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Project Summary

Project Name and Contact

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|--------------------|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Project Name: | Undivided Interest Acquisition | Project Manager: | Bryan Pike |
| Organization Name: | Crow Wing County Public Land Mgmt. | Title: | Natural Resource Manager |
| Organization Type: | Government | Phone: | 218-824-1115 |
| Mailing Address 1: | 322 Laurel St. Suite 12 | Email: | bryan.pike@co.crow-wing.mn.us |
| Mailing Address 2: | | | |
| City: | Brainerd | | |
| State: | MN | | |
| Zip Code: | 56401 | | |

Project Location Summary

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Primary County: | Crow Wing | Secondary Land |
| Nearest City: | Crosby to Emily | Ownerships: |
| Project Site Name: | 5 Sites total (see attached) | |
| Primary Land Ownership: | County | |

Project Activity Summary

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|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Primary Activity: | Acquisition | Primary Habitat Type: | Forest |
| Additional Activities: | Enhancement | Additional Habitats: | Wetland |
| Total Project Sites: | 5 | | |
| Total Project Acres: | 626 | | |

Project Funding Summary

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Grant Amount Requested: | \$189,600 |
| Total Match Amount Pledged: | \$29,100 |
| Additional Funding: | |
| Total Project Cost: | \$218,700 |
| Estimated Project Completion Date: | 2012-02-01 |

Summary

This grant will allow Crow Wing County-Public Land Management (formally named the Land Department) to secure full interest/ownership in 626 acres of property that are currently held as undivided interest parcels. Undivided interest parcels are parcels of real estate with multiple owners each sharing a fractional interest of the entire parcel. Crow Wing County(CWC) has majority of the interest in 15 of 16 parcels and strongly wishes to purchase the private interest holdings to better achieve a balanced management approach for the property. Management and resource protection efforts are non-existent on these parcels due to the fractional interest of multiple owners for each parcel. Acquisition of the private interest in these parcels will consolidate the full public ownership currently managed by CWC and allow access to the public for hunting opportunities and provide habitat protection.

Problem Statement

One of many goals in Crow Wing County's current Forest Management Plan is to obtain full-interest in undivided interest properties. Recently, individuals have expressed interest to dispose of their fractional interest by having the county purchase their interest. Due to the lack of dedicated funds, purchase of the undivided interest parcels has been a challenge. Partition of these parcels is not a desirable outcome which will lead to ownership fragmentation and potential land use conflicts. All parcels lie adjacent to larger tracts of public lands managed by Crow Wing County or the Minnesota Department and of Natural Resources. The acquisition of the private interest in the parcels will provide complete public ownership of adjacent tracts and will lead to larger public managed land masses; thus removing the threat of future private development.

Project Objectives

The objectives of this project meet the goals and objectives of the current Crow Wing County Forest Management Plan as it pertains to Land Administration. The Land Base section, Item 4 of the CWC Management Plan (page 99) states CWC shall "initiate steps to acquire the non-County portion of selected undivided interest lands beginning with those in which the County is the dominant owner and whose acquisition is important to fulfilling management objectives". Crow Wing County manages its public forest lands to the highest environmental, social and economic standards and has achieved dual certification for best-management forestry practices from both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). Forest certification standards are based on principles that promote sustainable forest management, including measures to protect water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, species at risk, and forests with exceptional or high conservation value. These undivided interest parcels will be included in the dual certification standards that have been established under the county's dual certification initiative. This acquisition will consolidate the public ownership areas and allow habitat protection that is currently non-existent on the properties. In all instances, each project site has adjacent County managed tax-forfeit public lands currently managed by the Public Land Management office. This acquisition will consolidate public land areas currently managed for multiple uses and reduce the extent of forest fragmentation due to ownership boundaries. Acquisition of the private undivided interest in these parcels will allow more acres to be acquired in comparison to private holdings that are 100 percent private property.

Methods

If funding is secured through this grant, private individuals of the undivided interest parcels will be contacted to determine their desire to sell their fractional interest. In the past, Crow Wing County has demonstrated success in purchasing private undivided interests of tax-forfeited tracts. Recently, several parties have indicated a desire to dispose of their fractional interest by having the county purchase their private interest. Upon approval of grant funding, County Assessor or independent appraisals to determine current values will be secured as one of the first steps in the project proposal. Following the successful acquisition of the private interest, Crow Wing County will pursue collection of site forest and wetland data. Documentation and management of areas identified as having high conservation value will be set as priorities. The acquired private interest for each parcel for this project will be held in fee by Crow Wing County and therefore will not be eligible for PILT payments. The current staff of CWC Public Land Management exists of three qualified Natural Resource Managers, a Natural Resource Supervisor and support staff who currently manage over 103,000 acres of tax-forfeit public land and this potential acquisition of 626 acres of full tax-forfeit interest property can be easily added to the existing duties of the public land currently managed, therefore no additional personnel will be necessary of meet the management goals for the acquired property.

