

## Preface

The Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) establishes direction for natural resource management on the Chippewa National Forest. An environmental impact statement (EIS) accompanies the Plan and describes the analysis used in developing the Forest Plan.

If any particular part of the Plan or specific application of the Plan is found to be invalid the remainder of the Plan and its application will not be affected.

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## Organization of the Forest Plan

The Forest Plan is organized into four chapters and four appendices.

**Chapter 1 – Introduction** Discusses the general purpose of the Forest Plan, the Forest Plan revision process, the relationship of the Plan to other documents, and direction for implementing the Plan. This includes definitions of desired conditions, objectives, standards, and guidelines. Chapter 1 also describes how the Plan would be amended or revised in the future.

**Chapter 2 – Forest-wide Management Direction** Presents management direction for the Forest as a whole. This chapter is organized by resource. First it describes Forest-wide desired conditions, objectives, standard, and guidelines for each resource. It then lists objectives for landscape ecosystems for forest type, age-class distribution, patch size, management indicator habitats, and within stand diversity.

## Chapter 3 – Management Area Direction

Presents management direction for specific Management Areas. This chapter provides desired conditions, objectives, standards, and guidelines.

## Chapter 4 – Monitoring and Evaluation

Presents a plan for monitoring and evaluating the effects of management practices.

**Appendix A – Summary of the Analysis of the Management Situation** Summarizes ecological, social, and economic conditions on the Forest.

**Appendix B – Minnesota National Forests ROS Mapping Criteria** Describes the characterizations of each Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) class.

**Appendix C – Management Indicator Habitats** Lists the age groups and forest types that make up management indicator habitats.

**Appendix D – Proposed and Probable Practices, Goods Produced, and Other Information** Displays an estimate of the goods and services provided, the proposed and probable management practices expected, and other information including land classification.

**Appendix E – Canada Lynx** Provides additional information on Canada Lynx management.