

AGREEMENTS REACHED
NE REGIONAL LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE
May 24, 2001

The NE Regional Landscape Committee desires a forest that:

- approximates/moves toward the range of variability (the spectrum of conditions possible in ecosystem composition, structure, and function considering both temporal and spatial factors) for plant communities naturally living and reproducing in NE Minnesota.
- has spatial patterns (size and location of openings) that are consistent with the ecology of NE Minnesota.
- provides diverse habitat to maintain natural communities and viable populations (the ability of a wildlife or plant population to maintain sufficient size to persist over time in spite of normal fluctuations in numbers) for the species native to Northeast Minnesota.

The Committee recognizes that the desired future forest condition is a long-term condition and can only be achieved by moving in incremental steps giving full consideration to the social and economic impacts that may occur. To that end the following goals, objectives and strategies are established for the next 5-10 year period. *The objectives are measurable steps that are derived from a model that uses the range of variation based on disturbance frequencies and ecological habitat types that are natural in the landscape.*