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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 3.B.15

SUBJECT: Plagge Woods Redesignation from a Parks Property to a State Natural Areas Property

FOR: MAY 2009 **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Brigit Brown, State Trails Coordinator, Bureau of Parks & Recreation

SUMMARY:

The Department proposes to change the designation for Plagge Woods from a Parks property to a State Natural Areas property. The item is being submitted because Board approval is required for the redesignation.

This property was origianlly accepted by the Department as part of the State Park System, Chippewa Moraine Unit of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve, but is not within the current project boundary for the Chippewa Moraine, nor is it along the route of the Ice Age Trail. The property has been managed as a State Natural Area since it was donated to the Department in 1973 and was designated a State Natural Area in 1987. The proposed redesignation will be consistent with the property's current and future land use.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the redesignation of Plagge Woods from a Parks property to a State Natural Areas property.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No	☑	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☑	Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required	Yes	☐	Attached
No	☐	Background Memo	Yes	☑	Attached

APPROVED:

Bureau Director, Dan Schuller — Date 4/2/09

Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf — Date 4/06/09

Secretary, Matt Frank — Date 5/14/09

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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

State of Wisconsin

DATE: April 1, 2009

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Matt Frank

SUBJECT: Change in Designation for Plagge Woods from a Parks Property to a State Natural Areas Property

In 1973, Plagge Woods, an 80-acre parcel of land in Chippewa County, was donated to the Department and accepted by the Natural Resources Board as part of the Bloomer Unit of the Ice Age Reserve – later renamed the Chippewa Moraine Unit. This property is not within the current project boundary for the Chippewa Moraine, nor is it along the route of the Ice Age Trail.

The property is located on the south slope of Flambeau Mountain, a large quartzite hill called a monadnock with considerable geological significance. The tract is an old-growth forest of sugar maple, red oak, and basswood. In accordance with the wishes of the donors, the property is to be preserved in a natural condition. The deed stipulates that no timber be cut and that it be used for scientific and recreational purposes only.

The property is already a designated State Natural Area and has been managed as a State Natural Area since it was donated to the Department. Plagge Woods was legally dedicated as a State Natural Area in 1987.

The Department recommends changing the designation for Plagge Woods from a Parks property to a State Natural Areas property to be called Plagge Woods State Natural Area.

