas in accordance with individual property management plans prepared jointly by the County and the DNR. The property management plans are part of this Memorandum of Understanding and are filed with the County and the DNR's Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation in Madison, Wisconsin.
3. Unless specifically identified and described in any of individual property management plans, the County reserves the right to implement sustainable forest management practices on any and all of these lands to the fullest extent necessary as determined by itself, including but not limited to, timber harvesting, forest improvement activities, reforestation practices, timber access road construction, etc.
4. The County and the DNR shall monitor the ecological status and human uses of these State Natural Areas and take those actions necessary to assure the lasting protection of their natural values.
5. The DNR and the County shall review all requests for conducting formal research or collecting specimens at these State Natural Areas. Researchers shall possess a valid research permit issued by the DNR or the County.
6. The DNR shall assemble information on the natural features of these State Natural Areas, host a web page containing a description and map of each site, and acknowledge the cooperation of the County in any reports and publications.
7. This Memorandum of Understanding shall not be construed as requiring the expenditure of public funds by either the DNR or the County. All obligations of the DNR are subject to legislative appropriations.
8. Both the DNR and the County mutually agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding, wholly of their own free will, and throughout the entire term of this agreement the County shall retain the exclusive right to call for modifications to this agreement and/or to the individual property management plans or for full termination of the same, in whole or in part, as deemed essential and necessary by itself for any and all purposes. Any such modification and/or termination as called for by the County shall not subject the County to any penalty or consequence and the DNR agrees to hold the County harmless for the same.
9. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective and remain in effect from the date of signature until terminated by either the DNR or the County following 60 days notice in writing to either the DNR or the County and an opportunity for negotiation of a new agreement between the parties.

EXHIBIT A

Descriptions and maps of State Natural Areas designated under this Memorandum of Understanding.

1. **Belden Swamp**

Belden Swamp is a huge wetland straddling the divide between two major watersheds. It forms the headwaters of the Spruce River, which flows south into the Mississippi River watershed; and the Black River, which flows north into the Lake Superior drainage basin. The wetland complex contains the largest remaining undisturbed open bog in Wisconsin, along with an extensive muskeg, northern wet forest and a zone of shrubby, emergent aquatic vegetation surrounding the wetland. The thinly timbered muskeg contains stunted black spruce and tamarack with ericaceous shrubs, and sedges over a carpet of Sphagnum moss. Other parts of the site are quite open with abundant wire-leaved sedges and a low growth of bog birch and ericads, including bog laurel and bog rosemary. A dense conifer swamp of black spruce and tamarack, recovering from long-ago logging, is found in the northeast corner of the site. The large size, isolated location, and roadless aspect provide excellent habitat for the resident pack of timber wolves. Also present are four rare species: LeConte's sparrow (*Ammodramus leconteii*), yellow-bellied flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*), northern harrier (*Circus cyaneus*) and the Jutta Arctic butterfly (*Oeneis jutta*). Other resident birds include palm, Nashville, and yellow warblers, savanna and Lincoln's sparrows, hermit thrush, veery, and sedge wren.

T45N-R14W, Secs 18, 19, and 30 (in part).

T45N-R15W, Secs 13, 23, 24, 25, and 26 (in part).

Containing 1,795 acres more or less.

2. **Black Lake Bog**

Located on end moraine, Black Lake Bog contains a vast, inaccessible, undisturbed wetland complex of bog lake, open bog, and northern wet forest, a community poorly represented in the younger drift-west zone. The open bog is dominated by leather-leaf with patches of bog-rosemary. Black spruce are scattered in the bog and are usually stunted but occasionally grow into a dense stand of full-sized trees. The bog and Black Lake form the headwaters of the Black River. Black Lake is entirely muck-bottomed and has a maximum depth of 4 feet, methyl purple alkalinity of 28 ppm, and a Secchi disk reading of 3 feet. Black River has a gradient of 22 feet/mile and methyl purple alkalinity of 41 ppm. The river below the outlet averages 2.5 cu. ft./sec. Wildlife found on the tract include waterfowl, great blue heron, beaver, and short-eared owl which may nest in the bog. Timber wolves also use the area.

T45N-R15W, Sec 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, and 30 (in part).

Containing 2,008 acres more or less.

3. Blueberry Swamp

The core of Blueberry Swamp holds mineral-rich waters, harbors a high quality forest of black ash and white cedar, and provides habitat for numerous rare plant and animal species, including a diverse array of orchids. Birds known to inhabit the area include Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Blue-headed Vireo, Golden-winged Warbler, Canada Warbler, and Evening Grosbeak. The relatively undisturbed core functions as an excellent ecological reference area, because this site has been rated one of the top hardwood swamps in all of northern Wisconsin.

T47N-R10W, Sections 7, 18 (in part).

T47N-R11W, Sections 12, 13 (in part).

Containing 864 acres more-or-less.

4. Empire Swamp

Empire Swamp is a large, undisturbed peatland that serves as the headwaters of the Tamarack River. The wetland is a combination of several natural communities of outstanding quality, including northern sedge meadow, northern wet forest, tamarack swamp, black ash swamp, alder thicket, open bog, and muskeg. The swamp harbors 11 rare bird species, including Osprey, Gray Jay, Merlin, and Black-backed Woodpecker. Bird diversity is exceptional, with 19 species of warbler present, including the highest known density of Golden-winged Warblers in the state. Five rare butterfly species are known from the site, including the Jutta Arctic, as well as nine rare plant species, among them Calypso, Dragon's Mouth, Hooker's Orchid, Sheathed Sedge, and Small Pyrola.

