

# Blandin Native Hardwoods IFM Project

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## CLIMATE BENEFITS



The Blandin IFM project is registered with the American Carbon Registry.:

**175,000+ acres** of mixed native hardwoods in northern Minnesota

Smart Forestry<sup>SM</sup> practices extend rotations and **increase carbon storage**

Includes the **largest conservation easement in Minnesota**

## CO-BENEFITS



The Blandin forest protects water resources for local communities including:

**60,000 acres of wetlands**

**33 miles** of lake and pond **shoreline**

**151 miles of streams**



The Blandin forest supports education and research; in 2017:

**140 students** visited the project area

**125 attendees** at ecosystem silviculture and forest management workshops

**2 research studies** on bird and hydrology effects of forest management



The Blandin Forest protects critical wildlife habitat:

**30 miles** of state designated **trout streams**

**47 species of birds** (2016 count in 640-acre research area)

**30+ species of mammals** including black bear, grey wolf, and moose.



Blandin provides forest access and resources to local communities; in 2017:

**56 firewood permits** provided

**46,830 seedlings** given away

**187,597 acres of public access** provided for recreational use

