

Amendment to Master Plan Variance dated 9/17/04

Property Name: Brule River State Forest

On September 17, 2004 Division Administrator Paul DeLong signed a Masterplan Variance for the Brule River State Forest. The variance authorized two salvage sales in Land Management Area 8 and 2 due to unanticipated oak mortality from the two-lined chestnut borer.

After further review of the recommended action in Area 2 by The Division of Forestry and discussions with and input from the public, the division is submitting this amendment for Area 2.

The Area 2 sale will consist of 39 acres and is located within stand 7 of compartment 60 and stand 2 of compartment 62 as found in the Brule River State Forest compartment reconnaissance program. Dead oaks, defined as 50% or greater crown dieback, aspen and white birch would be salvaged within the entire 39 acres unless marked with green paint or otherwise designated. Three Groups or reserve islands are marked to be retained and all species within these islands will be left. An area not to exceed 15 acres will be selected that is best suited to regenerate oak. In this 15 acres, all oak, maple, white birch, aspen, ash and basswood greater than 2" DBH will be harvested. All yellow birch, spruce and fir will be left uncut over the entire 39 acres. The remaining acreage will be left to naturally succeed to Northern Hardwoods. Coarse woody debris in a range of sizes from topwood to logs will be left on the ground and standing snags will be retained at a minimum of 2-3 per acre. All hazard trees adjacent to the Bayfield Hiking Trail will be removed.

It is recognized this amendment authorizes activity that reaches the management objective for oak within Area 2 as per the Masterplan and the division does not have any additional planned entrances in this area for oak management for the life of the plan.

This amendment does not affect the variance as it pertains to Area 8.

Approved: _____
Paul DeLong, Administrator, Division of Forestry

Date: _____

This Amendment was signed October 18, 2004