T44N-R13W, Section 6 (in part).

T44N-R14W, Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12 (in part).

T45N-R13W, Section 31 (in part).

T45N-R14W, Sections 26, 34, 35, 36 (in part).

Containing 1,570 acres more-or-less.

5. Ericson Creek Forest and Wetlands

Ericson Creek Forest and Wetlands harbors a rich combination of natural communities with a diverse composition of species. Ericson Creek forms a portion of the western boundary of the natural area before joining the Amnicon River on its journey to Lake Superior. An extensive northern sedge meadow parallels the creek and small pockets of cedar swamp (northern wet-mesic forest) are located along the eastern boundary. The principal feature is the 500-acre open Sphagnum bog and associated muskeg of tamarack and black spruce. Imbedded in the wetland are upland islands containing boreal forest of white spruce and balsam fir and northern dry-mesic forest dominated by red and white pines. The southern portion of the area contains northern mesic forest of sugar maple, basswood and red oak. The natural area has had varying degrees of past disturbance, which has increased the amount of site heterogeneity and species

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diversity. The boreal forest was logged at the turn of the 20th century and has evidence of past fire while the second-growth mesic forest has a history of maple sugaring. The wetlands appear essentially undisturbed. Eighteen rare species have been identified in the natural area, including several birds, butterflies and plants. The threatened red-shouldered hawk has nested here as have several other bird species of special concern, including three-toed woodpecker, boreal chickadee, Swainson's thrush, LeConte's sparrow, great gray owl, northern harrier, and Connecticut, Cape May, and black-throated blue warblers. Four rare fritillary butterflies live here: bog fritillary (*Boloria eunomia*), freija fritillary (*Boloria freija*), frigga fritillary (*Boloria frigga*), and titania fritillary (*Boloria titania*). This is the only known location in the state for the titania fritillary. Rare plants growing here include the endangered small shin-leaf (*Pyrola minor*) and dragon's-mouth orchid (*Arethusa bulbosa*).

T45N-R13W, Sec 5 and 6 (in part).

T46N-R13W, Sec 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32 (in part).

Containing 2,505 acres more or less.

6. Five Mile Barrens

The Five Mile Barrens natural area is within the footprint of the so-called "Five Mile Tower Fire", a wild fire that burned in the summer of 1977. This catastrophic blaze burned over 13,000 acres in total. Five Mile Barrens lies near the midpoint of the fire's path. The site is dominated by jack pine with small inclusions of scrub oak that originated from the fire. The topographic relief is rolling outwash plain with extensive flat areas. Characteristic barrens plant species present include downy phlox, hoary puccoon, New Jersey tea, rough blazing star and the state-threatened dwarf milkweed.

T43N-R13W, Sec 28, 33, 34, and 35 (in part)

Containing 1,699 acres more-or-less

7. Flat Lake

Flat Lake features a shallow, soft water, seepage lake that has a fluctuating shoreline. The bottom is composed of muck and sand. Sedges and rushes dominate the emergent vegetation, while the submerged vegetation is lush and diverse. Trumpeter swans have nested here. Because the shallow lake contains no fish, it serves as an excellent site for the study of diverse aquatic insect and plant populations.

T44N-R11W, Sections 3, 4 (in part).

Containing 94 acres more-or-less.

8. Goose Lake

Goose Lake features a soft water, seepage lake with a fluctuating shoreline and emergent vegetation consisting of sedges and rushes. Twenty acres of high-quality northern sedge meadow adjoins the lakeshore. Rare species found here include Plantain Shoreweed, Ternate Grape Fern, Common Bog Arrow-Grass, and Blanding's Turtle. The lake provides makes an excellent location to study the ecological nature of fluctuating water levels on aquatic systems.

T43N-R10W, Section 10 (in part).
Containing 67 acres more-or-less.

9. Nemadji River Floodplain Forest

Nemadji River Floodplain Forest, along the banks of the Nemadji River, supports a type of forest unusual in composition and perhaps unique in the state. Floodplain forests are very rare along rivers flowing north into Lake Superior. The natural area lies in a steep-sided valley cut through the Lake Superior clay plain, on terraces about fifteen feet above normal water levels. The forest canopy is composed of black ash, green ash, basswood, red maple, silver maple, balsam poplar, American elm, and bur oak. Scattered conifers - white spruce, white cedar, white pine, and balsam fir - are also present in the canopy, making for an unusual mix of tree species. The deep, red clay alluvial soils support an herb layer that is exceptionally rich, with a species composition reminiscent of maple-basswood forests far to the south. Spring ephemerals and their associates are especially well-represented, and include sessile-leaved bellwort, downy yellow violet, tall meadow-rue, spring-beauty, bloodroot, yellow trout-lily, wild ginger, Dutchman's-breeches, cut-leaved toothwort, blue cohosh, wild leek, and American starflower. Resident birds include the common raven, Nashville warbler, northern waterthrush, red-eyed vireo, hermit and wood thrush, and rose-breasted grosbeak.

