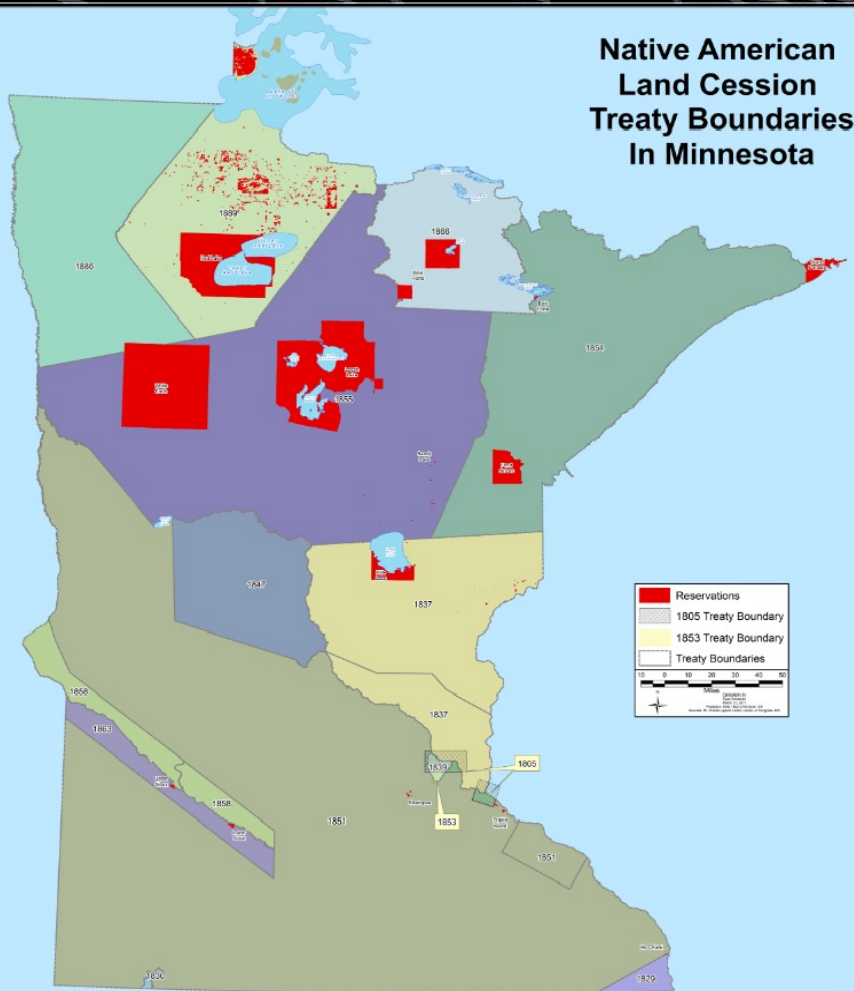




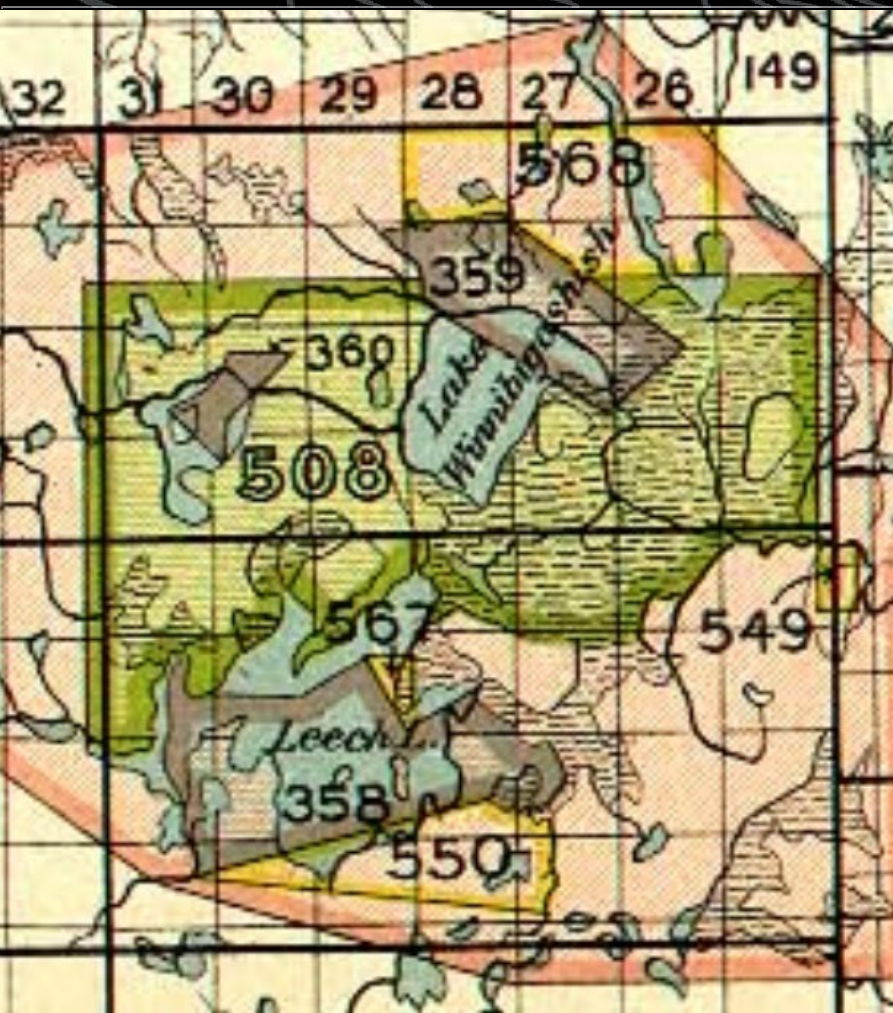
# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Restoration Act