Project Timeline

| Time Frame | Goal |
|---------------------------|---|
| March-October 2011 | Complete appraisals for property. |
| May-December 2011 | Purchase undivided interest. |
| January 2012 | Record deeds. |
| February 2012 | Manage property and protect resources. |

For all lands acquired in fee title or permanent conservation easement, provide a description of the selection process used to identify parcels to be acquired.

Project sites selection criteria: 1) Selected undivided interest lands beginning with those in which the County is the dominant owner and whose acquisition is important to fulfilling management and habitat protection objectives. 2) Consolidation of existing tax-forfeited and other public land holdings. 3) The order of project sites 1-5 are in order of importance (Site 1 most important, Site 5 least important).

Describe the long-term management work required of the agency receiving this land. Estimate the additional cost to the agency for this work.

CWC will collect field data on forest and wetland areas. CWC manages 103,000 acres of land and an additional 626 acres can easily be added to the current staff's work assignments, therefore, no significant costs are required to meet the management goals for the acquired property.

| Habitat Development # | Acres | Cost/Acre | Total | Funding Source |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Forest / Woody Cover | 380 | 4 | 1500 | County Matching Funds |
| Wetland | 246 | 3 | 800 | County Matching Funds |

Prairie Grassland

| Facility Development | Cost | Funding Source |
|------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| Well Sealing / Site Clean-up | 0 | County Matching Funds |

- Boundary Survey
- Posting / Fencing
- Wood Routed Sign
- Access Roads and Trails
- User Facilities, Access, Parking Lots

Identify short and long term maintenance and management work required to sustain this project and source(s) of funding

| Work needed | Who is responsible | Funding source |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Short term: Collect field data. Long Term: Habitat protection | Crow Wing County | County operating funds |

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Answer each of the following questions in 1000 characters or less; descriptions/definitions are available in the [Criteria and Scoring Table](#).

1. Describe the local support for this project.

Local units of government in Crow Wing County support consolidation of public lands to more easily achieve landscape level goals and objectives. Tax forfeited lands retained for public management produce direct and indirect benefits. Over the past ten years, 9.5 million in surplus revenue on county-managed lands has been distributed to local cities, townships, school districts and county government programs. The North Central Landscape Committee and the Minnesota DNR support the idea of consolidation of public land assets to more easily achieve landscape level goals and management objectives.

2. Describe the degree of collaboration for this project.

This project will collaborate with the MN-DNR (adjoining public landowner) on landscape level management goals and objectives. This addition of 626 acres to the public land base will provide the general public highly valued areas for hunting, motorized and non-motorized trails, and a landscape that helps support the region's tourism economy. Forest products sold from county-managed, public lands create employment opportunities for loggers and mill employees.

3. Describe any urgency associated with this project.

During the nation's economic downturn, Crow Wing County has experienced a larger number of calls from persons interested in selling their undivided interests in shared properties. We believe that with the present "buyer's market," the ability to purchase such interests at a reduced price and the enthusiasm demonstrated by several private owners, the time is appropriate to move forward with a larger-scale project. The county is very interested in purchasing their fractional interest but has limited funds to do so. Without grant funding, this opportunity could easily be lost.

4. Discuss if there are multiple benefits resulting from your project, identifying those species, habitats, etc.

Benefits include: 1) Sustainable forest management; 2) Measures to protect water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, species at risk, and forests with exceptional or high conservation value; 3) Consolidation of public land holdings; 4) Reduced forestland fragmentation; and 5) Provide for public hunting and recreational activities on all project sites; 6) Project sites will be open for all hunting seasons.

5. Discuss the habitat benefits resulting from your project.

The Minnesota County Biological Survey (MCBS) has mapped Project Sites 1, 2, 3 and 5 as having High Conservation (biodiversity) Values. Site 4 has been mapped as Moderate Conservation Value. Our goal is to protect and/or enhance those values through management efforts. Shoreline protection of approximately 1300 feet adjacent to Nelson Lake (Site 2).