T48N-R14W, Sec 22, 23, 26, and 27 (in part).
Containing 320 acres more or less.

10. Pokegama Carnegie Wetlands

Pokegama Carnegie Wetlands is an excessively poorly-drained area of red clay flats in the headwaters of the Pokegama and Little Pokegama Rivers. It supports a wetland mosaic of shrub swamp, sedge meadow, emergent marsh, small ponds and tiny upland islets of white spruce, white pine, balsam fir, and trembling aspen. Of special significance are the many populations of rare plants occurring here in their highest concentration in the state. Among the rare species are Clustered Bur Reed, Floating Marsh Marigold, Neat Spike-Rush, Seaside Crowfoot, Small Yellow Water Crowfoot, Sweet Coltsfoot, and Water Starwort.

T48N-R14W, Section 16-21 (in part).
Containing 1,205 acres more-or-less.

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11. Solon Springs Sharptail Barrens

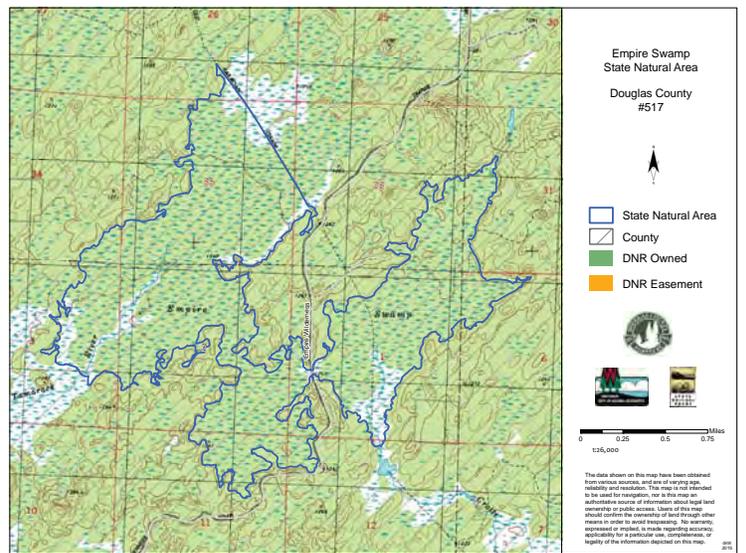
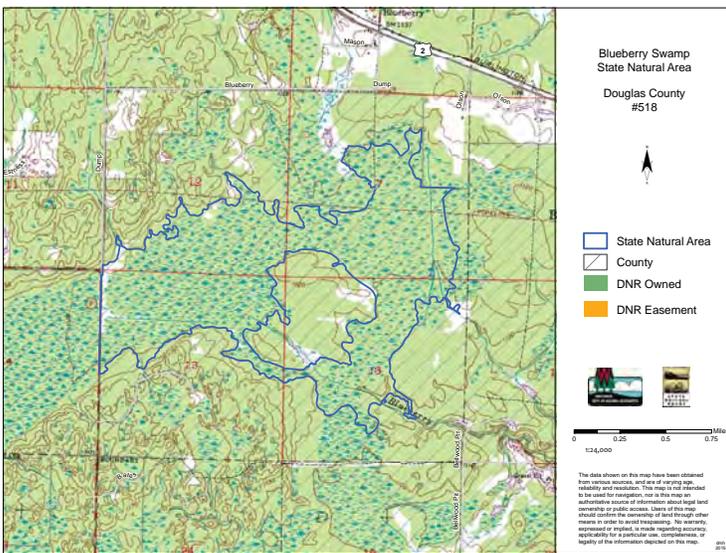
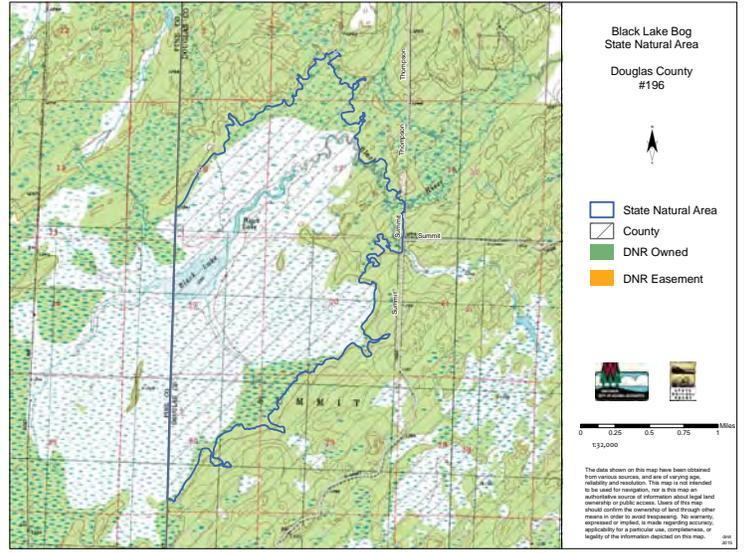
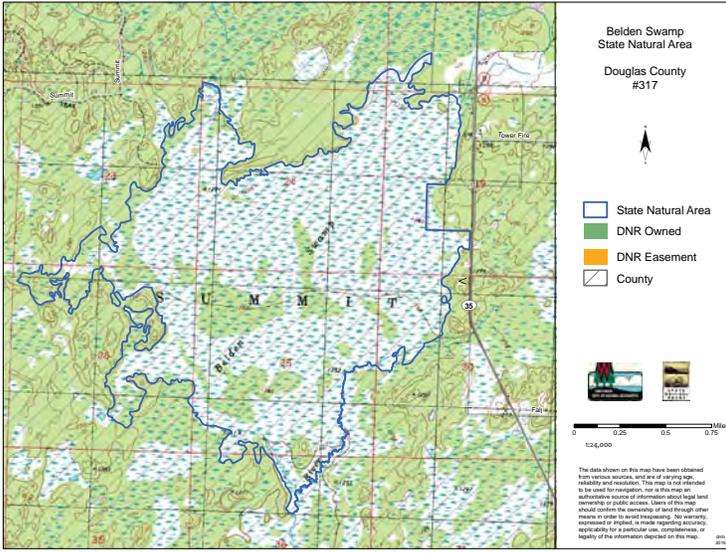
Situated on the rolling glacial outwash sand plain that extends from Burnett to Bayfield counties, Solon Springs Sharptail Barrens features a large pine barrens with widely scattered clumps of jack pine, pin oaks, bur oak grubs, and occasional red pine. The vegetation is characteristic of the presettlement vegetation that once covered much of northwestern Wisconsin. Maintained by fire, the barrens are one of the best sharp-tailed grouse habitats in Wisconsin. Shrubs present are sweet fern, blueberry, dewberry, New Jersey tea, hazelnut, willow, wild rose, chokecherry, and bearberry. Groundlayer species include big and little blue-stem, prairie alumroot, puccoon, Canada mayflower, wormwood, asters, and goldenrods. Bird life is dominated by species, which require extensive open landscapes including the rare sharp-tailed grouse (*Tympanuchus phasianella*), upland sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*), grasshopper sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*), Connecticut warbler (*Oporornis agilis*), and Tennessee warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*). Other birds include mourning dove, eastern towhee, Brewer's blackbird, and vesper and field sparrow.

