

Parent File FO 83 O (6)/Sale File WM 60485– Vilas County 33.11 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel as a part of a larger property for \$3,173.04 in 1911. It is a Scattered Forest Lands parcel and is located in the Town of Arbor Vitae in Vilas County.

This parcel is a part of the Northern Highlands American Legion State Forest (NHAL) exclusion zones. The NHAL Master Plan, approved by Natural Resources Board (NRB) action in 2005, included acquisition exclusion areas in and around the Towns of Manitowish Waters, Boulder Junction, Sayner, St. Germain, and Lake Tomahawk. These exclusion areas were originally removed from the Northern Highland and American Legion State Forest Administrative boundaries in 1975 by NRB action. The 1982 and 2005 NHAL Master Plans recognized this action and the continued interests of the local Towns for these areas to remain as exclusion areas and not be included in the NHAL project boundary. The intent of the 1975 action, and the two subsequent master plan actions, was to adjust the project boundary and remove lands from the NHAL project boundary, as well as the State Forest designation. The rationale for all three actions was to allow the Department the ability to divest the lands by trade or sale, for more appropriate forested lands within the NHAL and allowing the Towns to direct local growth and development in and around their communities.

The Department has made investments in timber management on the property, including harvesting and replanting of pine.

The public can access the parcel through Hwy 51. There is a forest trail that provides walking access into the interior of the parcel. The parcel is used by the public for hunting, trapping and other recreation.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats.