A story of history, removal, collaboration, and restoration – April 3, 2024





# Reservation History – Relocation of Ojibwe



- 358 – Treaty of Feb. 22, 1855
  - ▶ Leech Lake
- 359 – Treaty of Feb. 22, 1855
  - ▶ Winnibigoshish
- 360 – Treaty of Feb. 22, 1855
  - ▶ Cass Lake
- 508 – Treaty of 5-5-1864 & 3-19-1867
  - ▶ Leech Lake
- 549 – Exec. Order Oct. 29, 1873
  - ▶ White Oak Point
- 550 – Exec. Order Nov. 4, 1873
  - ▶ Leech Lake
- 568 – Exec. Order May 26, 1874
  - ▶ Winnibigoshish
- 567 – Exec. Order May 26, 1874
  - ▶ Leech Lake



# Allotment, Assimilation, and Removal Era

## Fragmentation of Reservation Lands

### INDIAN LAND FOR SALE

GET A HOME

OF YOUR OWN

EASY PAYMENTS



PERFECT TITLE

POSSESSION

WITHIN THIRTY DAYS

### FINE LANDS IN THE WEST

IRRIGATED IRRIGABLE

GRAZING

AGRICULTURAL DRY FARMING

IN 1910 THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SOLD UNDER SEALED BIDS ALLOTTED INDIAN LAND AS FOLLOWS:

## U.S. Treaty Policy ended in 1871

- ▶ Indian Appropriation Act
- ▶ Shifted Tribal/US Gov't relationship from President to Congress

## 1887 Dawes/Allotment Act

- ▶ Beginning of Assimilation Era
- ▶ Major effect on Tribal Sovereignty

## 1889 Nelson Act

- ▶ Relinquishment in Trust
- ▶ Authorized the Allotment of Ojibwe Reservations in Minnesota
- ▶ As well as taking of surplus lands & timber called "Pine Lands" which led timber exploitation



# Nelson Act of January 14, 1889

A Cruel kind of Coercion – Colin Mustful



Ojibwe Delegation to D.C. – February 1, 1899

## Relinquishment in Trust

- ▶ Cession of unallotted Lands within reservation to USA in Trust
- ▶ USA didn't pay for lands upfront
- ▶ Trust to execute sale of ceded lands
- ▶ Proceeds from Treasury to credit for Tribe

## Selection of Allotments

- ▶ Indian selection limited to swamp areas
- ▶ Large blocks of Pine Forests kept for auction and harvest

## State of Minnesota

- ▶ Claimed Tribal Citizens subject to State hunting & fishing laws
- ▶ Illegal Claim not corrected until 1972

## Timber

- ▶ Dead & Burnt Time Clause
- ▶ Timber Appraisal Values

## Removal & Relocation to White Earth

- ▶ Many chose to stay on
- ▶ Never fully implemented



# Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of June 18, 1934

Centerpiece of what was called the “Indian New Deal” with FDR

[CHAPTER 576.]

AN ACT

June 18, 1934.  
[S. 3845.]  
[Public, No. 383.]