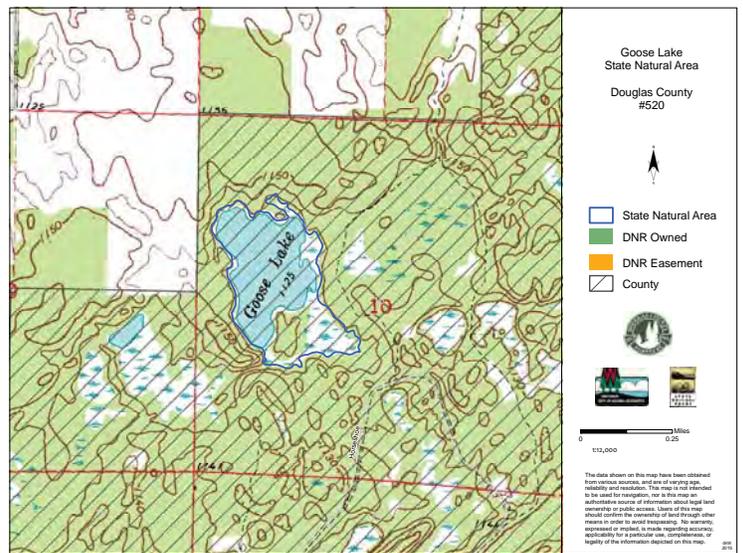
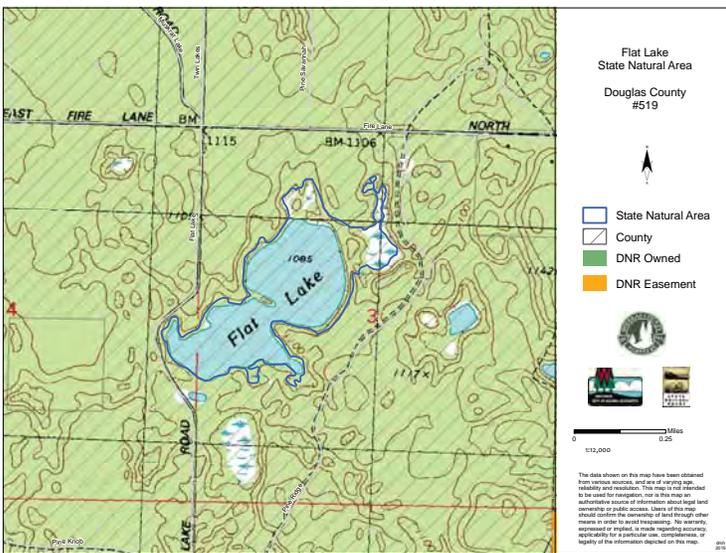
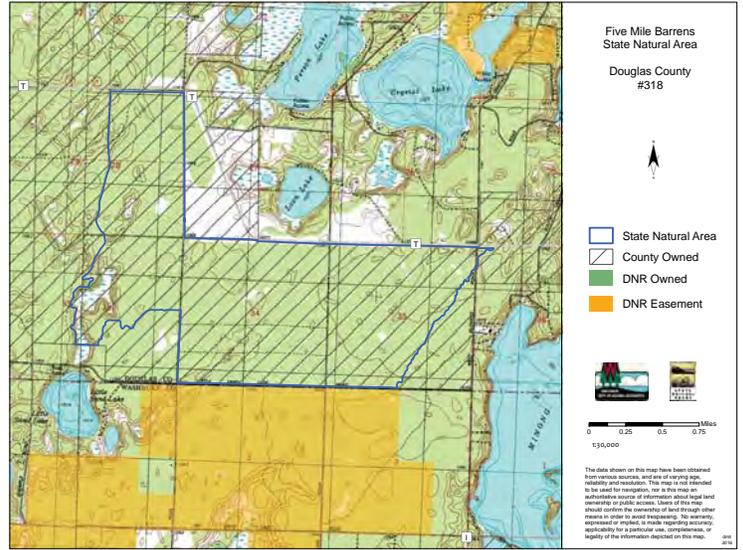
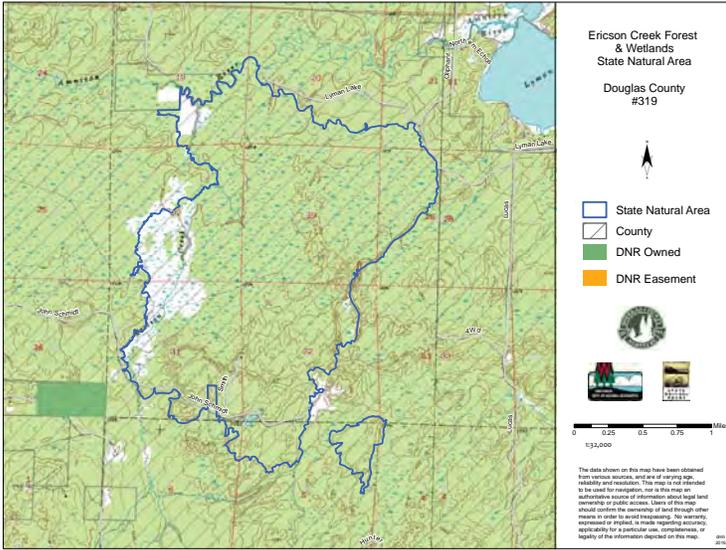
T44N-R12W, Sec 11 (in part).
Containing 227 acres more or less.