6. Describe how your project is consistent with sound conservation science.

Crow Wing County manages its public forest lands to the highest environmental, social and economic standards and has achieved dual certification for best-management forestry practices from both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). Forest certification standards are based on principles that promote sustainable forest management, including measures to protect water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, species at risk, and forests with exceptional or high conservation value. These undivided interest parcels will be included in the dual certification standards that have been established under the county's dual certification initiative.

7. Indicate if your project is adjacent to protected lands, describing those lands (ownership, public access, etc.)

All parcels lie adjacent to larger tracts of public lands managed by Crow Wing County or the Minnesota Department and of Natural Resources. The acquisition of the private interest in the parcels will provide complete public ownership of adjacent tracts and will lead to larger public- managed land masses; thus removing the threat of future private development. Several parcels lie adjacent to lands identified as "State Forests". These parcels will have full access by the public and be open for all public hunting seasons and other outdoor recreational activities.

8. Discuss if there is full funding secured for this project and the sources of funding.

CPL grant funds along with matching contributions will fully fund this project. CPL grant funds will allow CWC to achieve these worthwhile goals and objectives for this project. If CPL grant and matching funds are reduced, priority project sites will be selected from the five project sites. CWC has submitted a Commitment Letter as additional information showing full support for the project and has dedicated non-state funds available to contribute to the project.

9. Discuss if CPL Grant funds will supplement or supplant existing funding. Discuss how these CPL funds will impact your organization's current budget.

CPL grant funds will NOT supplant any existing funding for this project. This grant request is approximately 35% of CWC-Public Land Management office's annual operating budget (2009 figures). This will allow other significant projects to be pursued that compete with limited funds.

10. Describe public access at project site for hunting and fishing, identifying all open seasons.

All public hunting and fishing seasons will be available on project sites along with many other types of outdoor recreation. Public access will be available at all project sites. 4 of 5 sites lie adjacent to a publicly maintained roadway. Site 1 is accessible though adjoining public lands.

11. Describe the sustainability of your project.

CWC's tax-forfeit forestland (103,000 acres) represents 14% of the county's land and water and is the largest public land owner in the county. These lands are vital to the natural resource values of the area. In the 1970s, most counties in MN had policies to sell tax-forfeit land. However, at that time counties came to realize that the forested tax-forfeit lands had many direct and indirect benefits that would be lost if these large blocks of land were sold into fragmented private ownerships. Since then, most counties, including Crow Wing County, have adopted management plans and undertaken active programs to manage their forested lands to satisfy a range of multiple uses. Crow Wing County is dedicated to the long term management and sustainability of the natural resources it has been entrusted to manage and this project will be incorporated into those long term management objectives.

12. Discuss use of native vegetation (if applicable).

Use of native vegetation as it pertains to this project is not applicable. No vegetation seeding is proposed for this project.

13. Discuss your budget and why it is cost effective.

Acquisition of the private undivided interest in these project sites will allow more acres to be acquired in comparison to full private holdings that are 100% private property (i.e. current assessed value of forestland in CWC is near \$2000 per acre, this project will secure full-public interest on 626 acres at approximately \$348 per acre). The acquired private interest in each parcel for this project will be held in fee by Crow Wing County and therefore will not be eligible for PILT payments (MN Statute 477A.11). Existing staff will achieve project objectives, therefore, no additional staff will be necessary to complete project.

14. Describe your organization's ability to successfully complete this work, including experience in the area of interest and ability to successfully implement the proposed project. Include descriptions of your most recent grant experience and if the expected outcomes were achieved.

CWC-Public Land Management has qualified and dedicated natural resource

professionals and support staff to accomplish and complete this project. CWC has been successful recently in securing \$100,000 in grant funds from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) to develop Phase 1 of the Milford Mine Memorial Park near Crosby, MN. Project development of Phase 1 will be completed in September 2010. Proposals and outcomes for Phase 1 of the park development project have gone smoothly and are near completion.

15. Discuss how your project supports landscape level plans. Use additional sources for information if needed or available.

Many landscape level plans including the North Central Landscape Management Plan (NCLMP) support consolidation of existing land holdings by reducing forest fragmentation due to ownership changes and conflicting land uses (NCLMP, page 14). MN Forest Resources Council – Landscape Program identifies the importance of minimizing loss of forestland and timberland. Priorities in these plans support the consolidation of ownership, particularly public ownership, and establishing landscape level management goals between multiple land management agencies (MN-DNR). This project will achieve these landscape level goals and offer collaboration with MN-DNR on adjoining state administered lands to achieve these and other landscape level goals.