To conserve and develop Indian lands and resources; to extend to Indians the right to form business and other organizations; to establish a credit system for Indians; to grant certain rights of home rule to Indians; to provide for vocational education for Indians; and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter no land of any Indian reservation, created or set apart by treaty or agreement with the Indians, Act of Congress, Executive order, purchase, or otherwise, shall be allotted in severalty to any Indian.

Indian affairs.  
Future allotment in severalty prohibited.

Existing trust periods extended.

Restoration of lands to tribal ownership.

Proviso.  
Existing valid rights not affected.

Sec. 2. The existing periods of trust placed upon any Indian lands and any restriction on alienation thereof are hereby extended and continued until otherwise directed by Congress.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Interior, if he shall find it to be in the public interest, is hereby authorized to restore to tribal ownership the remaining surplus lands of any Indian reservation heretofore opened, or authorized to be opened, to sale, or any other form of disposal by Presidential proclamation, or by any of the public-land laws of the United States: *Provided, however,* That valid rights or claims of any persons to any lands so withdrawn existing on the date of the withdrawal shall not be affected by this Act: *Provided*

## Allotments

- ▶ End of Individual Allotments
- ▶ Shift to Tribal Communal Lands

## Tribal Constitution & Charters

- ▶ Self Governance
- ▶ Voting Rights

## Economic Improvements

- ▶ Healthcare & Education Services

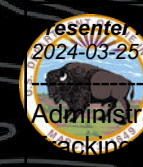
## Restoration

- ▶ Sec. could restore undisposed lands within reservation
- ▶ Fee to Trust (F2T)



Signing of 1<sup>st</sup> Tribal Constitution under IRA Act

Large % of my work is with F2T



# Secretarial

# Transfers

The Termination Era (1945 – 1960) – Sold without their consent



1944 – Interest in sales initially expressed in Congress

1953 - House Concurrent Resolution No. 108

- ▶ Declared Federal Policy to terminate Federal Trust Relationship

1955 - 55 Million Acres of lands held in Trust

- ▶ Complex Administration

Gov't Officials sought opportunities to reduce

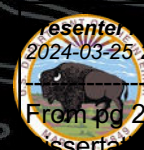
- ▶ 35K acres of Indian Land were fee patented in 1947 alone

Act of Congress of May 14, 1948 amending IRA

- ▶ Authorized Sec. to issue fee patents and approve sales of Indian Trust lands upon application

BIA, under new legislative authority, began administratively transferring ownership of Indian Trust lands to other Gov't Agencies

Would become know as "Secretarial Transfers"



# Secretarial

# Transfers

The Termination Era (1945 – 1960) – Sold without their consent

Once the Bureau had decided on its policy, methods, and procedures for resolving the fractionated ownership issues, the Bureau began to advocate that the United States Department of Agriculture should be considered the primary purchaser of the fractionated allotted lands. The Bureau eventually came to recommend that Congress appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture to enable that Agency to purchase the fractionated allotted lands for inclusion within the national forest system.

In fact, the Minneapolis Area Director made the following recommendation to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in 1954:

The Area Realty Officer strongly recommends that the Indian Bureau request Congressional appropriations with which to purchase those unused Minnesota allotments in heirship status which do not attract private bidders because their only value is as part of a large forestry area. After purchase, if desirable to do so, such lands could be transferred to the U.S. Forest Service.

*In 1955, Congress appropriated \$90K to the Dep. of Agriculture for purchase of Indian Allotments*



# Secretarial Transfers

The Termination Era (1945 – 1960) – Sold without their consent



BIA needed 51% of owner approval to take an action

DOI Letters sent requesting sales of Tribal Allotments

- ▶ Interpreted no response as “yes” consent to sale

If “Incompetent” considered “Best Interest” for sale

- ▶ Not sure how incompetent determination was made

In 1959, Sec. advised of illegality of sales and ordered to cease.

In 1979 Solicitor General interpreted 1948 Act

- ▶ Required the “unanimous consent [of all heirs] before any interests in those IRA reservations allotments can be conveyed.”