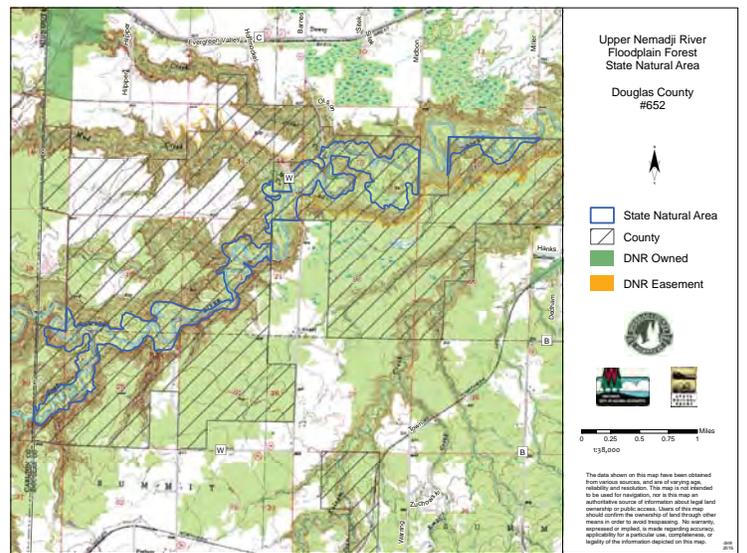
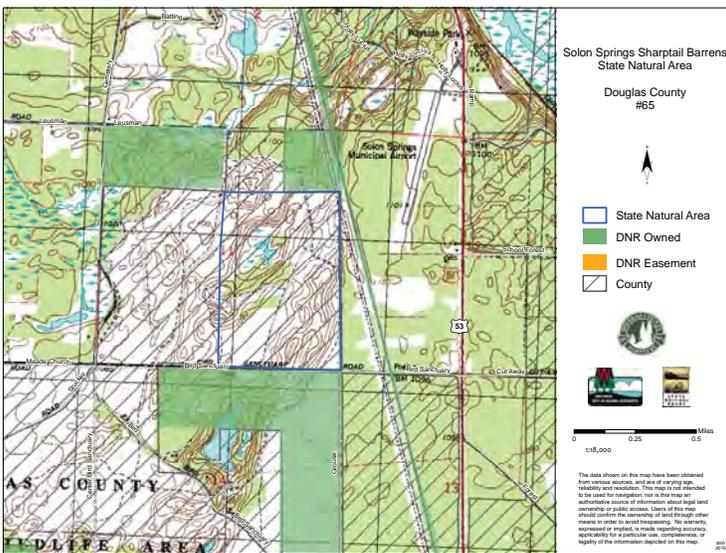
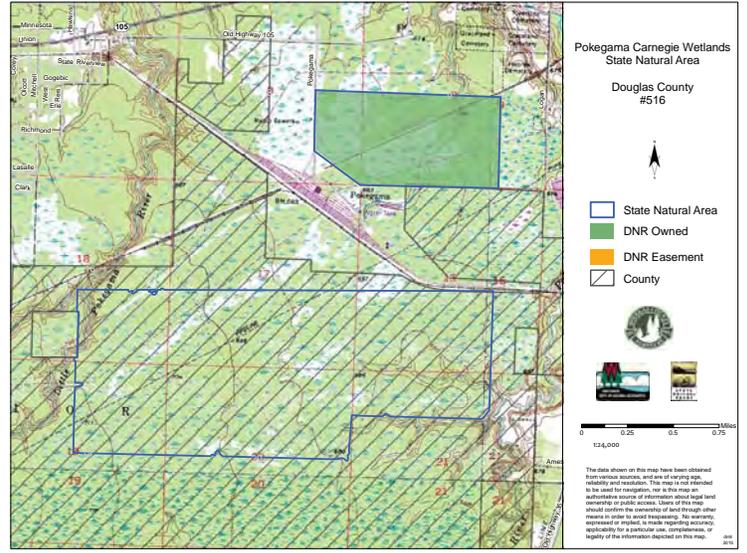
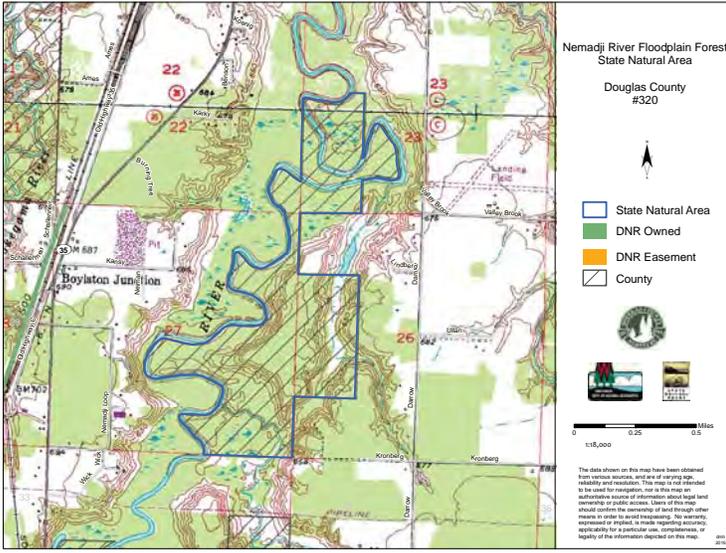
12. Upper Nemadji River Floodplain Forest