16. Discuss how your project supports species plans. Use additional sources for information if needed or available.

CWC uses Section and Sub-Section management strategies for lands it manages. The project sites all lie within the St. Louis Moraine Sub-section. Once field collection information is obtained from these project sites, management strategies will be developed to achieve specific species plans. Sub-section plans encourage the development or enhancement of specific specie covertypes that may have historically been at higher levels. The species goals for this project will provide for a range of species that more closely resemble natural patterns and functions within the landscape.

17. Discuss how your project conforms to the Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan.

The Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan (SCPP) has identified many critical land habitats throughout the state based on an integrated approach that considers such issues as SGCN, outdoor recreation such as hunting and fishing, protection of water quality, and threats to these resources. All of the project sites will be open for these activities and the public will be allowed access to these lands. The focus of this project is the protection and enhancement the existing forestland and wetland communities which are key habitats for a large variety of SGCN. The SCPP allows flexibility for conservation of lands and appropriate protection of economic activity such as timber harvests or other compatible uses. This project conforms very well to the SCPP in that it focuses on critical habitat protection.

18. Discuss how your project conforms to the State Wildlife Action Plan (if applicable).

Many species plans like "Tomorrow's Habitat for the Wild and Rare" and other wildlife action plans focus on managing populations of species in greatest conservation need (SGCN) and the habitat these species are likely to use. Habitat loss and degradation are primary problems facing SGCN. Blanding's turtles are a species of special concern in CWC and many of the project areas include excellent habitat consisting of wetlands and forestland for this and other species of special concern. Acquisition of these lands (626 acres) will provide protection of critical wildlife habitats.

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Budget Information

Organization's Fiscal Contact Information

| | | | |
|--------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Name: | Kirk Titus-CWC Public Land Mgmt. | Street Address 1: | 322 Laural St. Suite 12 |
| Title: | Natural Resource Supervisor | Street Address 2: | |
| Email: | kirk.titus@co.crow-wing.mn.us | City: | Brainerd |
| Phone: | 218-824-1138 | State: | MN |
| | | Zip Code: | 56401 |

Budget Subtotals

| Budget Item | Grant | Match | Total | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| Personnel | ██████████ | \$8,800 | \$8,800 | | |
| Contracts | | | | | |
| Fee Acquisition with PILT | | | | | |
| Fee Acquisition without PILT | ██████████ | ██████████ | ██████████ | | |
| Easement Acquisition | | | | | |
| Easement Stewardship | | | | In-kind Total | Cash Total |
| Travel (in-state) | | \$800 | \$800 | \$8,800 | \$20,300 |
| Professional Services | ██████████ | ██████████ | ██████████ | | |
| DNR Land Acquisition Cost | | | | | |
| Equipment/Tools/Supplies | | | | | |
| Additional Budget Items | | | | | |
| Total: | \$189,600 | \$29,100 | \$218,700 | | |

Details

Personnel

| Name | Title / work to be completed | Amount | Grant/Match | In-kind/Cash |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Kirk Titus | Nat. Res. Supvr./Adm. Duties | \$2,600 | Match | In-kind |
| Heather Becker | Adm. Assistant/Adm. Duties | \$2,900 | Match | In-kind |
| Bryan Pike | Nat.Res.Mgr./Adm & Field Duty | \$2,500 | Match | In-kind |
| Heather Becker/ Kirk Titus | Grant Administration | \$800 | Match | In-kind |
| Totals | Grant: \$0 Match: \$8,800 | Total: \$8,800 | | |

Fee Acquisition without PILT

| Parcel Name | Parcel Purchase Price | Amount | Grant/Match | In-kind/Cash |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| Site #1 | ██████████ | ██████████ | | |
| Site #2 | ██████████ | ██████████ | | |
| Site #3 | ██████████ | ██████████ | | |
| Site #4 | ██████████ | ██████████ | In-kind | |
| Site #5 | ██████████ | ██████████ | | |
| Site 1-5 | ██████████ | ██████████ | | ██████████ |
| Totals | ██████████ | ██████████ | | |

Travel (in-state)

| Use | Purpose | Amount | Grant/Match | In-kind/Cash |
|-----|---------|--------|-------------|--------------|
| | | | | |

| Vehicle Travel | Travel to and from sites | \$800 Match | Cash |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Totals | Grant: \$0 Match: \$800 | Total: \$800 | |

