

**Lake Superior Estuaries:** The Lake Superior estuaries are in much better condition than Lake Michigan's when considering protective status.

- *Kakagon Sloughs, Bad River Reservation:* The state's largest and most expansive estuary is protected and managed by the Bad River nation.
- *Lost Creek Bog State Natural Area, Bayfield County:* This site is mostly protected as an SNA.
- *Sand Creek Bay, Bayfield County and the Red Cliff Reservation:* This site is protected by the National Park Service and the Red Cliff nation.
- *Fish Creek Estuary, Bayfield County:* This site is mostly protected by the city of Ashland and the USF&WS.
- *Bark Bay Slough State Natural Area, Bayfield County:* Most of the slough is protected, but the sand spit has several cabins.

**Sandscapes:** Along shore water movements help deposit lengthy spits of sand jutting well in the great lake.

- *Long Point, Ashland County:* This lengthy sand spit juts well into Chequamegon Bay and is habitat for Piping Plovers. The site is mostly protected by the National Park Service and the Bad River Nation; however a few parcels are still in private hands.
- *Wisconsin Point, Douglas County:* Almost the entire point is own by the City of Superior.

**Boreal Clay Plain Forests:** The cool waters of Lake Superior have modified the temperature along the shore enough to permit species normally found much farther north in Canada to persist. Wisconsin's boreal forest has a different composition than its Canadian cousins. Dominate species are white pine, white spruce, white cedar and white birch. Occasionally eastern hemlock and red pines are part of the mix. These sites are protected and recognized for the most part, but small acres need action. A few places need more active management to remove exotic species.

- *Nourse's Sugarbush State Natural Area, Bayfield County:* This site is fully protected.
- *Lost Creek Pines HCVF, Bayfield County Forest:* This site is recognized by Bayfield County as contained significant natural features and is thus recognized in the forestry planning.
- *Red Cliff Forests, Red Cliff Reservation:* The Red Cliff Nation has created a tribal National Park at Frog Bay, set aside a ¼ mile wilderness along Lake Superiors shore and protected wetlands at Raspberry Bay and Sand Bay. A small area of high quality boreal forest lies just outside the wilderness zone at Eagle Point that could be further recognized.
- *Bois Brule Boreal Forest, Douglas County:* Portions of the Brule river State Forest have been designated State Natural Areas to recognize their significant natural features.

- *Port Wing Boreal Forest State Natural Area, Bayfield County:* Acquisition for this important SNA is nearly complete – only a few acres remain.
- *Carpenter Creek HCVF, Iron County Forest:* This site is recognized by Iron County as contained significant natural features and is thus recognized in the forestry planning.
- *Upper Nemadji River HCVF, Douglas County Forest:* This site is recognized by Douglas County as contained significant natural features and is thus recognized in the forestry planning.
- *White River Boreal Forest and Breaks SNA, White River Wildlife and Fisheries Areas:* These sites are recognized by Wisconsin DNR as contained significant natural features and are thus recognized in master planning.
- *Red River Boreal Forest and Breaks SNA candidate, Red River Watershed Area:* These sites are under consideration for recognition by Wisconsin DNR as contained significant natural features.
- *Pattison Park Mesic Forests SNA candidate, Pattison State Park:* These sites are under consideration for recognition by Wisconsin DNR as contained significant natural features.
- *Dwight's Point SNA, Superior Municipal Forest:* This site is recognized by the Superior Municipal Forest as contained significant natural features and is thus recognized in the forestry planning.
- *Bad River Floodplain Terraces, Bad River Reservation:* These sites are recognized by the Bad River Nation as contained significant natural features and are thus recognized in their planning.

**Apostle Islands:** Enough said - this is a conservation stronghold.

**Red Clay Wetlands:** deep deposits of red clay till deposited at the bottom of Glacial Lake Duluth. These sticky soils are either slimy or brick-like, depending upon rainfall. The challenging growing conditions permit specialized species to thrive. Two large areas are mostly protected with some additional work needed.

- *Bibon Swamp State Natural Area, Bayfield County:* Between the county and the state over 90% of this vast wetland is protected.
- *Pokegama/Carnegie Wetlands SNA, Douglas County:* The large red clay wetlands just south of Superior are mostly protected and managed.