The Upper Nemadji River Floodplain Forest comprises 713 acres along the banks of the Nemadji River and supports a type of forest unusual in composition. Floodplain forests are very rare along rivers flowing north into Lake Superior. The natural area lies in a steep-sided valley cut through the Lake Superior clay plain, on terraces about ten feet above normal water levels. The forest canopy is composed of black ash, green ash, basswood, red maple, silver maple, balsam poplar, American elm, and bur oak. Scattered conifers - white spruce, white cedar, white pine, and balsam fir - are also present in the canopy, making for an unusual mix of tree species. The deep, red clay alluvial soils support an herb layer that is exceptionally rich, with a species composition reminiscent of maple-basswood forests far to the south. Spring ephemerals and their associates are especially well-represented, and include sessile-leaved bellwort, downy yellow violet, tall meadow-rue, spring-beauty, bloodroot, yellow trout-lily, wild ginger, Dutchman's-breeches, cut-leaved toothwort, blue cohosh, wild leek, and American starflower.

T47N-R15W, Sec 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, and 29 (in part).
Containing 713 acres more or less.







**RESOLUTION #21-16
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Subject: Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project,
Resolution 1 of 2

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee, recommends partnering with The Conservation Fund to acquire approximately 1,480 acres from The Lyme Timber Company LP or its affiliate to meet objectives of the Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2006-2020, and

WHEREAS, the property is described in Exhibit F-3-16, and

WHEREAS, acquisition of said property will perpetually provide forest products to our local economy, generate revenues to the county, provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, improve access to adjacent lands, preserve blocking of lands open to public use, protect ecological and biological attributes, and improve administration of County Forest lands, and

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire said property for the purpose of establishing County Forest Land pursuant to §59.52(6) and 28.10 Wis. Stats, and

WHEREAS, the County Board is eligible to apply for grant funding through the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program pursuant to §23.0953 Wis. Stats, and said funding may provide for up to 50% of the acquisition price and other eligible project costs, and

WHEREAS, the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program requires the applicant to provide a 50% match that can come from a variety of sources including landowner donation in land value, County Forest entry of other county-owned lands, other grants and funding sources, and/or cash, and

WHEREAS, the County Board is eligible to apply for grant funding through the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) Community Forest and Open Space Program, said funding may provide a maximum grant award of up to Four-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00); and said funding may provide for up to 50% of the acquisition price and other eligible project costs, and

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WHEREAS, the USFS Community Forest and Open Space Program requires the applicant to provide a 50% match that can come from a variety of non-federal sources including other grants and/or cash of which the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant would qualify.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves partnering with The Conservation Fund to acquire approximately 1,480 acres from The Lyme Timber Company LP or its affiliate known as the Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Forestry Department staff, in partnership with The Conservation Fund, are hereby authorized to submit an application to the USFS Community Forest and Open Space Program for up to the maximum grant award of Four-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) and meet the subsequent requirements thereafter for completion of the Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project as one source of necessary match funding for the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that Forestry Department staff, in partnership with The Conservation Fund, are hereby authorized to submit an application to the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program and meet the subsequent requirements thereafter for completion of the Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project with County provided 50% cash match funding not to exceed Two-Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000.00).

