

Parent File FO 83 O (9)/Sale File WM 60484– Vilas County 34.86 Acres

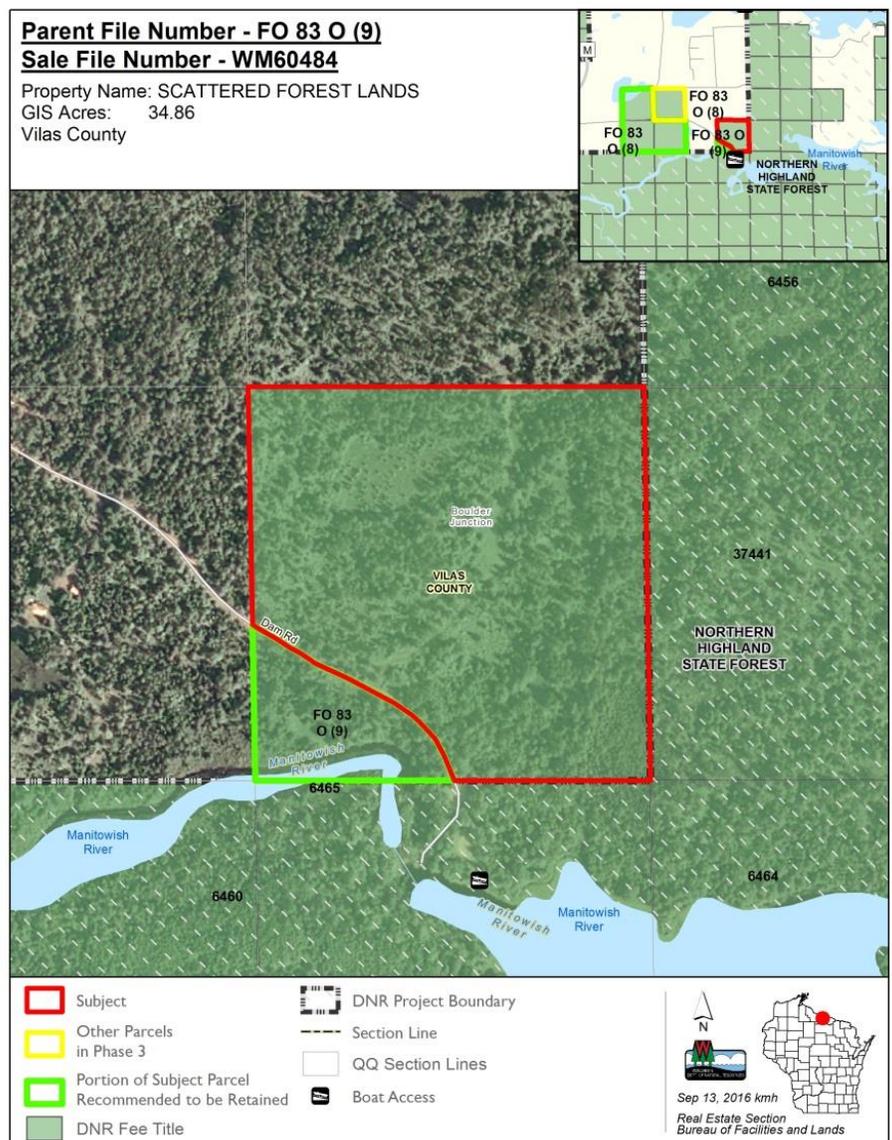
The Department acquired this parcel as a part of a larger transaction for \$3,173.04 in 1911. It is a Scattered Forest Lands parcel and is located in the Town of Presque Isle in Vilas County.

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 is recommending to offer for sale a portion of this parcel. The portion to be retained is to provide public access to and a buffer for the Manitowish River. The portion recommended to be offered is composed of productive aspen and pine, a grassy opening and a two acre wetland marsh.

The Department has not made significant investments in infrastructure or habitat improvements on the parcel. The parcel is accessible to the public through Dam Road.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer a portion of this land (34.86 Acres) for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., subject to an easement for a snowmobile trail that intersects the property.



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