Threatened and Endangered Species in Forests of Wisconsin

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Large-leaved Sandwort

(Moehringia macrophylla)
or
(Arenaria macrophylla)

Federal Status: Not Listed
State Status: Endangered

Description: Large-leaved sandwort has shiny, inch-long tapering leaves that are staggered on the stem in opposite-facing pairs. Ranging from 3 to 5 inches tall, this inconspicuous sandwort develops terminal sprays of tiny, white flowers from May to August. This plant is a perennial and often forms colonies by spreading underground rhizomes.

Habitat: Large-leaved sandwort occurs mainly in dry or moist woodlands and on stony slopes. One Wisconsin site consists of mossy crevices between igneous rocks, a type of rock

uncommon in Wisconsin. Also, it is sometimes found on shores.

Forestry Considerations: Because of the fragile nature of large-leaved sandwort, harvest of the trees in the immediate area of the plant, and disturbance to the plant should be avoided. If possible, known locations should be marked and protected from logging activities. Winter harvest using single-tree selection or group-selection silvicultural techniques are preferred.