

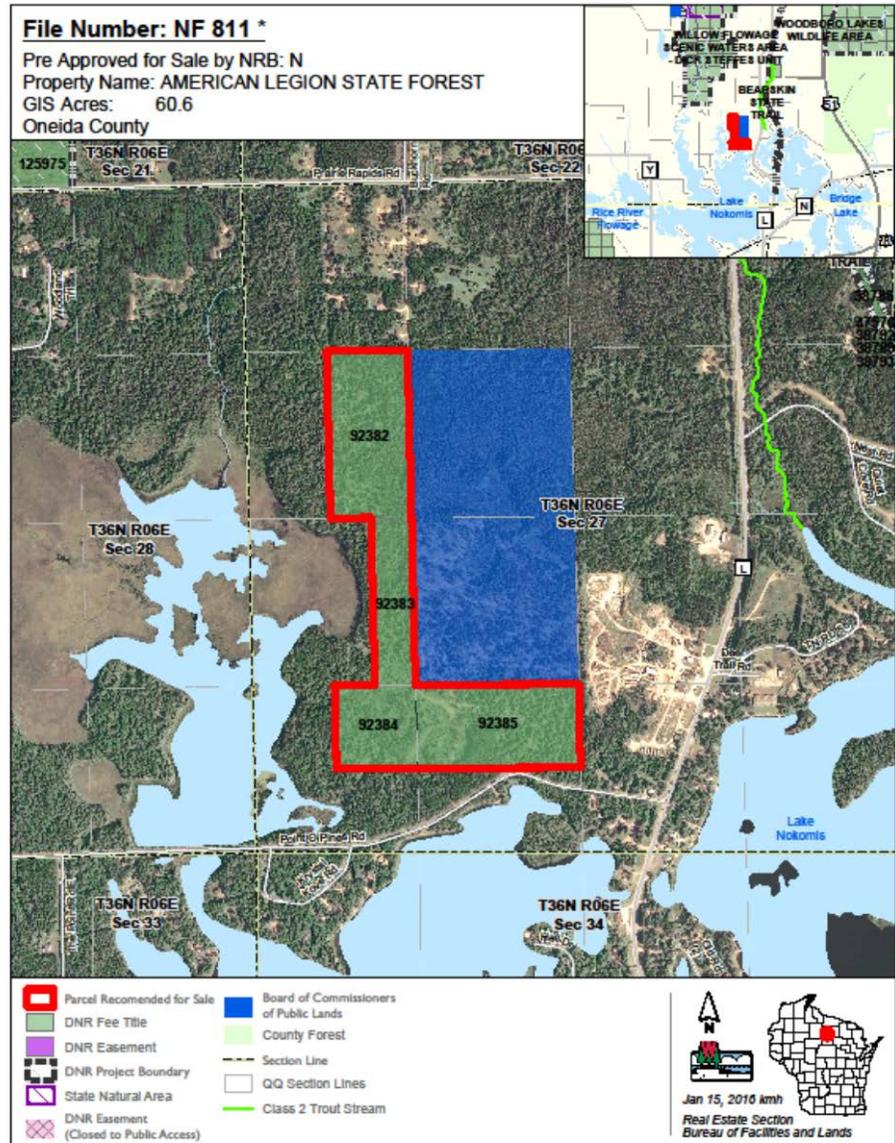
File# NF 811– Oneida County - 60.6 acres

The Department acquired this property as part of a larger acquisition in 2004 from the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company (WVIC). It included 5,167.4 acres for the Northern Highland/American Legion State Forest, the New Wood Wildlife Area, the Rainbow Flowage, and other scattered forestlands. It also included a donation of 10,041 acres of submerged lands at Rainbow and Willow Flowages. A portion of this purchase is outside of any Department approved project boundary.

Historically this parcel was accessed from Point 'O Pines Road across a small part of WVIC land south of the parcel. A written access agreement could not be located. WVIC put a gate across the existing access road but will allow DNR access for management purposes. There is no legal access for the public.

The Department has not invested in infrastructure or habitat improvements to this property apart from scheduled timber harvest activities. The Snowmobile Club has performed maintenance on the trail. Any sale of the property should ensure that the trail is protected. The town of Nokomis has expressed interest in the parcel.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., with the land offered first to the Town of Nokomis, secondly to adjacent landowners subject to an easement for the existing snowmobile trail.



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