Supreme Court *U.S. vs. Mottaz* 476 U.S. 834 (1986)

- ▶ *Transfers were illegal*
- ▶ *Beyond 12 years Statute of Limitation for Quiet Title*
- ▶ *Speculated Legislative Solution*





# Secretarial Transfers

## The Termination Era (1945 – 1960) – Sold without their consent

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407 584

Land being conveyed was allotted to Ne shain since Allottee No. Leech Lake #502

407 584

WHEREAS, section 1 of the act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 855), provides the Secretary of the Interior with the exclusive authority to determine the heirs of deceased Indians, and also authorizes said Secretary, in his discretion, to cause the lands allotted to deceased Indians to be sold if he shall decide one or more of the heirs to be incompetent. and

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WHEREAS, the said Ne shain since, died on or about December 4, 1921, since which date the heirs of the said allottee have been duly determined by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the authority hereinbefore cited, two of whom are incompetent, and

WHEREAS, deeming it to be for the best interest of the heirs of the above-named deceased Indian allottee that the land herein described be sold, and having previously caused said land to be appraised by competent appraisers who have fixed the value of the same, the lands have been advertised for sale to the highest bidder and a successful bid in the sum of - - - - -

Done at the City of Minneapolis, State of Minnesota, and dated

June 13, 1955.

WITNESSES:

SGD. A. G. HUTTON

SGD. E. MORGAN PRYSE  
Area Director

SGD. C. C. WILCOXON

Minneapolis Area Office  
Vol. 11 Page 78

Date: June 13, 1955.



# Secretarial Transfers

Sold without their consent and often knowledge



More stories than can count of realizing allotted and inherited land being taken and gone.

Left an ingrained sense of mistrust.

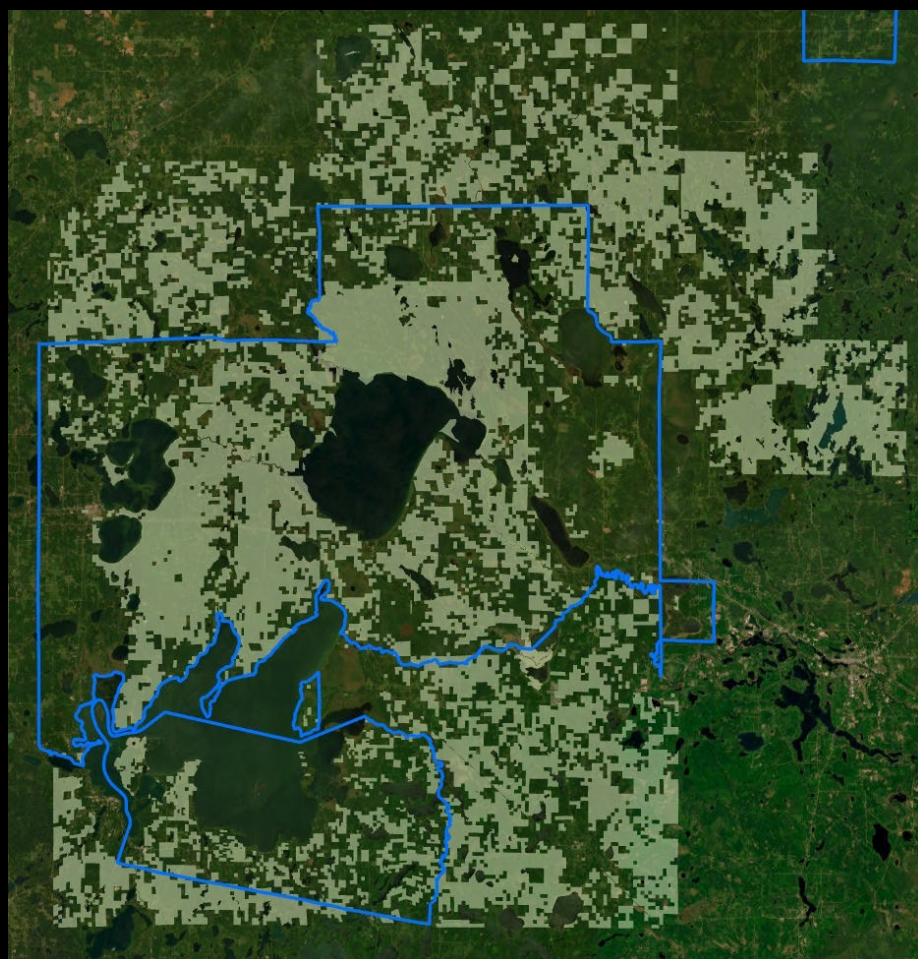
Persistence of Tribe can not be understated to continue to lobby for Passage of act.

