

# FOREST MANAGEMENT 101

A handbook to forest management in the North Central Region



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# Best Management Practices

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Forest management guidelines (often called Best Management Practices - BMPs) have been developed by various organizations to inform and aid forest management. These are typically site focused guidelines for a forest owner, forest resources professional, or logger, which describe how to operate (operational practices) in your forest to ensure sustainability and minimization of impacts.

The focus is typically on the forest and associated sensitive areas and their importance for wildlife and fisheries, water quality, and aesthetics. Also, general issues such as biodiversity are addressed here. In the Upper Great Lakes Region, most guidelines are voluntary in nature. They describe practices which minimize or mitigate against environmental impacts, as well as point out common practices which should be avoided.

Visit the North Central Region Forest Management Guides website to view and download Best Management Practices for Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin:

<http://www.ncrs.fs.fed.us/fmg/nfmg/fm101/bmp/>