

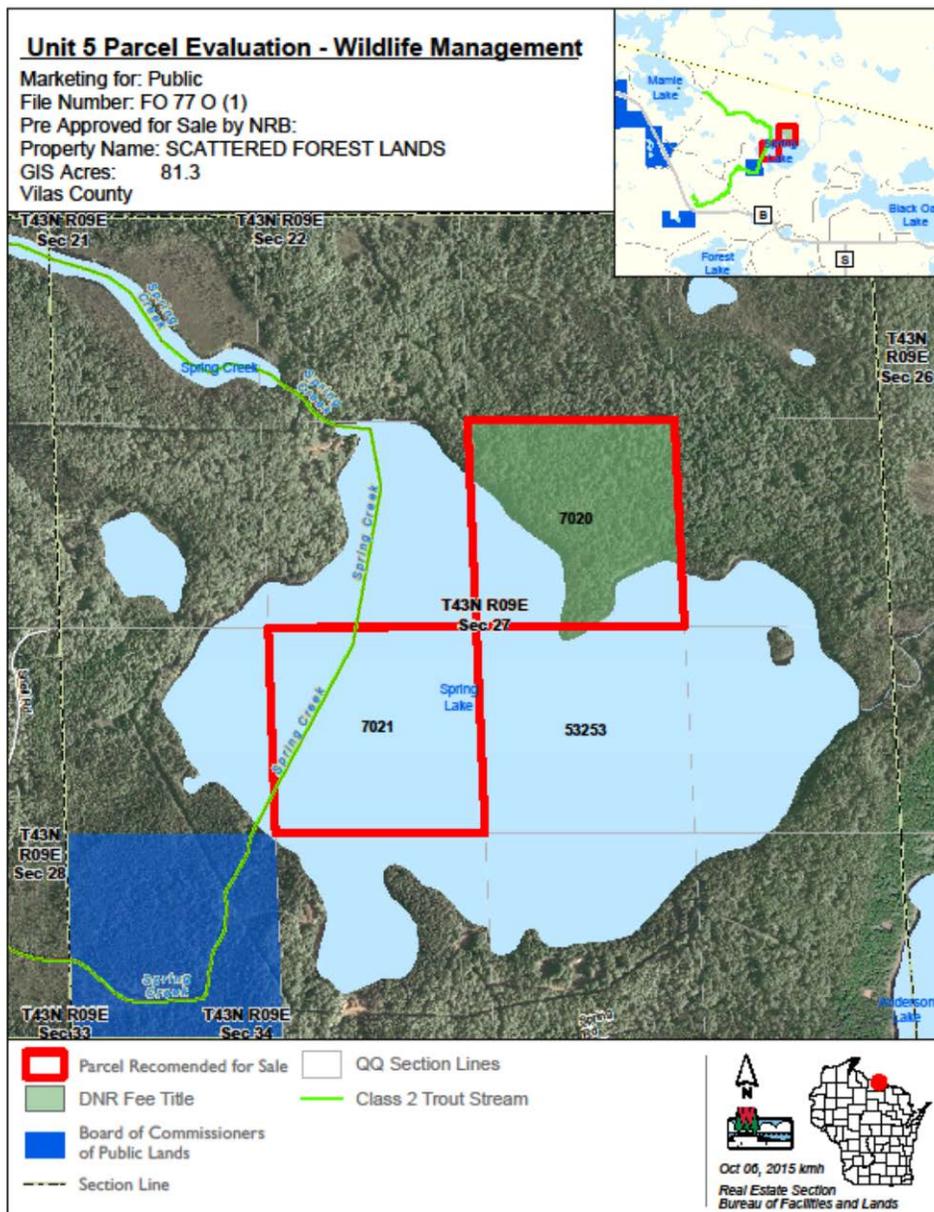
File# FO 77 O (1) – Vilas County - 81.3 acres

The Department acquired this property in 1908 from the Federal Government. The property file indicates there is a deed restriction that limits the use of the lands only as a forest reserve.

The property has approximately 2,352 feet of shoreline on Spring Lake. Spring creek is a class two trout stream tributary for Spring Lake. There is a Dedication sign posted on the peninsula of this parcel, as that small section was donated to the Department. This location shows heavy use as a duck hunting spot, and acts as a trailhead to get to the rest of the property. This parcel meets the definition of a High conservation value forest. It is comprised of relic Hemlock and Cedar stands. There is a large stand of mature northern hardwoods on the north half of the property that protects the shoreline. Eastern hemlock forests are rich in biodiversity, providing habitat for more than 120 different species. Wildlife species that use this type of habitat thrive on the interface between the two habitats (Upland hardwoods and Hardwood hemlocks).

Because the property lacks road access, use is limited to those that have private adjoining land, and the public is restricted to legal access through the creek and lake. Due to its remoteness, it has not been managed by the Department, leaving the habitat very natural. This parcel has been recommended to be reviewed for possible State Natural Area listing, due to its unique ecological characteristics.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.



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