Act is a big turning in possibly changing that sense in the other direction.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2002/12/25/us/indians-fight-to-regain-lands-lost-to-railroad.html>



# Chippewa National Forest



## 1902 Morris Act

- ▶ Minnesota Forest Reserve
- ▶ Supervision under Forester of Dep. of Agriculture

## 1908 Minnesota Forest Act

- ▶ Minnesota National Forest
- ▶ 1928 Change to Chippewa National Forest

## Approx. 675,167 Acres

- ▶ 44% lies within Leech Lake Reservation
- ▶ 90% of the Reservation lies within the Forest

## Lake and Wetlands

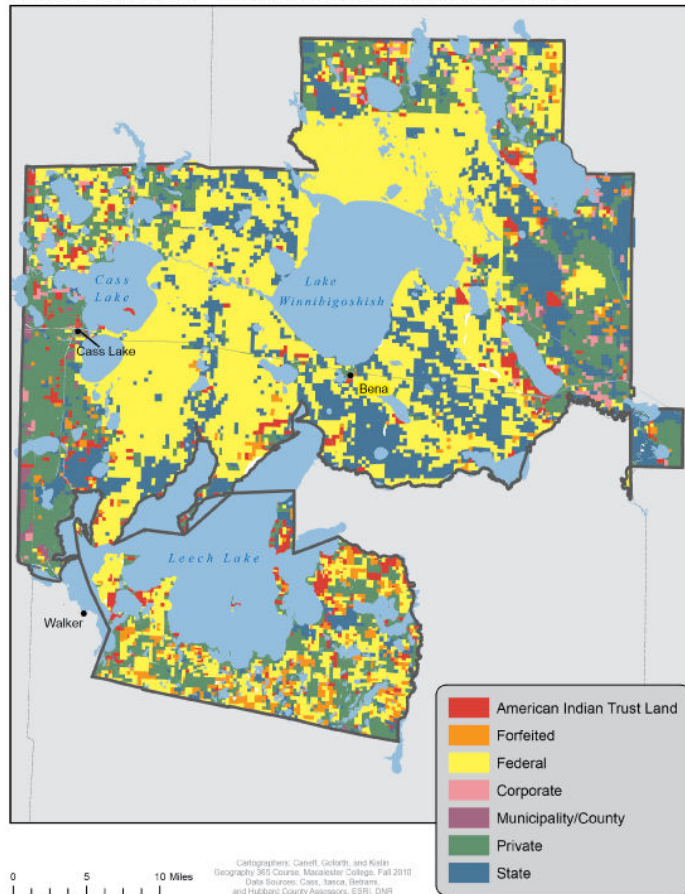
- ▶ 1300 Lakes & Ponds
- ▶ 440,000 Wetland Acres
- ▶ 25 Watersheds
- ▶ 13% of all surface water in National Forest System
- ▶ Three of the largest lakes in Minnesota
  - ▶ Leech Lake
  - ▶ Lake Winnibigoshish
  - ▶ Cass Lake



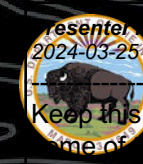
# Lands of the Leech Lake Reservation

Product of the Removal and Assimilation Era

## Land Tenure - Leech Lake Reservation



- ▶ Tribal Trust
  - ▶ MCT
  - ▶ LLBO
- ▶ Allotments
- ▶ Fee Simple – Tribal & non-Tribal
- ▶ National Forest Service
  - ▶ Public Domain – 1908 MN Forest Act
  - ▶ Acquired Lands
  - ▶ Secretarial Transfers
- ▶ State of Minnesota Lands
- ▶ Municipal/County Lands
- ▶ Private Ownership



# Lands of the Leech Lake Reservation

## From Pre-Reservation and Assimilation Era

Total acres within Leech Lake Reservation

(Including 300,000 acres of lakes and

162,591 acres of wetlands/ponds)

864,158 acs.<sup>138</sup>

Acreage owned by U.S.F.S./Chip.National Forest 285,824 acres

Acreage owned by State of Minnesota: 146,061 acres

Acreage owned by Cass County: 18,170 acres

Acreage owned by Itasca County: 7,441 acres

Acreage owned by Beltrami County: 3,265 acres

Acreage owned by Hubbard County: 2,107 acres

Acreage of Indian lands owned in trust: 29,717 acres

Acreage owned by others: 130,836 acres

Total acres of Indian lands owned in trust

In tribal trust: 13,545 acres

In individual trust: 12,509 acres (fractionated)

In Band trust: 3,663 acres

Total trust acres 29,717 acres

\*This data is taken from the website of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and was prepared by the Division of Resource Management (2006).<sup>139</sup>