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that Forestry Department staff, in partnership with The Conservation Fund, are hereby authorized to pursue other applicable funding programs including, County Forest entry of other County-owned lands, to secure necessary match funding for the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program and/or to secure supplementary funding in the event that the County's applications to the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program and/or the USFS Community Forest and Open Space Program are unsuccessful.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that Douglas County will comply with State rules for the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program and meet the financial obligations under the grant.

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BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that Douglas County will comply with Federal rules for the USFS Community Forest and Open Space Program and meet the financial obligations under the grant.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the acquired property herein described be applied for regular lands entry under the Wisconsin County Forest Law and that the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee is directed to forward said application for entry to the WDNR for approval.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)

(Fiscal Note: Increase Forestry Fixed Assets; increase Forestry Contributed Capital Revenue; decrease Forestry Land Acquisition Reserve by \$230,000)

EXHIBIT F-3-16

RESOLUTION #21-16

Acquisition of Approximately 1,480 acres from The Lyme
Timber Company LP to meet Objectives of Douglas
County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2006-2020

Presented by Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee

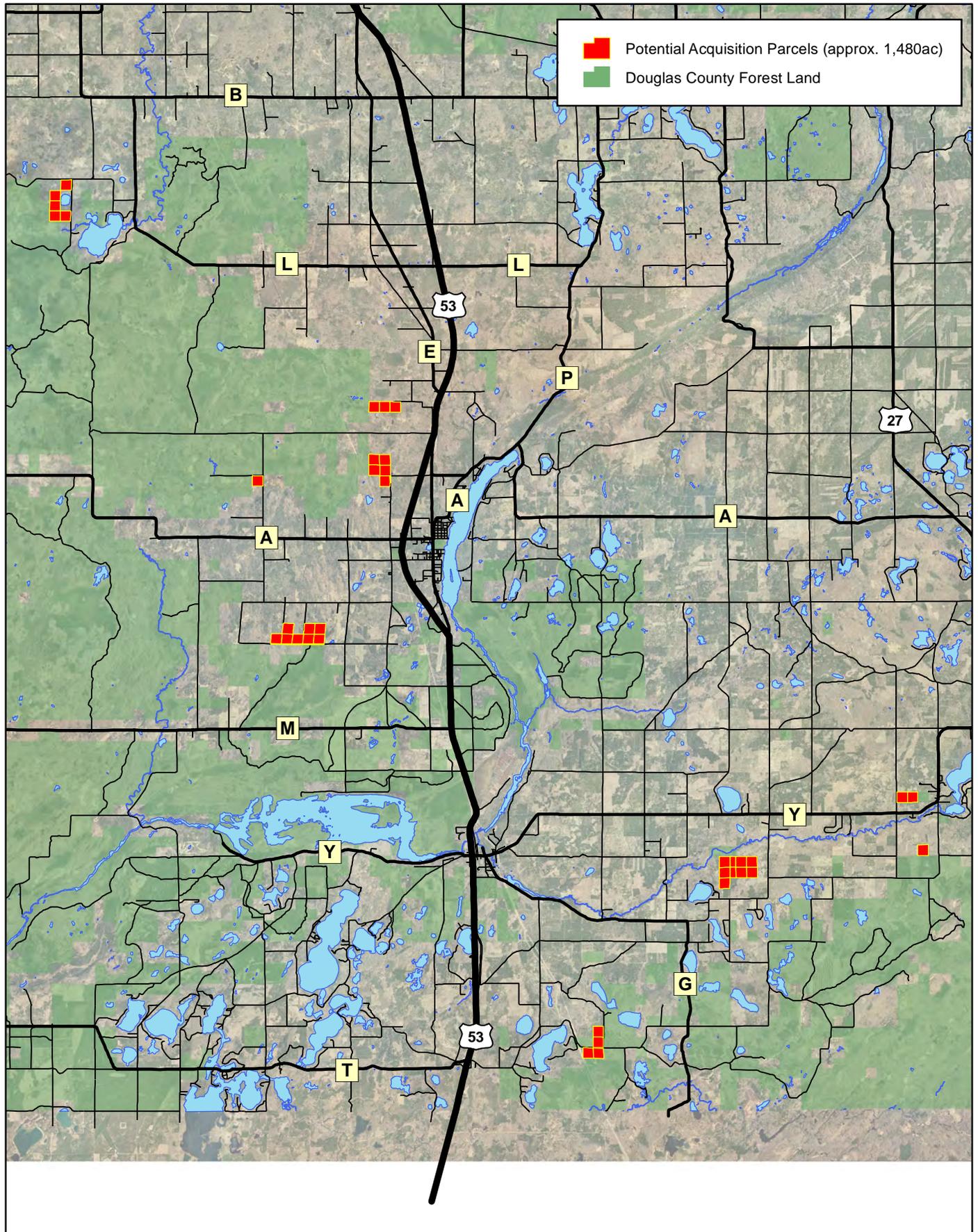


DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 17, 2016

UPPER ST. CROIX FOREST LAND CONSERVATION PROJECT

Towns of Gordon, Oakland, Solon Springs, & Wascott, Douglas County, Wisconsin



RESOLUTION #22-16
RESOLUTION BY THE FOREST, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMITTEE

Subject: Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project,
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WHEREAS, the Douglas County Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee, recommends Forestry Department staff work in partnership with The Conservation Fund to undertake the necessary steps to successfully acquire said property including negotiation of purchase contract/option agreement, securing funding through the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program, U.S. Forest Service’s (USFS) Community Forest and Open Space Program and/or other applicable funding programs including submitting all documents necessary to secure funding, and conducting applicable due diligence including appraisals, Phase I Environmental Assessment, and title work, and

