

Pre-ACUB: 33.8%

Total Protected (5-mile):
85,382 acres



5-mile Work Area: 252,637 acres

Protected Lands = Public/NGO, SFIA,
Easements, Wetlands and Lakes/Rivers

Current: 58.8%

Total Protected (5-mile):
148,528 acres



FACT: Forestland makes up 35.5% of the larger CRSL with only 0.5% of those forests being located on public lands. Easements and private land restorations are critical in protecting the larger percentage of the landscapes forested habitat.

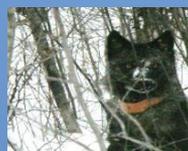
End-State Protection Goal (5-mile): 65% (164,215 acres) accomplished via easements (Federal & LSOHC), fee title (partner's work) and SFIA.

Working with willing landowners this partnership will utilize permanent conservation easements (BWSR RIM) to acquire 4,000 acres of high-quality habitat in order to accomplish:

PERMANENT PROTECTION of habitat corridors and buffers around public lands

PRESERVE open space within the CRSL

PRACTICES that protect soil & water quality and habitat corridor connectivity via conservation enhancement and restoration efforts



Gray wolf



Golden eagle



Blanding's turtle

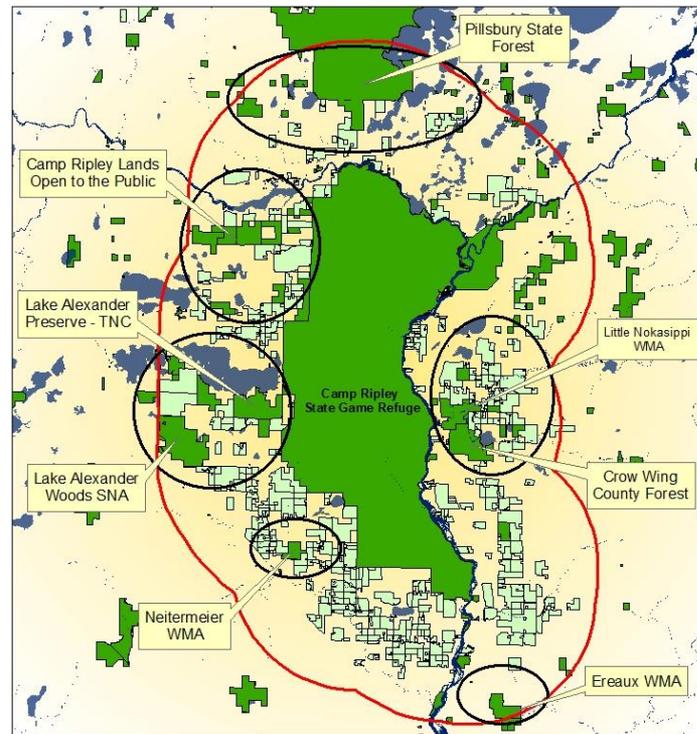
Habitat Quality Meter

Lesser Quality Base Greater Quality

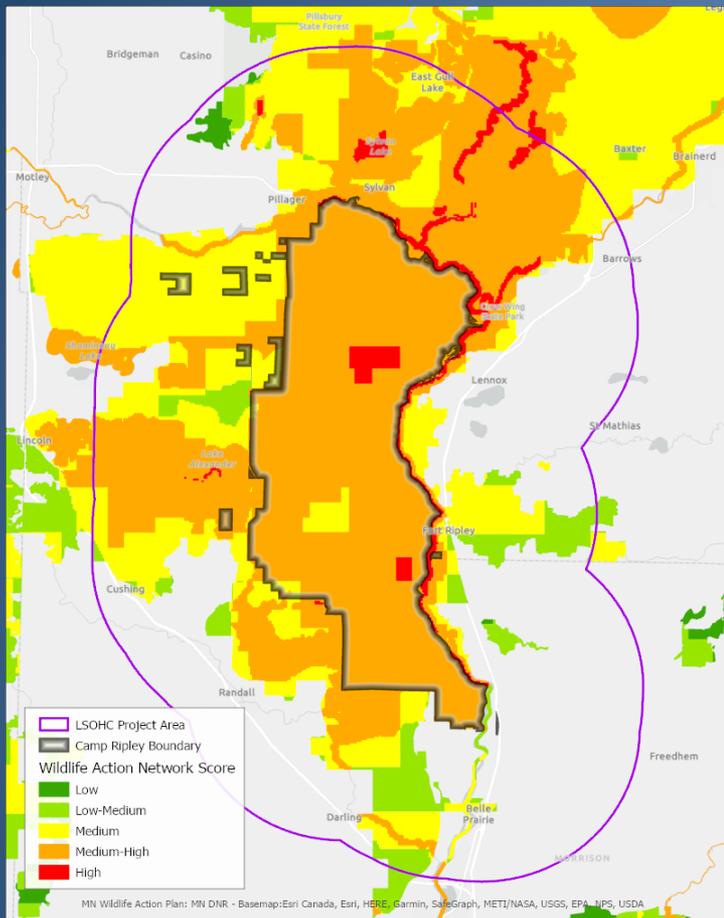


- High terrestrial biodiversity
- High Wildlife Action Network score
- Wild rice lakes
- Trout streams
- Stream confluences
- Lakes of high/outstanding biodiversity
- High fisheries habitat

**Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB Protection Program Phase XI
Public Lands Protection - Creating and Enhancing Habitat Corridors
ML 2023**



- Public Lands (State/County/NGO)
- Permanently Protected Lands (Federal/LSOHC/MHB Easements)
- Prioritized & Targeted Areas to Buffer
- 5-Mile Boundary



Pictured above is the DNR Wildlife Action Network score for this project boundary. Within these targeted high-priority lands, this project will:

- Secure approximately 42 RIM easements
- Protect 4,000 acres of high-quality habitat
- Buffer rivers, lakes, and public lands
- Prevent habitat fragmentation
- Provide a large network of habitat continuity that benefit species requiring large un-fragmented landscapes



- The Minnesota National Guard competes for Federal funding to acquire RIM conservation easements that prevent incompatible development
- Federal dollars infused into the local economy
- Funding from LSOHC is critical in leveraging access to these competitive Federal funds
- Many State agencies train at Camp Ripley
- Camp Ripley is the largest employer in Morrison County

Camp Ripley Public Hunting & Fishing Opportunities (Average)

Opportunity	Permits	Hunters
Turkey Hunts		
Disabled veteran	36	32
Service members	81	49
White-tailed Deer Hunts		
Disabled veteran	48	45
Public	4,216	3,399
Service members archery	122	69
Service members muzzleloader	71	51
Youth	160	110

Public Hunting Opportunities Outside the Fence:

Camp Ripley, TNC & City of Baxter lands outside the fence allow for open to the public hunting/recreation opportunities on nearly 4,575 acres of land.