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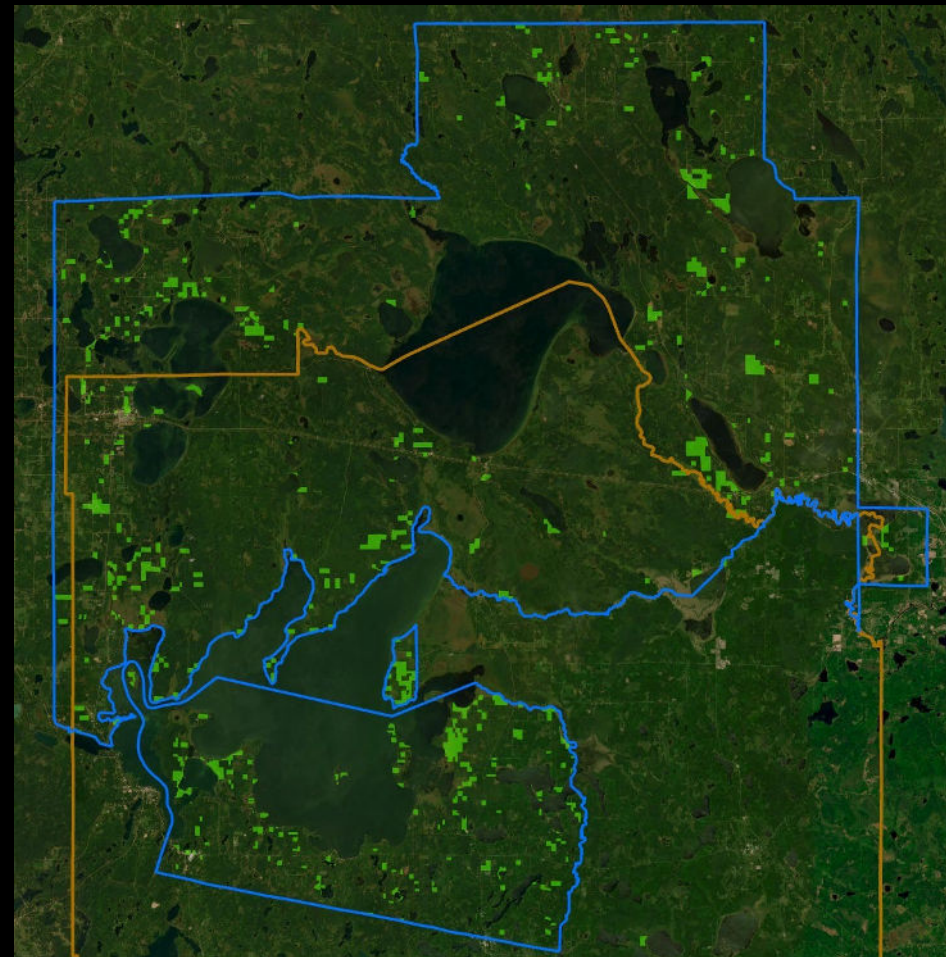
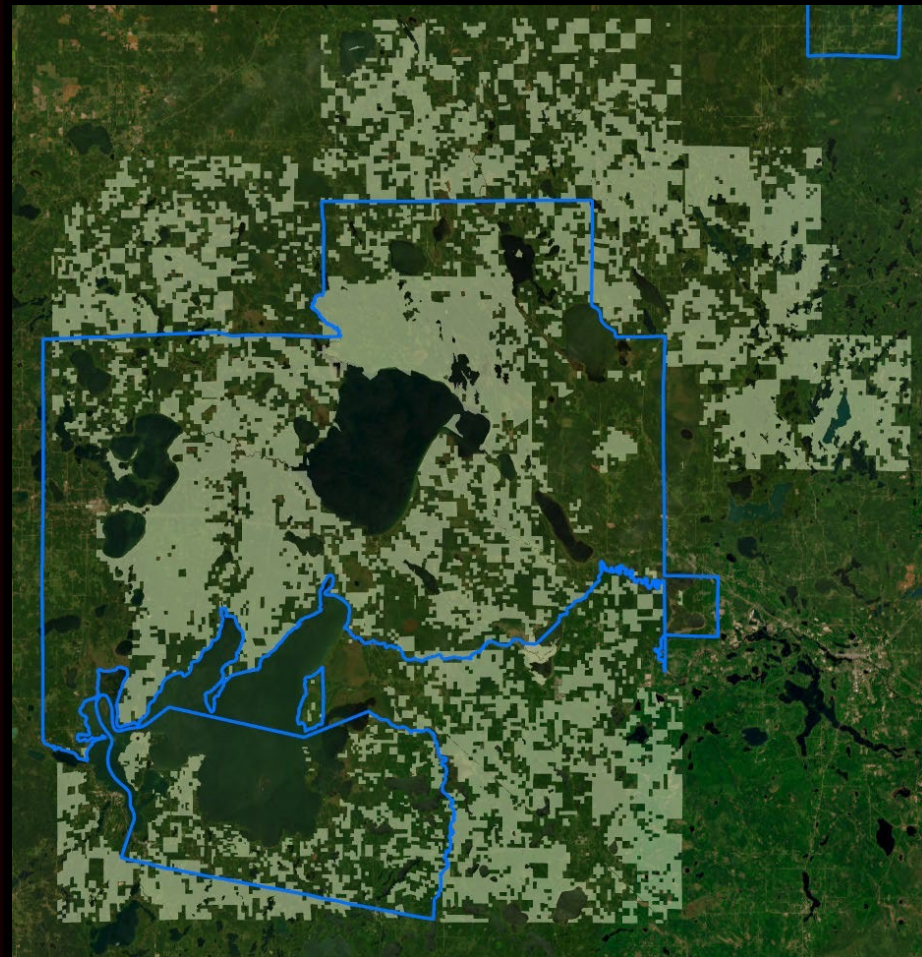
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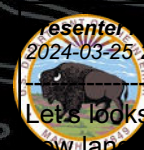
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# Lands of the Leech Lake Reservation

