

Agency	Concern/Priority
Superior National Forest	Will be participating in the process
National Park Service	No priority issues or expectations at this time; plan to follow the process
BWCAW Coalition - Citizen partnership around Aquatic Invasive Species	<p>Build cross sector base of engaged citizens aligned with the goal to protect iconic waters of our area. (Focus area one of the group)</p> <p>Spread of aquatic invasive species - bringing community members together around efforts to prevent AIS spread into our area, can create civic infrastructure need to manage the many water quality challenges our area faces. (Focus area two of the group)</p>
Fall Lake Township	<p><i>Timber Management:</i> Proper timber management to avoid forest fires. Eliminate the need for prescribed burns by a comprehensive timber harvesting program</p> <p>Under Timber Management: The goal is to eliminate prescribed burns to eliminate the possibility of future fires getting out of control like the Pagami and Greenwood fires. There is not enough time in our lifetime to replant the areas impacted and for the trees and vegetation to be replaced as they were. These fires impact generations. The air quality and life were extremely impacted during the fires. This also impacted tourism our number one industry. Only the wind direction saved Fall Lake Township from evacuation and the loss of our homes and way of life. Those affected will never regain what was lost. When the Greenwood created its own weather system, the plume it created looked like an atomic bomb was detonated from our vantage point in Fall Lake Township.</p> <p><i>Water Quality:</i> No invasive species: keep our water clean</p> <p><i>Lake Water Levels:</i> All lakes in our township, especially White Iron, Garden, Farm, Fall Lake, Birch Lake and the South Kawishiwi River. The lake levels are controlled by the Minnesota Power dams. There is a small dam on the Kawishiwi River flowing from Birch Lake into White Iron Lake. White Iron Flows into Farm Lake, then Garden Lake. There is a power dam that generates electricity flowing from Garden Lake into Fall Lake, and it flows north. Rain, drought, snow melt, etc. impact water levels and can create flooding. Careful management is important. If Minnesota Power is not included in this process, they should be, as the dam directly impacts water levels. White Iron Lake was at least 5 feet high this Spring. This caused water in some basements.</p> <p><i>Bridges and Roads:</i> Garden Lake bridge on the Fernberg Road needs major repair. At this point there is a tonnage limit to the bridge, so it does not collapse under the weight. This road and bridge are the only access to properties on the Fernberg Road, north of the bridge. It impacts construction contractors and homeowners.</p> <p>Roads, bridges, and culverts: Create a comprehensive general road, bridge, and culvert maintenance plan for county roads in Fall Lake Township to keep users safe. Note: Fall Lake Township has a plan for general maintenance of roads in Fall Lake Township.</p>

Periodic water testing at MPCA determined test sites

Aquatic Invasive Species - education and prevention of spreading of AIS; increase funding for watercraft inspections and exploring other options such as the DNR Lake Pledge, roadside inspections, and other requirements for vessels moved between water bodies; bait disposal bins, county SWCD inspection programs, promoting education events including three Ely festivals - The plan should promote these activities

Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS) - The plan should address providing public education on SSTS maintenance, best practices, and operations to ensure that these systems function as designed. Licensing and inspection for new properties should also be emphasized. Finally, perhaps a program could be started providing funding assistance for upgrades to older systems through a self-replenishing revolving loan fund.

Water plan should make the effort to encourage stakeholders and the public to be informed as possible on Copper-Nickel Mining projects.

Shoreland management practices, requirements, and education - buffer zones to protect wildlife and fisheries habitat; issues are addressed in the plan encouraging best practices which exceed current zoning requirements.

Education and outreach partnerships - Education of our stakeholders is an extremely important aspect of managing any watershed. The more knowledgeable water users are of the resource, the better the care they will provide.

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Burntside Lake Association

No comment at this time/Interested in hearing discussion- Areas of concern include: AIS awareness and regulation; changes in water quality and overseeing and enforcement of lakeshore development on Burntside.

St. Louis County

On-site wastewater perspective - Identify and address ground and surface water quality problems stemming from inadequate wastewater treatment by supporting the enforcement of SSTS ordinances and inventory and upgrade X% of non-compliant systems in priority areas.

Tower-Breitung
Wastewater Board

Wellhead protection plan- covers a large area including the Eagles Nest Chain of Lakes. Estimated well water is close to 40% surface water from West Two River. Funding allowed, hope to switch facility to surface water treatment plant to handle the surface water entering their wells. Correlation between treatment needs and beaver activity on West Two River.