

File# NF 30050 – Jackson County - 36.6 acres

The Department acquired this parcel as a part of a larger acquisition for the Black River State Forest in 2010. This parcel is outside the Black River State Forest project boundary.

The property has approximately 1,102 feet of two-bank frontage on an unnamed stream and the primary cover type is red pine plantation. It falls within the Karner Blue Butterfly Recovery High Potential Range. The property is accessible by the public from Starlight Road on the southern portion of the property and also provides access to adjoining Department lands to the north. If offered for sale, the Department should retain public access rights across the property. The Department has only made minimal investments in the property associated with managing timber, including a thinning every 15 years.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., and the land be only offered to Jackson County, subject to an access easement across the property to Department lands to the north for both public and Department access for management and timber harvest purposes, as well as a deed restriction requiring the land be open to all five NBOA's in perpetuity.