Professional Services

| Professional Name | Description of Services | Amount | Grant/Match | In-kind/Cash |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| To be determined | Appraisal of parcels | | | |
| Totals | Grant: \$0 Match: \$5,000 | Total: \$5,000 | | |

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*you may group your project sites together as long as land ownership, activity and habitat information is the same for the land manager

Land Manager

Name: **Kirk Titus** Phone: **218-824-1138**
Organization: **Crow Wing County Public Land Management** Email: **kirk.titus@co.crow-wing.mn.us**
Title: **Natural Resource Supervisor**

Site Information

Land Ownership: **County** Acres: **278**
Site Name(s): **#1, Sec 8-Little Pine Twp.** Click here to [View Site Map](#)
Activity: **Acquisition**
Habitat: **Forest**

Site Information

Land Ownership: **County** Acres: **148**
Site Name(s): **#2, Sec 10-Dean Lake Twp.** Click here to [View Site Map](#)
Activity: **Acquisition**
Habitat: **Forest**

Site Information

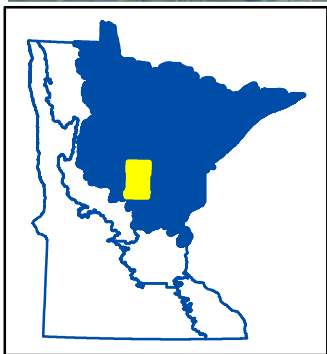
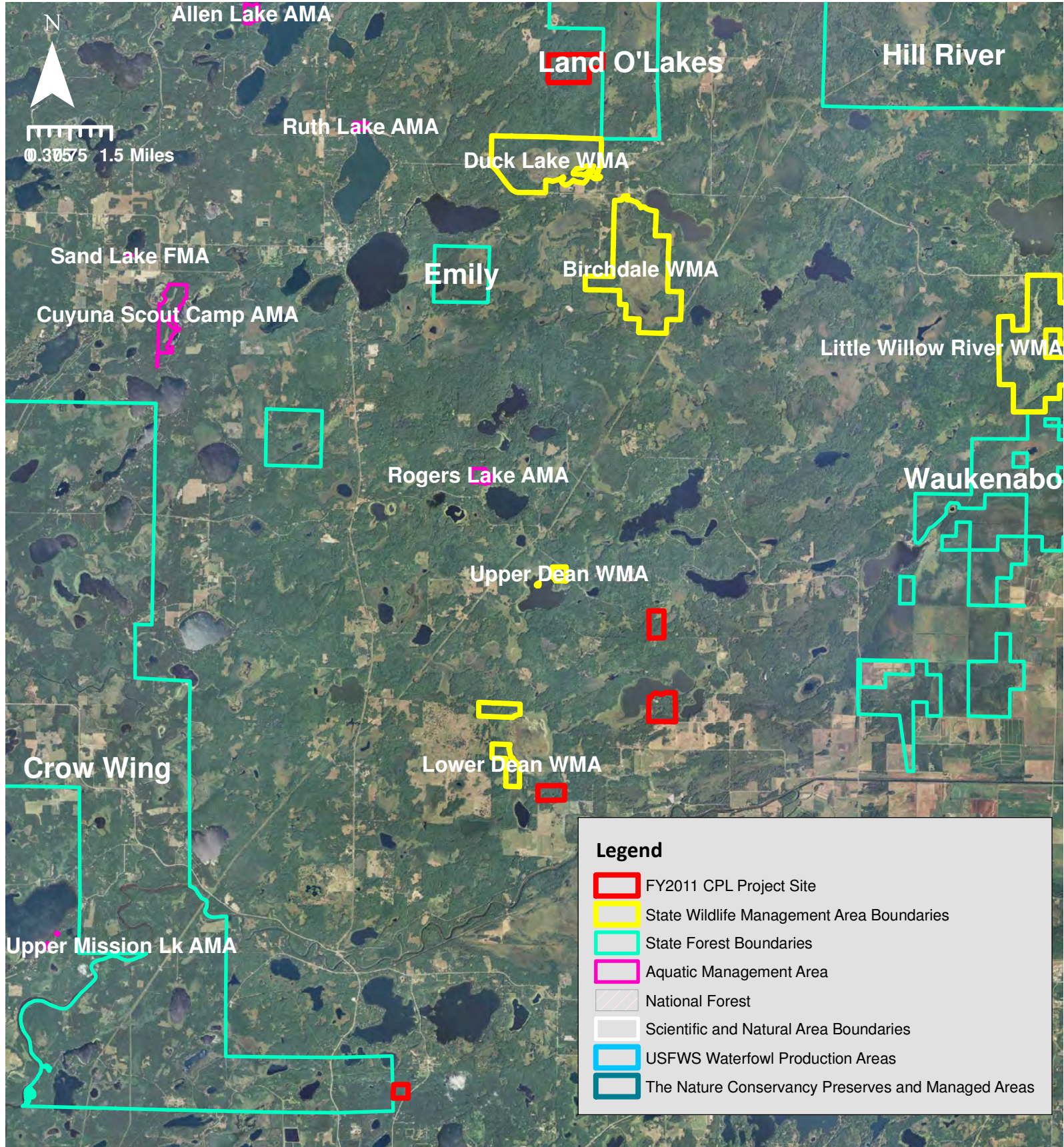
Land Ownership: **County** Acres: **80**
Site Name(s): **#3, Sec 34-Ross Lake Twp.** Click here to [View Site Map](#)
Activity: **Acquisition**
Habitat: **Forest**