WHEREAS, The Conservation Fund will negotiate and enter into an option agreement with the Seller not to exceed the WDNR certified land value based on two independent appraisals, and that said option agreement will be assignable to Douglas County, and

WHEREAS, The Conservation Fund and Douglas County will negotiate and enter into either an Assignment of Option Agreement or a Contract for Sale of Real Estate purchase agreement for the property, and

WHEREAS, Forestry Department staff, Corporation Counsel, and Chairman of the Douglas County Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary, including but not limited to signing a letter of intent with The Conservation Fund outlining roles and responsibilities of both parties in this conservation partnership, submittal of grant of grant applications, negotiating and signing of relevant legal documents such as WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Contract, USFS Community Forest and Open Space Program Grant Contract, Assignment and Acceptance of Option Agreement between The Conservation Fund and Lyme Timber Company LP or its affiliate, and/or Contract for Sale of Real Estate Purchase Agreement between The Conservation Fund and Douglas County, and completion of necessary due diligence to undertake and direct completion of the Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Forest, Parks and Recreation Committee and hereby approves Forestry Department staff to work in partnership with The Conservation Fund to undertake the necessary steps to successfully complete the Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Forestry Department staff, Corporation Counsel, and Chairman of the Douglas County Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to undertake, direct, and complete the Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2016.

(Committee Action: Unanimous)
 (Fiscal Note: None)

APPOINTMENTS

VSO Appointment
Brian Erickson Resume'

DNR Emergency Fire Wardens List
Douglas County



DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
March 17, 2016



DOUGLAS COUNTY

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DOUGLAS COUNTY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Douglas County is to provide cost-effective services, with equal access to all citizens; to continue and enhance partnerships; to responsibly manage our resources and plan for the future.

Brian Erickson – Veterans Service Officer Nominee

Brian Erickson is a retired veteran with 20 years of military experience that included project management and various leadership roles. He has over 30 years of career experience working with various organizations inside and outside of the Department of Defense. Brian is knowledgeable about veteran needs and also brings experience in procurement, budget management, contract review, and customer service to our organization.

Brian is a resident of the Town of Superior, WI. A graduate of Superior Senior High School, Brian moved back to the Superior area after serving in the United States Marine Corps, the United States Naval Reserve (achieving the rank of Chief Petty Officer) and employment with General Dynamics in Ann Arbor, Michigan where he spent 26 years in project management positions overseeing specialized projects, synchronizing team members, project planning, progress tracking, and internal / external resourcing. His project oversight experience has provided him skills to work effectively and collaboratively with multiple departments and types of people to successfully complete tasks.

Brian describes himself as dedicated, organized, detail-oriented, self-motivated, and outgoing. He has a passion for assisting veterans as he is “keenly aware of the needs of our veterans and the importance to serve those who have so proudly served us”. His good nature and tenacity to see a job through to its completion will make Brian a valuable addition to the Douglas County organization and team.

To: County Board of Douglas County, Wisconsin

Board Members:

In accord with section 26.12 (3) and section 26.14 (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes we recommend the following persons to act as authorized emergency fire wardens for the prevention of forest fires in this county for the year **2016**, and ask your approval of this organization list.

EMERGENCY FIRE WARDENS

Lake Nebagamon Village Hall (Swan Dawson)	Of the town of	Lake Nebagamon
Brule Cenex (Angela Nollet)	Of the town of	Brule
Poplar Market (Darlene Nevin)	Of the town of	Poplar
Bayside Custom Docks (Brad Keseluk)	Of the town of	Bennett
Widdes Feeds (Dawn Massier)	Of the town of	Maple
Forest Point Golf Course (Andrea Babcock)	Of the town of	Gordon
Tradin' Post (Randy & Sheryl Moey)	Of the town of	Gordon
Stop-a-Sec (Katrina Copeland)	Of the town of	Wascott
Solon Springs Mercantile (Ken Thorson)	Of the town of	Solon Springs
Ken Staupe (residence)	Of the town of	Summit
J&K's Halfway House (Jim & Karen Beeler)	Of the town of	Gordon
Douglas County Forestry Dept (Jon Harris & Mark Schroeder)	Of the town of	Solon Springs
Amnicon Bar (Rick Clark)	Of the town of	Superior
Bartley's Repair (Darren Truchon)	Of the town of	Superior
Checkerboard Tavern (Art Morgan)	Of the town of	South Range
Four Corner's Gas Station (Tracy Murray)	Of the town of	Superior
Gene Visger (residence)	Of the town of	Dairyland
Sidelines Bar (Tracy Keseluk)	Of the town of	Minnesuing
	Of the town of	

Department of Natural Resources
 Brule, Wisconsin
 By Matthew Blaylock 2/18/2016 bb
 Acting Area Forestry Leader Date

By _____
 County Board Chairperson Date