

I. INTRODUCTION

This is the fifth report compiled under the 2004 Chippewa National Forest Plan. The plan was signed by Regional Forester, Randy Moore, on July 30, 2004.

This report includes a five year review and evaluation of objectives, standards and guidelines, and outputs with Forest Plan implementation from 2005-2010. “The Forest Supervisor shall review the conditions on the land covered by the plan at least every 5 years to determine whether conditions or demands of the public have changed significantly” (36 CFR 219.10(g)). The review process enables the Forest to assess its effectiveness in moving toward resource goals and objectives stated in the Forest Plan. The review also looks at potentially new information and changed conditions since the Forest Plan was adopted. Based on the review and evaluation, recommendations may be made to the Forest Supervisor for changes in management directions, revisions, or amendments to the Forest Plan that are necessary to keep the Forest Plan current.

The report uses as its framework the Monitoring and Evaluation plan as described in Chapter IV of the Forest Plan. This chapter provides a list of monitoring questions tied to resource areas to be evaluated. There are also legally required monitoring items that include specific compliance requirements. Reference to Chapter IV of the Forest Plan will provide a more complete overview and details.

This report tracks progress of implementation of Forest Plan decisions and the effectiveness of specific management practices. The report summarizes the movement towards goals and objectives, suggests some trends, identifies new information since revision, highlights implications, and makes recommendations for resource areas.

In addition to the information summarized and presented in this report, the data compiled, methodologies used, and supporting documents are part of the project file and are available upon request at the Supervisor’s Office in Cass Lake, MN.

Chapter II consists of a report summary for the resource areas. In each resource section has the following discussion:

- **Monitoring Question.** This question is the same as identified in Chapter 4 of the Forest Plan. The questions are tied to monitoring drivers that consist of the desired conditions, objectives, standards and guidelines specified in the Forest Plan for that resource. The monitoring drivers are not included in this report but can be found in the project file. Similarly, the monitoring methods are in the project file. They consist of methods used, locations, timing, and processes of monitoring data collection.
- **Results.** This section captures the progress in implementing Forest Plan direction, reaching objectives, goals, desired conditions and producing goods and services. This section may also address the effectiveness of standards and guidelines, specific management practices, design features, or mitigation measures.
- **New Issues.** This section identifies new or emerging issues since Revision occurred. It also highlights changes in national or regional policy/direction.

- Implications. This section discusses the interpretation of the data and describes what the results mean.
- Recommendations. Identifies recommendations for ongoing or future projects, particularly if there is a shift or adjustment in direction. Included are any potential changes to existing Forest Plan direction.

Chapter III addresses adjustments or corrections to the Forest Plan. Changes previously made are listed. Also included is a list of items to be considered for future corrections, amendments or revisions.

Chapter IV is a list of the Forest Service employees that provided information contained in this report or support during the process. The report incorporates information gathered by resource specialists for the most part from the Chippewa National Forest.

Appendix contains additional details. In particular, tables for age class distributions, species composition, and MIH for each of the Landscape Ecosystems are presented here.