Site Information

Land Ownership: **County** Acres: **40**
Site Name(s): **#4, Sec 31-City of Cuyuna** Click here to [View Site Map](#)
Activity: **Acquisition**
Habitat: **Forest**

Site Information

Land Ownership: **County** Acres: **80**
Site Name(s): **#5, Sec 17-Dean Lake Twp.** Click here to [View Site Map](#)
Activity: **Acquisition**
Habitat: **Forest**



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Project Review and Approval

A Project Review and Approval Form must be completed by each Land Manager named within the Site Info tab and Land Managers only need to complete one form for all sites they manage. Submitting this form fulfills the following requirements:

- Provides the results of the Natural Heritage Database Review,
- Allows for technical review of the project by the Land Manager, and
- Verifies that the public agency approves the work to be done (or acquisition) on land they manage.

You, as the applicant, are responsible for meeting with the Land Manager and receiving a completed Project Review and Approval Form. This form must contain an original signature from the Land Manager and you must upload it below as a PDF.

Each project will require at least one Project Review and Approval form. You may attach up to 4 forms on this page, but if you need more room you may attach up to three more on the "Additional Info" tab. If your project is working under 3 Land Managers, you must receive and submit a form from each manager.

No late Project Review and Approval Forms will be accepted. Applications lacking any necessary approval forms will be deemed incomplete and not considered for funding.

Answer the following questions, then attach the form(s)

Yes **Natural Heritage elements were found within my project site(s):**

Name the site(s) and their associated Land Managers:

Site 2, Sec. 10, Dean Lake Twp. Bryan Pike, Land Manager. Site 3, Sec. 34, Ross Lake Twp. Bryan Pike, Land Manager. Site 4, Sec. 31, City of Cuyuna. Bryan Pike, Land Manager.

Name the elements found:

[REDACTED]

Discuss any interaction or impact to these elements and the recommended mitigation / avoidance measures you will take within your project to protect these elements:

The acquisition of the parcels of land will have no effect on these Natural Heritage Features. In all instances, the features are located off of the actual project sites and range from 2300 to 5700 feet away. Management strategies for the project sites will identify and recognize these Natural Heritage Features.

Project Review and Approval Forms

[Uploaded Form 1](#)

CPL Project Review and Approval Form

REVIEWER INFORMATION:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Land manager/ easement holder name: | Kirk Titus |
| Agency: | Crow Wing County |
| Title: | Land Services Supervisor |
| Phone: | 218-824-1138 |
| Email: | kirk.titus@co.crow-wing.mn.us |

PROJECT INFORMATION:

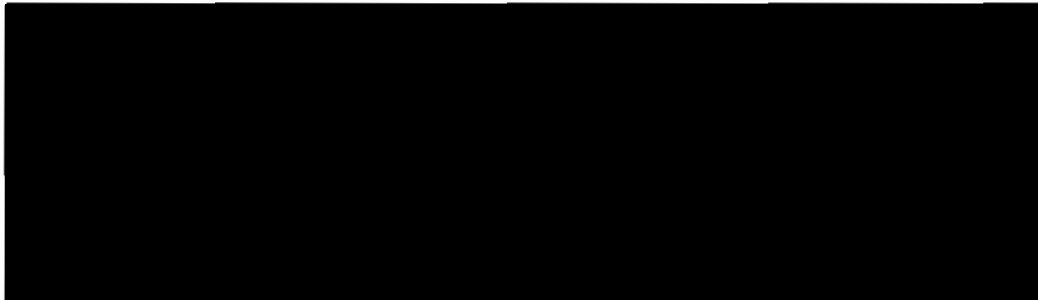
| | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Project Name: | Undivided Interest Acquisition |
| Contact Person: | Bryan Pike |
| Organization: | Crow Wing County |
| Email: | bryan.pike@co.crow-wing.mn.us |

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- I have read the application and discussed this proposed project with the above listed Organization Contact Person.
 For work on easements, the private landowner has been contacted and has given support and approval for this project.

