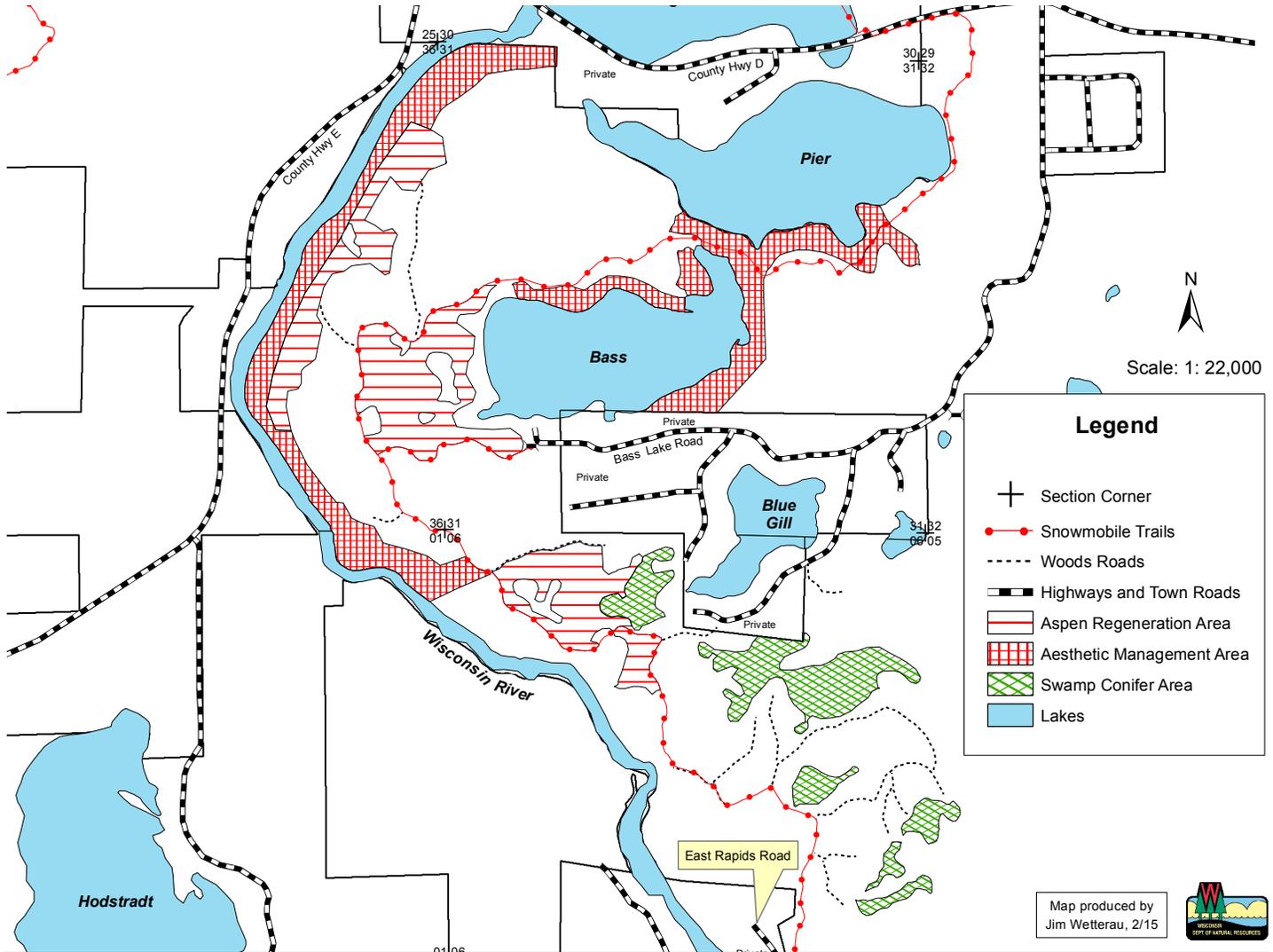


**Northern Highland - American Legion State Forest
 Compartment 48A & 49A - Bass Lake Aspen - 227 Acres
 Town of Lake Tomahawk, Oneida County, T38N-R7E Sec. 1 & T38N-R8E Sec. 5 & 6
 Town of Newbold, Oneida County, T39N-R8E Sec. 31
 Town of Woodruff, Oneida County, T39N-R7E Sec. 36
 Master Plan: Management Area 6 - Oneida Sandy Plains Forest Production Area**



The goals for the Oneida Sandy Plains Forest Production Area are to increase the presence and age of red and white pine, maintain aspen as a strong component across the landscape, expand the red oak type and maintain forested wetlands with a representation of multiple age classes of black spruce and balsam fir, applying General Management Prescriptions.

The Aesthetic Management Area, in C48 stand 13 & C49 stand 8, comprise 95 acres of red & white pine sawtimber with associated mature aspen, white birch, maple and oak. These stands would benefit greatly from a thinning in which most of the mature aspen and white birch are harvested while the remaining species receive an improvement thinning. This thinning would provide for the optimal growth of longer-lived oak and pine while removing dying and poor quality trees. Pockets or gaps will be incorporated while thinning these stands to regenerate and expand the oak while releasing white pine to grow in full sunlight. Pockets of aspen will also regenerate adding diversity to the stand. This area is being managed to provide for the long term aesthetics along the WI River and the area lakes which provide private and public recreation.

The Aspen Regeneration Area, in C48 stand 2 & C49 stand 3, consists of 89 acres of 46 year old aspen that will be clear cut to regenerate these species by root sprouting. Once the aspen is harvested these sunloving species will vigorously sprout back from the root system with full sun exposure.

The Swamp Conifer Area, in C48 stands 4 & 10, are comprised of 43 acres of 115 year old black spruce, tamarack and balsam fir poletimber. The management goal would be to regenerate these species through strip or patch clearcuts. These harvested areas will grow back by seeding in from reserve crop trees that will remain, after the harvest.

Access to this area from the south is off East Rapids Road, which is east of the Wisconsin River. Access from the north is off Bass Lake Road, which lies south of Hwy D. Aesthetics are an issue along the Wisconsin River and the areas lakes. Special provisions will be incorporated into the sale design to modify the visual impact to recreationalists using these watersheds. If the snowmobile trail is used during harvest operations it will be signed and maintained in a rideable fashion. Frozen ground restrictions will be required in the low ground areas. Biomass harvesting is not allowed.