

APPENDIX P

Special Management Areas and Priority Open Landscapes that were available or were considered during selection of the 10-Year Stand Exam Lists

Special Management Areas for specific wildlife species

Ruffed Grouse Management Areas

Third River - 2 Sections T147 R29
Sandstrom - 1 Section T149 R28
Smoky Hills State Forest - 6 Sections T139 R37
Two Inlets State Forest - 2 Sections T141 R36
Paul Bunyan State Forest – 4 Sections T142 R33
Buena Vista – 6 Sections T148 R33
Port Hope – 4 Sections T148 R31&32

Prairie Chicken/Sandhill Crane Area 16 Sections T139 R32

Red-shouldered Hawk Management Area

3 Sections T140 R37/6 Sections T139 R37

Red-shouldered Hawk Priority LTAs

A-ranked (highest priority) – 2 center units of Guthrie Till Plain (212Na03) and both units of St. Croix Moraine (212Nc02)
B-ranked – none in these two subsections
C-ranked (lower priority) – largest unit of Blackduck Moraine (212Na18), Bass Lake Moraine (212Nc32), Shell Lake Moraine (212Nc28), south unit of Itasca Moraine (212Nc16), and Crow Wing Sand Plain (212Nc01).

Northern Goshawk Territories

500 meter, 1 mile, and 3 mile buffers of nest sites

Special Management Areas for openlands

Mud-Goose WMA
White Oak
Mississippi River
Bowstring River
First River- Egg Lake
Laura Lake
Boy River
Rabbit/Raven
Third River
Morph Meadows
Leech Lake Sedge Meadows – Battleground, Boy Bay/River, Headquarters Bay/Bear Island, Swamp Lake/Steamboat Bay, and The Narrows

Priority Open Landscape Areas

Sharp-tailed Grouse-Openlands Complex – Special Management Unit (SMU) designation containing portions of Blackduck Till Plain (212Na16), Blackduck Moraine (212Na18), and Debs Till Plain (212Na19) LTAs.
Ponsford/Shell/Hubbard Prairie – LTA designation of portion of Park Rapids Sand Plain (212Nc11) LTA.
Prairie Chicken Openlands Area - LTA designation containing portions of Nimrod Drumlin Plain (212Nc10) and Park Rapids Sand Plain (212Nc11) LTAs.
Verndale Sand Plain (212Nc07) – entire LTA designation.