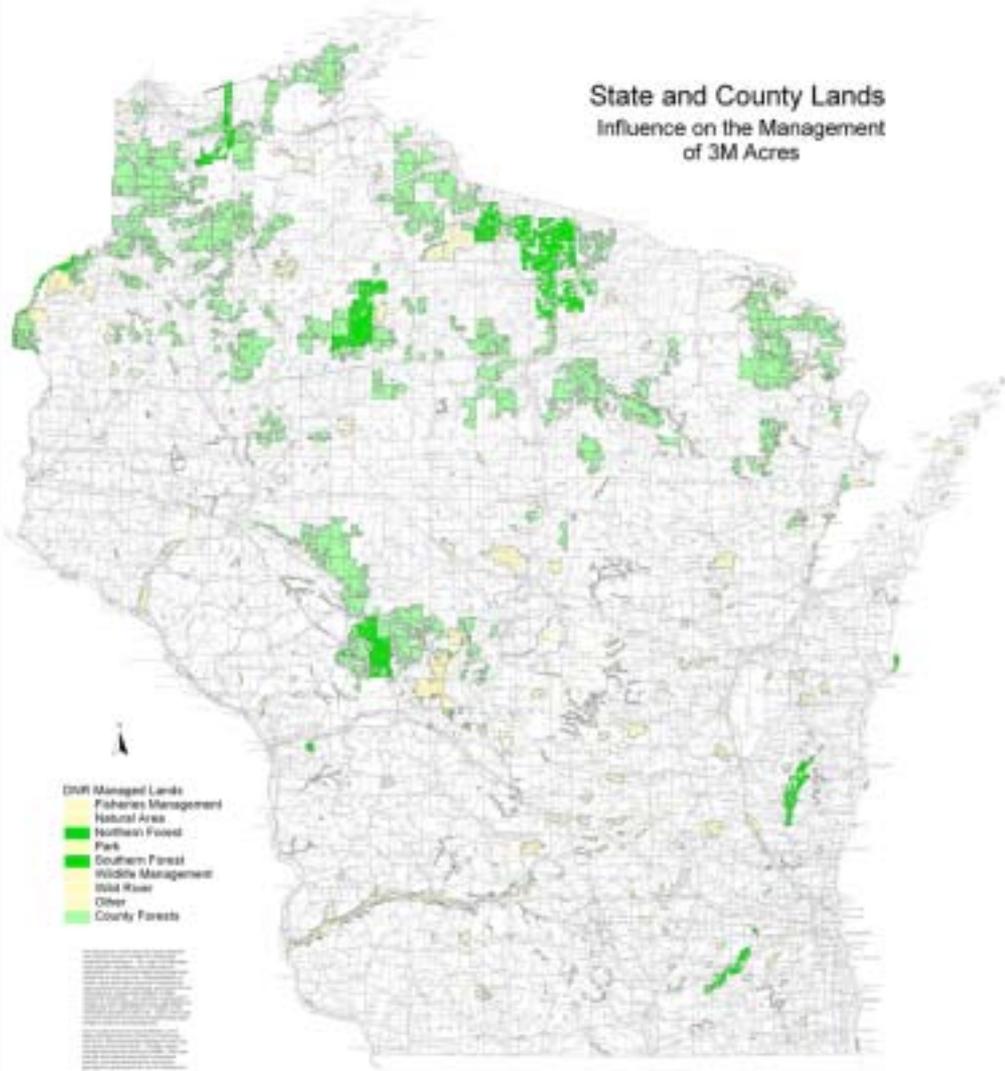


# State and County Forests

State and County Lands  
Influence on the Management  
of 3M Acres



## County Forests

~ 2.3M acres

## State Forests

~ 500,000 acres

~ 16% of  
Wisconsin  
forests

# County Forest History

Provide guidance and direction to the management of 2.3 million acres of County Forest lands located in **29 counties**



- First county forest established in 1928

# County Forest Productivity

<u>Years</u>	<u>Revenues in \$</u>
● 1936-45	134,627
● 1946-55	2,013,589
● 1956-65	4,724,796
● 1966-75	8,225,422
● 1976-85	29,355,618
● 1986-94	49,224,711



# State Statute

S.28.11(1)

“to enable and encourage the planned development and management of the county forests for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, watershed protection and stabilization of stream flow, giving full recognition of multiple-use to assure maximum public benefits; to protect public rights, interests, and investments in such lands; and to compensate the counties for public uses, benefits and privileges these lands provide; all in a manner which will provide reasonable revenue to the towns in which such lands lie.”



# County Forest Plan

“ A comprehensive county forest land use plan shall be prepared for a **10 -year period** by the county forestry committee with the assistance of the Department of Natural Resources...”



# County Forests' 10-year Plan

- Department develops a model with County forests input
- Local county modifies plan using public and local officials
- Plan outlines county specific policies, resources and proposed work items.

# Who Controls County Forests?

- Local County Board of Supervisors
- County Forestry Committee
  - County forest Administrator and staff work for committee
  - Department forester is liaison between county and DNR

# How are Changes in Mgmt Promulgated?

- Minor Changes
  - local plan amendment
- Major Changes
  - rule or statute revision



# How are Mgmt Decisions Influenced?

- Primarily Locally
- Statutes have broader influence



# How are Mgmt Decisions Influenced ?

- By citizens and resource professionals providing input to the department or legislature

