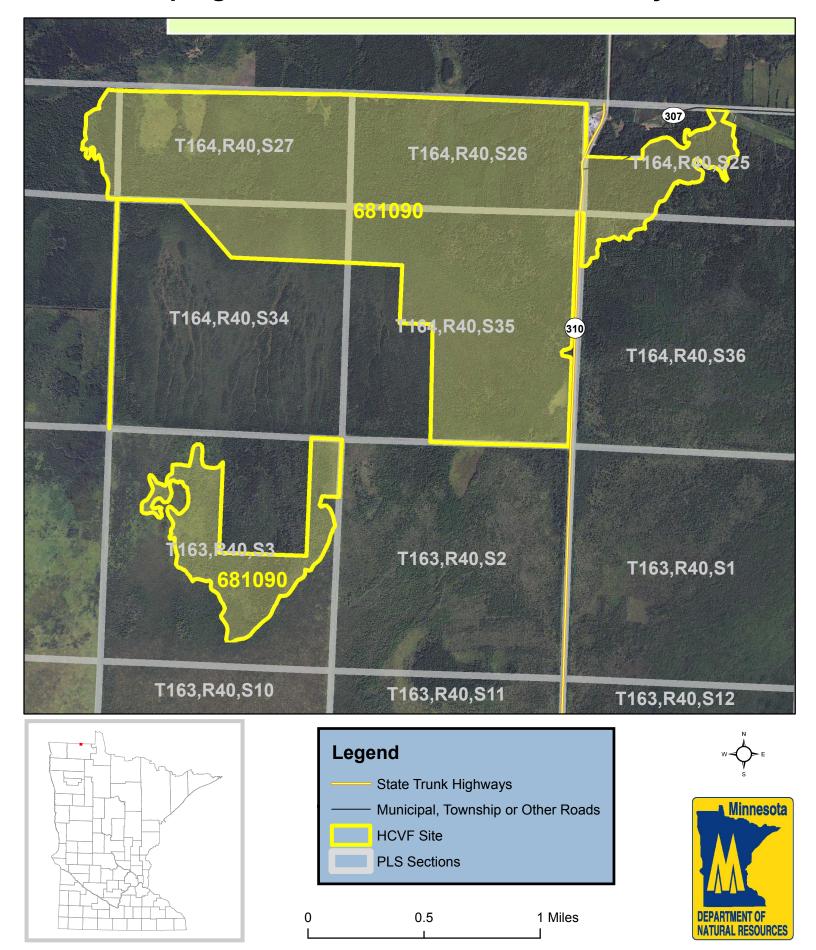
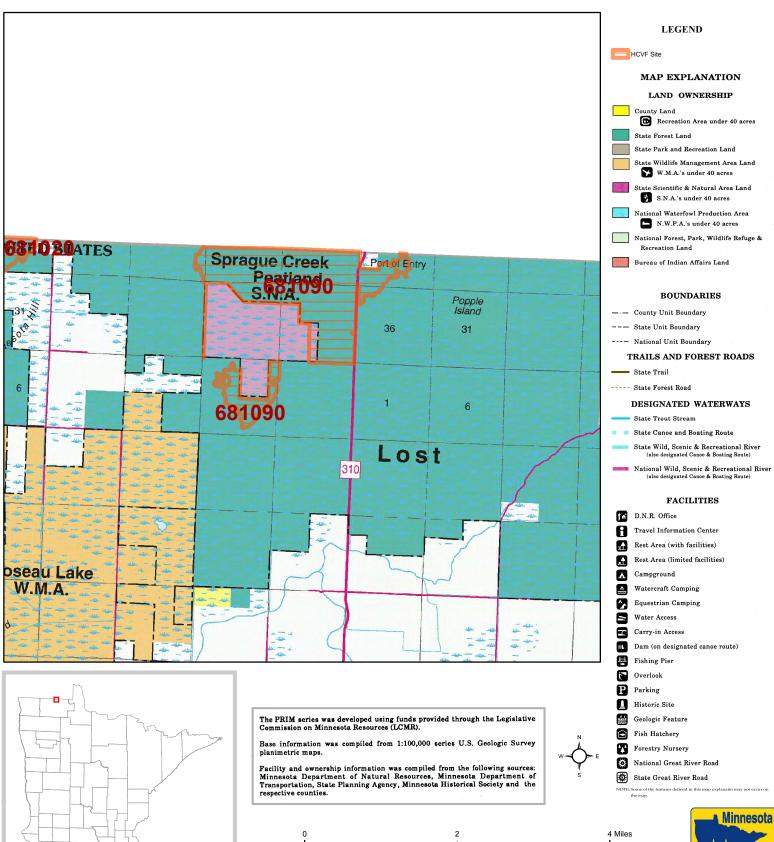
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Land ownership categories on this map are in some cases outdated. HCVF sites are on DNR-managed land only; DNR HCVF sites have not been identified on other ownerships.



## **HCVF Informational Report**

Report Run: September 3, 2013

#### **General Information**

HCVF #: 681090

**HCVF Name:** Sprague Creek Peatland

Acres of HCVF site: 1482.17

County: Roseau

Data edited by: Becky Marty, Erik Thorson

Role: NW Reg HCVF Team EWR and Wildlife Representatives

**Date edited on:** 2013-08-22

**Corresponding Land Administrator(s):** Forestry

Management Unit Name(s) (if applicable): Lost River State Forest

### **HCVF Summary**

This site is one of 18 ecologically significant patterned peatlands identified in the state. This peatland contains a good example of one of only five spring fen landforms in the state. It contains extremely rich fen channels flowing through a rich forested swamp. Numerous rare plant species are present including Cypripedium arietinum, Rhynchospora capillaris, Drosera anglica, Cladium mariscoides, and Malaxis monophylla.

#### 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.

LAURENTIAN MIXED FOREST PROVINCE HCVs: 1g (Examples of outstanding key habitats): Forest-lowland coniferous, Wetland-nonforest; 2bii - LMF (Late-successional forest block with rare species): yes; 3b (S1 or S2 plant community): OPn91; 3c (Special S3 plant community): FPn63c, FPn71a, WFn53b, WFn74a; 3f (Potential primary forest): yes; 3g (Potential roadless area).

### **Management Considerations**

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

Region HCVF Recommendations - Maintain diverse ground layer. - Maintain current mix of cover types and age classes across the HCVF site; look for opportunities to promote older growth stages. - Validate, maintain and protect S2 plant community OPn91; restore habitats and hydrology. - Validate potential primary forest. - Validate potential roadless area.

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

2010 Agassiz Lowlands SFRMP Extension. The Patterned Peatlands of Minnesota, 1992. Recommendations for the Protection of Ecologically Significant Peatlands in Minnesota, 1984. Sprague Creek Peatland Watershed Protection Area mgmt plan for Timber and Gr

# Are the HCVs within this HCVF likely to benefit from coordination with adjacent landowner(s)? \_Yes\_

This HCVF was flagged by the Regional HCVF Team as warranting cross-ownership coordination efforts. The specific HCVs likely to benefit from such coordination with adjacent landowners are identified below.

HCV 1g, 2bii, 3b, 3c, 3f, 3g. Sprague Creek Peatland SNA is nested within (but not included with) this HCVF and contains additional rare species, SGCN, and rare habitats. Rare species, S2 and S3 NPCs extend onto adjacent Private and Dept of Ag property.

### **General Comments**

A portion of this area is managed for great gray owls. Significant acreage of forest over 145 years old. Multiple rare plants, SGCN, and NPCs documented across this HCVF boundary. Hydrology should be evaluated to determine if management could be coordinated in that regard.

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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