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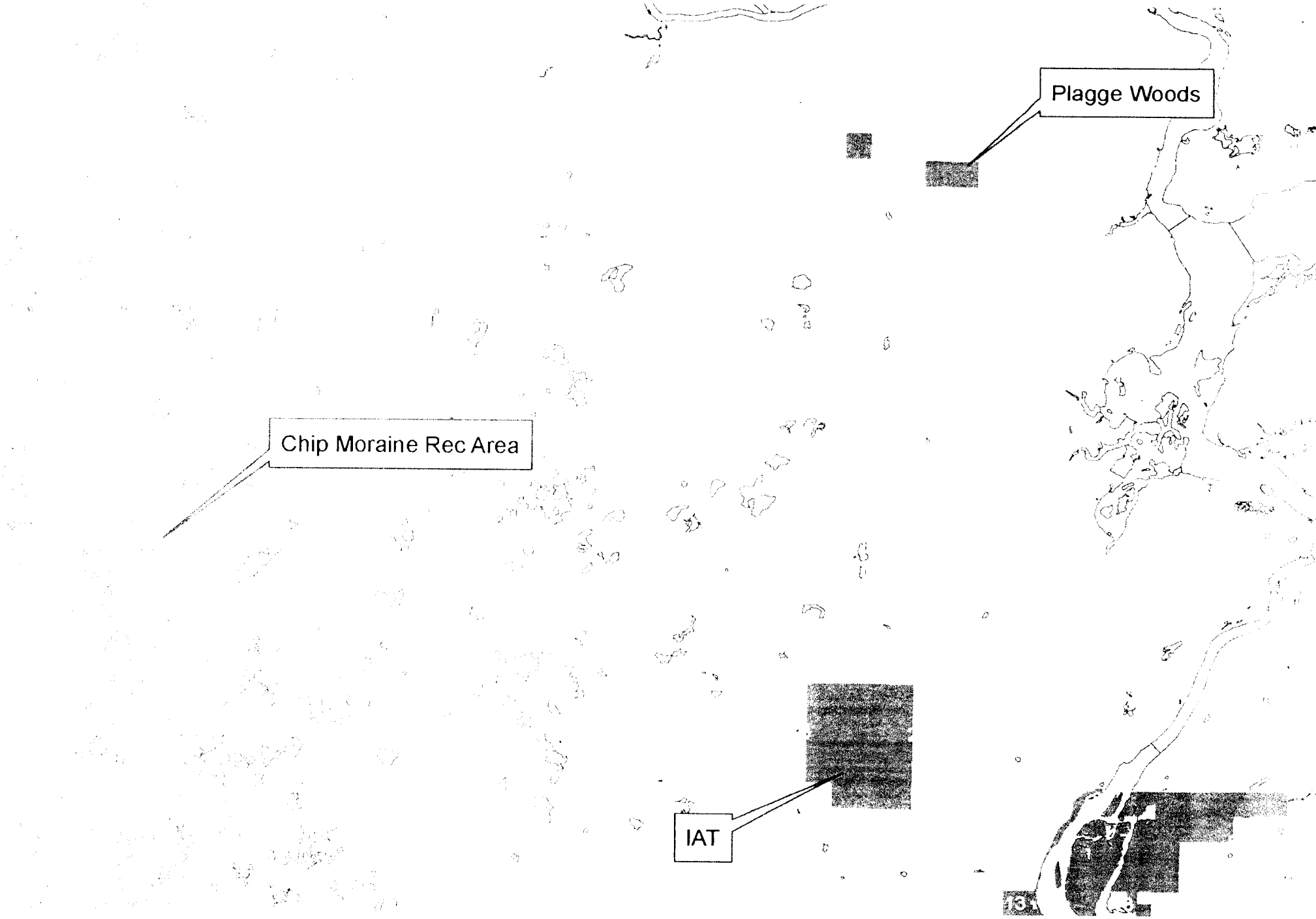
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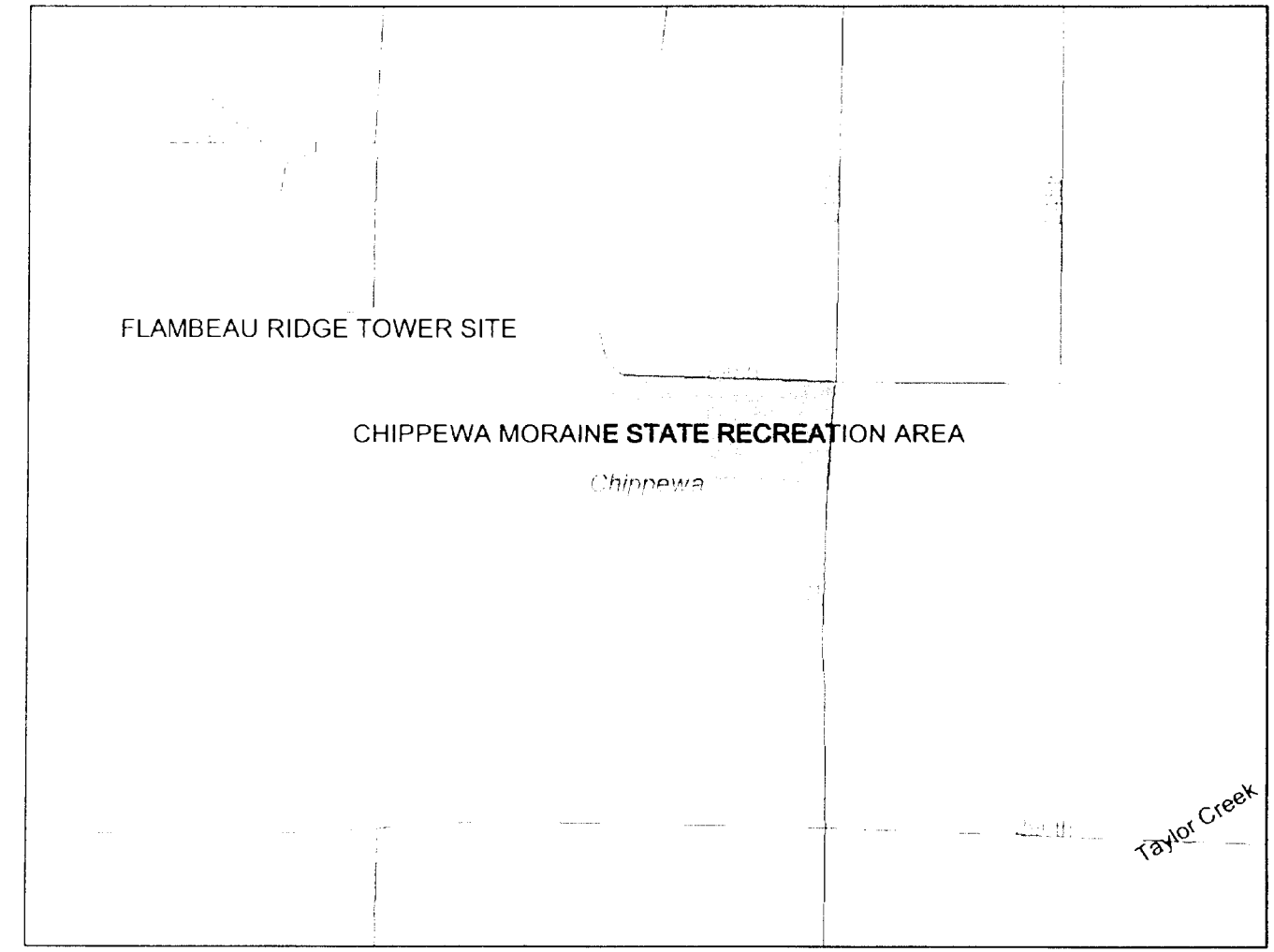

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- County Boundary
- 24K Open Water
- Municipalities
  - Village
  - City
- DNR Managed Lands
  - Fee
  - Easement
  - Lease

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