I have performed a Natural Heritage Database review and found:

- this project to have no features within one mile.
 this project to have features within one mile, but project is not likely to adversely affect those features. I have listed the features below and recommended the following minimization strategy:



- this project is likely to adversely affect Natural Heritage features. I feel that this project is important and should be forwarded to DNR Ecological Resources staff for further review.

- I do not have access to the Natural Features database and will forward this completed form to DNR by Friday, August 27th 2010 to CPL Staff at LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us to complete the Natural Heritage Review.

I have discussed what role my office will be expected to have in this project and find that the project, as described will require:

- minimal or no involvement from my office for completion.
 a commitment of involvement by staff that is reasonable and can be accomplished with current staffing levels and workload.
 an amount of staff involvement that cannot be committed during the project time period with current staffing levels. Unless additional staffing can be committed from other offices, Divisions or appropriate partners, I feel this project cannot be completed within the project timeline to our desired standards.

- I have discussed permits and applications that the applicant may be responsible for using the Working on DNR Lands and Working on Public Lands, or Working on Private Lands documents.

CPL Project Review and Approval Form

For Acquisitions Only:

- This project is for an acquisition to be transferred to a public agency by applicant:
 - I have discussed any required Initial Development (facilities, habitat, etc.) work that is required before the transfer with the applicant.
 - I have discussed all applicable costs of those developments and what party is responsible for those costs.

Complete the following cost tables (required work to bring to agency standards).

| Habitat Development | # Acres | Cost/Acre | Total | Funding Source | Applicant is responsible for: |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Prairie Grassland | | | | | Choose |
| Forest/ Woody Cover | 380 | | \$1,500.00 | In-kind Match | Both cost and work |
| Wetland | 246 | | \$800.00 | In-Kind Match | Both cost and work |
| Totals | 626 | | \$2,300.00 | | |

| Facility Development | Cost | Funding Source | Applicant is responsible for: |
|---------------------------------------|------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Boundary Survey | | | Choose |
| Posting/ Fencing | | | Choose |
| Wood Routed Sign | | | Choose |
| Access Roads and Trails | | | Choose |
| User Facilities, Access, Parking Lots | | | Choose |
| Well Sealing/ Site Clean-up | | | Choose |
| Total | | | |

Upon final review of this project:

- I find this project to be consistent with sound conservation science. This work will benefit area fish, game and wildlife by restoring, enhancing or protecting forests, wetlands, prairies and habitat and is consistent with the management or stewardship plan for this land. (APPROVAL)
- I find that this project does not follow the management or stewardship plan for this land and does not fit within the long range goals for this land at this time on the local level. (DECLINE)
- I find that this project should be sent up to a higher level within the agency for further review and decision. I have forwarded the Project Planning Form and this Review and Approval Form for further review to:

| | | | |
|-------|------------|--------|--------------|
| Name: | Kirk Titus | Phone: | 218-824-1138 |
|-------|------------|--------|--------------|

By checking this box and signing my name below I certify that I have met with the above applicant and discussed the proposed project and have provided feedback to the applicant. I understand I must provide this document as a PDF with my original signature on it to the applicant to submit a complete application.

Name: Kirk Titus Date: 9/16/10

Comments:

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List any additional details about your project here. Include your organization's history or charter to receive private contributions for local conservation or habitat projects. This is not required.

The Land Services Department contains three units; 1.) Environmental Services (ES), 2.) Public Land Management (PLM) and 3.) Property Valuation and Classification (PVC) 1.) ES is responsible for planning and zoning functions, solid waste management, and county survey and addressing functions. 2.) PLM is responsible for managing tax forfeit property. PLM is responsible for the County's forestry, recreation and related land management activities encompassing 103,000 acres of county public forest land. 3.) PVC performs the annual valuation and classification of property values county wide for property tax purposes under a process established by the state legislature. PLM is a unit within the Crow Wing County Land Services Department.