Forest vs. Tribal Ownership





# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act

Public Law No. 116-255 – December 23, 2020

Public Law 116–255  
116th Congress

## An Act

To provide for the transfer of certain Federal land in the State of Minnesota for the benefit of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Dec. 23, 2020  
[S. 199]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act.

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act”.

### SEC. 2. LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE RESERVATION RESTORATION.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the Federal land described in subsection (b)(1) was taken from members of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe during a period—

(A) beginning in 1948;

(B) during which the Bureau of Indian Affairs incorrectly interpreted an order of the Secretary of the Interior to mean that the Department of the Interior had the authority to sell tribal allotments without the consent of a majority of the rightful landowners; and

(C) ending in 1959, when the Secretary of the Interior was—

- ▶ Interpretation
- ▶ Questions?
- ▶ Initiate contacts
- ▶ Roles
- ▶ Responsibilities
- ▶ Land & Title Records



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration

## Definitions

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) FEDERAL LAND.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Federal land” means the approximately 11,760 acres of Federal land located in the Chippewa National Forest in Cass County, Minnesota, the boundaries of which shall be depicted on the map, and described in the legal description, submitted under subsection (d)(1)(B).

(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “Federal land” includes—

(i) any improvement located on the Federal land described in subparagraph (A); and

(ii) any appurtenance to the Federal land.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(3) TRIBE.—The term “Tribe” means the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.





# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration

Transfer Act

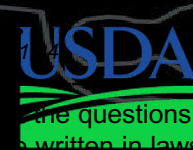
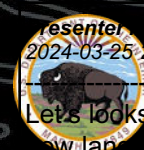
## (c) TRANSFER TO RESERVATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights and paragraph (2), the Secretary shall transfer to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Federal land.

(2) TREATMENT.—Effective immediately on the transfer under paragraph (1), the Federal land shall be—

(A) held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe; and

(B) considered to be a part of the reservation of the Tribe.



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration

## Act of Survey

### (d) SURVEY, MAP, AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

#### (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

(A) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, complete a plan of survey to establish the boundaries of the Federal land; and

(B) as soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, submit a map and legal description of the Federal land to—

(i) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and

(ii) the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate.

(2) FORCE AND EFFECT.—The map and legal description submitted under paragraph (1)(B) shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act, except that the Secretary may correct any clerical or typographical error in the map or legal description.

(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal description submitted under paragraph (1)(B) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Secretary.

for Surveys

What was source of 11K acres

Cass County Intent of transfer:

Selection vs. Just Transfer Land



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act

Plan of Survey – Really should be called “Plan to Identify and describe lands”

## Plan of Survey Narrative Final 2021.06.14

Public Law No: 116-255 (12/23/2020)

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act

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## ▶ Records Research

### ▶ GLO Records

- ▶ [www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov)

### ▶ USFS Lands

- ▶ Land Status Record System (LSRS)
- ▶ 1908 Minnesota National Forest Act
- ▶ Secretarial Transfers
- ▶ Acquired

