

Parent File FO 94/Sale File WM 60468– Vilas County 288.34 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel as a part of an exchange in 1939. It is a Scattered Forest Lands parcel and is located in the Town of Conover in Vilas County.

The Department is recommending to offer for sale a portion of this property. To better align ownership and access for management a 288.34 acre portion should be offered only to Vilas County.

The portion being recommended to be retained has logging roads, grass parking areas and pullouts for public use. It also has frontage on the Wisconsin River and Haymeadow Creek, a class two and three trout stream. Public use is primarily hiking/foot traffic or winter access, as the property is lowland. The retained parcels provide public access into the Spruce Grouse Swamp State Natural Area.

Public uses of the parcel are deer and turkey hunting and for running hounds for both bear and bobcat. There have been public comments indicating a desire for this larger parcel to remain in public ownership.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer a portion of this land (288.34 Acres) for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., and the land be only offered to Vilas County, subject to a deed restriction requiring the land be open to the general public for all five NBOA's in perpetuity.

