

Appendix B: Management Considerations

Resource	Management Considerations
Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * With the number of new industrial projects proposed for the Iron Range, it will be important to continue to monitor the condition of the air, precipitation, and the resources they affect such as lake and fish chemistry since the trends in these data sets often take years to materialize. This is especially import for visibility and mercury.
Cooperation & Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * As part of the Forest prioritization approach, systematically seek to increase the number of partners and agreements in order to best meet the needs of our Forest and our public. * Involve Regional and Washington Office programs to bring regional and national partnerships to the SNF
Fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Review Activity Limit Code E listed on Table G-WS-8 (Forest Plan p. 2-16) and O-WS-10 as it relates to slash retention following the prescribed burning activity. * Review S-VG-4 and G-VG-2 (Forest Plan p. 2-26) as it relates to fuel treatments within red and white pine stands with over story below 60% canopy closure.
Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Review heritage mitigation measures related to heavily used recreation areas across the SNF including the BWCAW (O-HR-1 and S-HR-7).
Minerals & Geology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Develop a detailed framework for managing/administering federal hardrock minerals with the BLM. This would be beneficial to improve the permitting and administration process and to guide how the two agencies cooperatively work together.
Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Review S-PH-1 language. Clarify what type of public health threat (address hazardous materials, drinking water, wastewater ect) the standard is intended to mitigate.
Recreation Motor Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Adjust language and definition in Forest Plan to reflect Travel Management Rule once Forest wide Travel Management Project is implemented.
Timber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Although differences between planned treatment acres and harvest acres are not unexpected, the differences between planned and actual treatments observed in 2006 and 2007 appear to be greater than expected. During future monitoring we will analyze this in greater detail. * Improve the incorporation and implementation of design features and mitigation in vegetation project planning and implementation to possibly reduce overestimation of treatment acres.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * When 2004 through 2007 NEPA decisions are fully implemented, a total of 125 miles of roads will have been decommissioned. Analyze the amount of road decommissioning that is appropriate and/or if Forest Plan projections (O-TS-8) needs adjusting.
Tribal Rights & Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The SNF is accomplishing consultation efforts with the bands, yet the opportunity exists for more proactive government-to-government interaction and collaboration to actively facilitate rights of band members for hunting, fishing and gathering (D-TR-3).
Watershed/ Riparian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Continue to encourage that vegetation management NEPA decisions include proactive riparian management, particularly in the near-bank zones. * Working with regulators and industry, advocate for reduction in emissions of mercury and other pollutants that impair lake ecosystems.
Wilderness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Analyze and develop solutions to address and meet solitude standards in the Forest Plan.