

THE TRUST *for* PUBLIC LAND

NORTHWOODS INITIATIVE



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MINNESOTA

*Superior and Chippewa
National Forests*

Forest Legacy

North Shore

Healthy Waters

WISCONSIN

*Chequamegon-Nicolet
National Forest*

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Healthy Waters

Tribal Lands

*Great Lakes Shoreline
and Headwaters*

MICHIGAN

Ottawa National Forest

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PROTECTING THE ICONIC PLACES OF NORTHERN MINNESOTA, WISCONSIN, AND MICHIGAN

The Northwoods of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan serve as a refuge for people living throughout the Midwest and beyond. Encompassing the Upper Great Lakes, the Northwoods are filled with countless freshwater lakes, winding streams and rivers, and an infinite wealth of stories. It is from this landscape that great conservationists — Aldo Leopold, Sigurd Olson and John Muir — have drawn their inspiration. And it is to this vast landscape, spanning more than 88,000 square miles, that millions of Americans venture each year for recreation, revitalization, and a chance to reconnect to the natural world.

The Trust for Public Land established the Northwoods Initiative to protect the iconic landscapes of northern Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan and preserve a heritage that is at risk of disappearing. Through the Northwoods Initiative, The Trust for Public Land partners with communities, landowners, and public agencies to achieve the following goals:

- Protect the water quality and recreational value of lakes, rivers, and streams;
- Prevent forest fragmentation and plan for sustainable resource management to maintain the local economies and ways of life;
- Negotiate win-win outcomes for landowners, public agencies, communities, and local businesses; and
- Keep people connected to the abundant recreational opportunities in natural areas and wilderness lands.