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**Subject:** Fw: GNTL Scoping Comments-Area of Concern  
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**Attachments:** [Wasson Lake Bog Avoidance Area.PNG](#)

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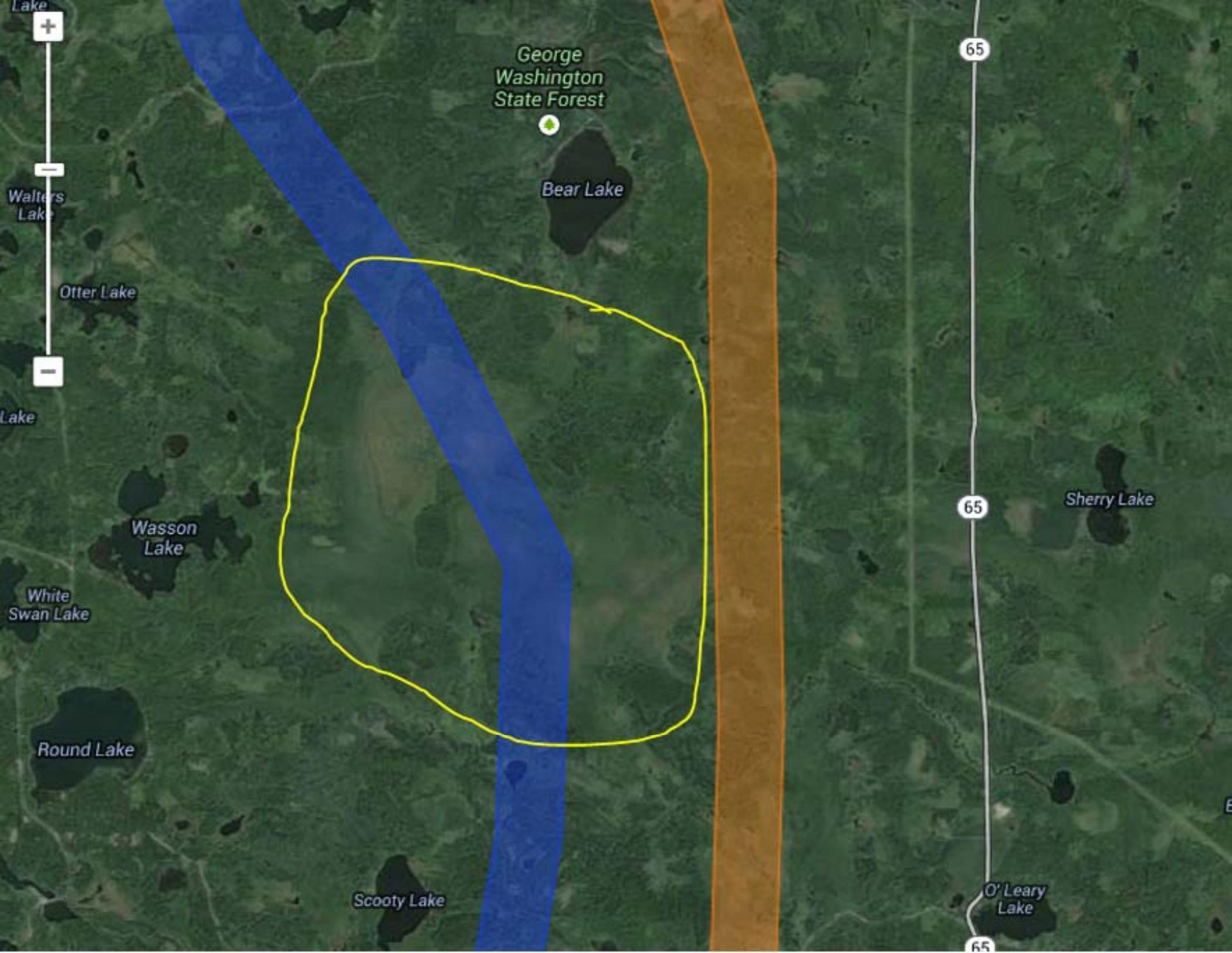
RE: In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Route Permit for the Great Northern High-Voltage Transmission Line Project from Manitoba, Canada- Minnesota Border to the Blackberry Substation near Grand Rapids, Minnesota  
PUC Docket No. E-015/TL-14-21

Dear Mr. Storm

I am attaching a map of an area in Itasca County I believe deserves special attention and should be avoided if possible. It is a perched wetland complex and associated islands east of Wasson Lake on the continental divide headwaters. It is an isolated area accessible only in the winter and is relatively undisturbed. The Swampsider's Snowmobile Trail is one of the few incursions to the area. The Blue route encompasses this area. I feel it should be avoided if possible. The blue route could be realigned to avoid it or following the orange route around this area or using the existing power line corridor to the east as proposed are alternatives.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment,  
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