

# Land and Resource Management Plan

## Superior National Forest

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*[O]ur actions demonstrate our commitment to sustainable development. Our success — and conservation in the 21st century — depend on making connections and investments every day across ownerships and boundaries. We are part of a much larger quest to achieve sustainable forest and resource management....*

*“Sustainability” is not just a slogan to the Forest Service.*

- Dale Bosworth, USDA Forest Service Chief, *The Forest Service’s Role in Fostering Sustainability*, speech to the Society of American Foresters, National Capital Chapter, Washington DC, May 29, 2001

## Preface

The Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) establishes direction for natural resource management on the Superior National Forest. An environmental impact statement (EIS) accompanies the plan and describes the analysis used in developing the Forest Plan.

If any particular part of the plan or specific application of the plan is found to be invalid, the remainder of the plan and its application will not be affected.

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## Organization of the Forest Plan

The Forest Plan is organized into four chapters and four appendices.

**Chapter 1 – Introduction.** Discusses the general purpose of the Forest Plan, the Forest Plan revision process, the relationship of the Plan to other documents, and direction for implementing the Plan. This includes definitions of desired conditions, objectives, standards, and guidelines. Chapter 1 also describes how the Plan would be amended or revised in the future.

**Chapter 2 – Forest-wide Management Direction.** Presents management direction for the Forest as a whole. This chapter is organized by resource. First it describes Forest-wide desired conditions, objectives, standards, and guidelines. It then lists objectives for landscape ecosystems for

forest type, age-class distribution, management indicator habitats, and within stand diversity.

**Chapter 3 – Management Area Direction.** Presents management direction for specific management areas. This chapter provides desired conditions, objectives, standards, and guidelines. This chapter also lists the management direction that is unique to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

**Chapter 4 – Monitoring and Evaluation.** Presents a plan for monitoring and evaluating the effects of management practices.

**Appendix A – Summary of the Analysis of the Management Situation.** Summarizes ecological, social, and economic conditions on the Forest.

**Appendix B – Minnesota National Forests ROS Mapping Criteria.** Describes the characterizations of each Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) class.

**Appendix C – Management Indicator Habitats.** Lists the age groups and forest types that make up management indicator habitats.

**Appendix D – Proposed and Probable Practices, Goods Produced, and Other Information.** Displays an estimate of the goods and services provided, the proposed and probable management practices expected, and other information including land classification.

**Appendix E – Canada Lynx.** Provides information about managing Canada lynx.