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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## **HCVF Informational Report**

Report Run: September 3, 2013

### **General Information**

HCVF #: 10860 HCVF Name: Floodwood Bog Acres of HCVF site: 29378.48 County: Aitkin

**Data edited by:** NE HCVF Workgroup **Role:** NE HCVF Workgroup **Date edited on:** 2013-07-26

**Corresponding Land Administrator(s):** DNR Forestry **Management Unit Name(s) (if applicable):** Savanna State Forest

## **HCVF Summary**

HCVF site centered on a large, extensive peatland (Floodwood Bog) that extends well beyond the HCVF site into adjacent Itasca and St. Louis counties to the N and NE. East-west ditches common, north-south ditches uncommon in the peatland; ditching has had only localized affects. Northern half with largest patterned peatlands in the county. True bogs restricted to north half, other forested peatlands and wetlands (APn, FPn, WFn) in south. Significant areas of potential OG lowland conifers. High-quality landforms and native plant communities. Peatland with numerous small upland islands, many of these likely with primary forest (needs confirmation). Designated OG NH and cedar stands at western site boundary.

#### HCVs known to be present that factored into HCVF designation.

FSC expects DNR to maintain HCVs within designated HCVFs. Because HCVF boundaries are not the same as the larger, multi-ownership MBS Sites, this list will differ from the values identified during the MBS Survey.

HCV1e (Rare species concentration): SGCN birds. HCV1f (Taxonomic group concentration): SGCN birds. HCV1g (Outstanding Key Habitats Examples): Forest lowland conifer. HCV2-LMFa (Large habitat block): forested peatland and wet forest. HCV2-LMFbii (blocks with rare species): yes. HCV3c (Special S3 plant community): MHn47a, WFn53b. HCV3e (Old-growth forest): cedar and NH. HCV3f (Primary forest): very probable.

### **Management Considerations**

#### **Overall management objectives for the entire HCVF:**

Silvicultural prescriptions in Key Habitat or rare native plant communities maintains or enhances the floristic, structural, and spatial components that define the native plant community; see SRM Objective code CON1. Silviculture in MHn47a and WFn53b either prolongs an existing growth stage transition or complements a transition to the next later growth stage. Apply DNR HCV General Landscape Guidance. Field verify primary forest in this site.

# Management direction from the following sources was considered in developing the above recommendations:

North Four SFRMP

Are the HCVs within this HCVF likely to benefit from coordination with adjacent landowner(s)?  $\_\mathrm{No}\_$ 

## **General Comments**

Address conflict between lowland conifer insect and disease (mistletoe and spruce bud worm) treatments and the value of these disturbances to SGCN birds.

Reference to rare plants and animals, Minnesota Biological Survey Sites of Biological Significance and mapped native plant communities are records maintained in the Minnesota DNR's Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS). A date of information is associated with each record. The NHIS is continually updated as new information becomes available. The lack of data listed for any geographic area should not be construed to mean that no significant features are present.

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