Supplemental Documents

If you / your project does not need to upload any of these documents, you may leave these upload boxes empty.

Upload additional information here, limited to Partner Commitment Letters, Letters of Support, Easement information, etc. You may email easement information only if it exceeds size limit while trying to submit the application; all other supporting documentation must be uploaded. Reference CPL Application # and name when emailing (provided upon application submission) or your email will be returned. Send emails to

LSCPLGrants.DNR@state.mn.us

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Conservation Partners Legacy Grants - Online Applications

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Admin

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Project Summary

Project Info

Site Info

Budget Info

Review & Approval

Additional Info

Application Submission

Final Application Submission

This completes your CPL Grant Application. Please take the time to revisit the previous sections and make sure you have entered everything completely and correctly. Once you hit the submit button below, you will not be able to return to this application to make changes.

I certify that I have read the Conservation Partners Legacy Grants Program Request for Proposal, Program Manual and other program documents, and have discussed this project with the appropriate public land manager, or private landowner and easement holder.

I certify I am authorized to apply for and manage these grant and match funds, and the project work by the organization or agency listed below. I certify this organization to have the financial capability to compete this project and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

I certify that all of the information contained in the application is correct as of the time of the submission. If anything should change, I will contact CPL Grant Staff immediately to make corrections.

I certify that if funded I will give consideration to and make timely written contact to Minnesota Conservation Corps or its successor for consideration of possible use of their services to contract for restoration and enhancement services. I will provide CPL staff a copy of that written contact within 10 days after the execution of my grant, should I be awarded.

I certify that I am aware at least one Project Review and Approval form is required for every application and I must submit all completed forms by uploading them into this application. I have attached one form as necessary for each different Land Manager within my project.

I am aware that by typing my name in the box below, I am applying my signature to this online document.

Signature:

Bryan Pike

Organization / Agency:

Crow Wing Co. -Public

Title:

**Natural Resource
Manager**

Date:

**Land Management
2010-09-16**

| Proj ID | Organization Name | Project Name | Technical Review Committee Scoring Comments | Amount Requested | Score | Technical Review Committee Final Rank | Regional Comments | Meets Regional Plan? | Rank | Region | Division Director's Comments |
|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------|-------|---|-------------------|----------------------|------|--------|--|
| 36 | Crow Wing County Public Land Mgmt. | Undivided Interest Acquisition | Land is not currently fully protected, or open to public--the private shares will be purchased. Is there any tax forfeit land involved, or is it all private and county ownership in these parcels? Land will have more protection is OHF is used. As a package cost/acre is reasonable. | \$189,600 | 153 | Most acres, good project. Open to public. | | Y | | 2 | Very complex issue, good to get it cleared up. Good project. |

General ranking comments- all habitat projects

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| All are good projects, meet goals of program. All should move forward. | All could have had better partnerships--go to NGOs for \$\$ and support. | County projects--tree planting: is it supplanting? Are these over and above regular funding? | Land purchases have more urgency than plantings. | No fluff in the costs for any of these. | If need to cut, spread \$\$ out among all applicants. |
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Crow Wing County_36_Undivided Interest Acquisition

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| 1)Amount of Habitat | 2)Local Support | 3)Degree of Collaboration | 4)Urgency | 5)Multiple Benefits | 6)Habitat Benefits | 7)Sound Conservation Science | 8)Adjacent to Protected Lands | 9)Full Funding of Project | 10)Supplants Existing Funding | 11)Public Access for Hunting and Fishing | 12)Sustainability | 13)Use of Native Plant Materials | 14)Budget and Cost Effectiveness |
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| | 8.00 | 6.00 | 5.00 | 6.00 | 7.00 | 7.00 | 7.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 5.00 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 5.00 | 8.00 |
| | 10.00 | 9.00 | 7.00 | 9.00 | 5.00 | 6.00 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 8.00 | 10.00 | 7.00 | 5.00 | 10.00 |
| | 9.00 | 10.00 | 9.00 | 7.00 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 6.00 | 10.00 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 10.00 |
| AVERAGES | 9.00 | 8.50 | 7.25 | 6.25 | 6.50 | 6.50 | 7.50 | 9.00 | 9.25 | 7.00 | 9.75 | 8.50 | 6.00 | 9.25 |

**TOTAL
SCORE** **153.25**

| 15)Capacity to Successfully Complete Work | 16)Supports Existing Landscape Level Plans | 17)Supports Species Plans | 18)Conforms to Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan | 19)Conforms to State Wildlife Action Plan |
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