

File# FI 610 – Sawyer County - 74.6 acres

The Department acquired this property for \$8,800.00 in 1967. The property has approximately 1,280 feet of two bank frontage on Hauer creek, a class one trout stream and approximately 927 feet of one bank frontage on Hauer springs.

There are two NHI hits for the aquatic plants, Robbin's spikerush and Spotted pondweed. In the past this area received a considerable amount of local use. Fishing quality could be restored with a small amount of habitat work to reconnect springs with the ponds.

The Department has made investments in infrastructure improvements on this property, including \$2,500.00 for parking improvements. There is a trail/2-track road that runs along the south side of the property connecting to the spring pond. This trail is maintained by Facilities and Lands staff and is mowed annually and brushed as needed. A new property identification sign was installed in 2015.

Habitat improvements include work at the spring ponds and to ensure smaller springs stayed connected to the larger ponds. A considerable amount of money was spent in the 80's to dredge these spring ponds and create more trout habitat.

The property is accessible through CTH F and is bordered by a rail line and County forest ownership and other Department lands being recommended to retain.

The Department recommends retaining this parcel.