### ▶ BIA Records

- ▶ Trust Assets & Accounts Management System
- ▶ Sec. Transfers

## ▶ Records Retention

### ▶ Title & Survey Documents

### ▶ Geospatial Data

## ▶ Land Description Verification

### ▶ Value with Surveyor

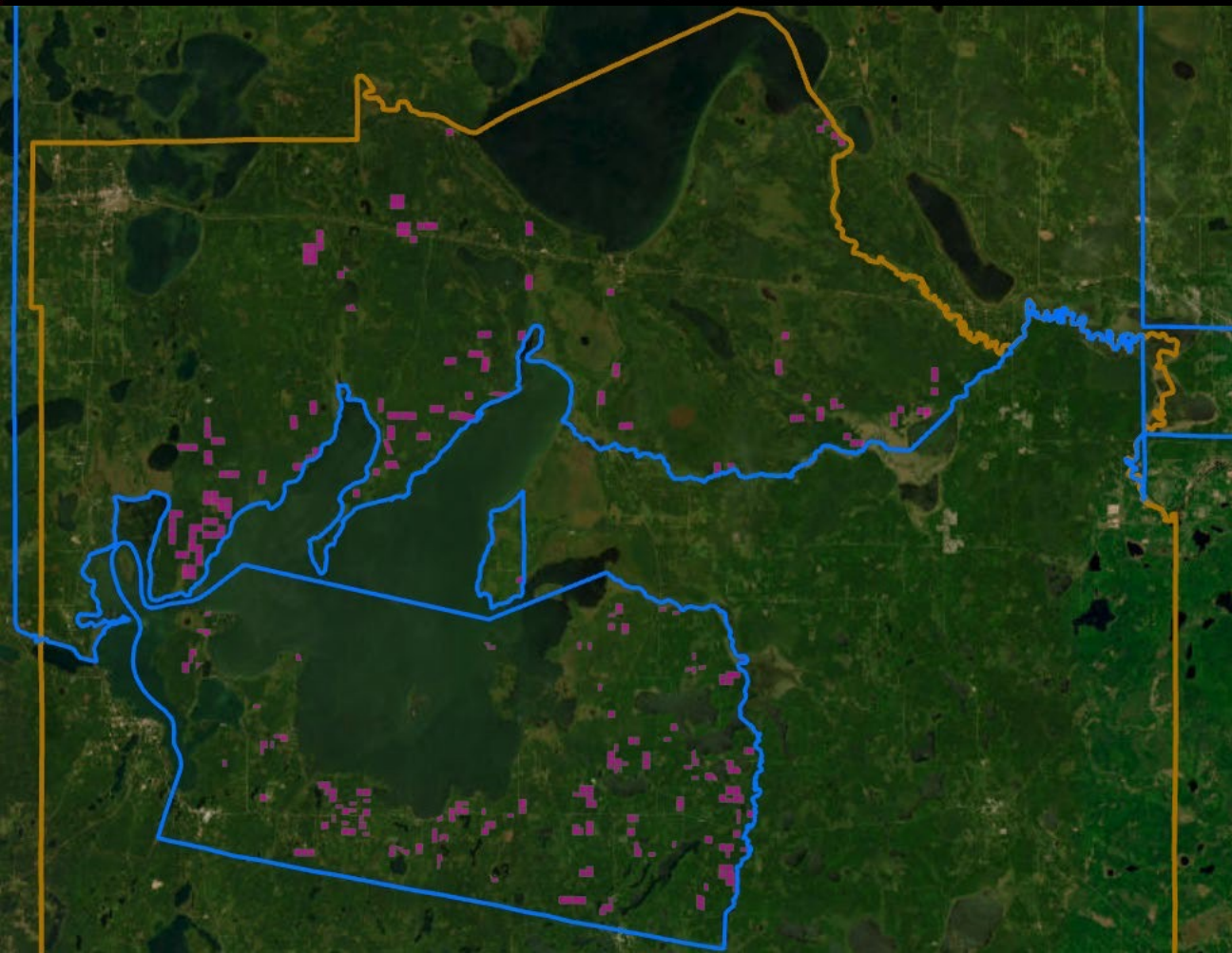
### ▶ Acreage

### ▶ Need for survey



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration

## Act Verification of Secretarial Transfer Lands



Tribe was the source of acreage in the Act

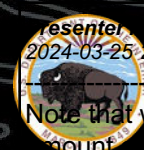
- ▶ Lots of research through 2415 Claims
- ▶ Spreadsheets & Geodatabase
- ▶ Nothing in Congressional documents noting communication to USFS or BIA to verify acreage totals

Unfortunately speaks to the trust Tribe & Congress had in the Gov't

BIA TAAMS "Deactivated Tracts"

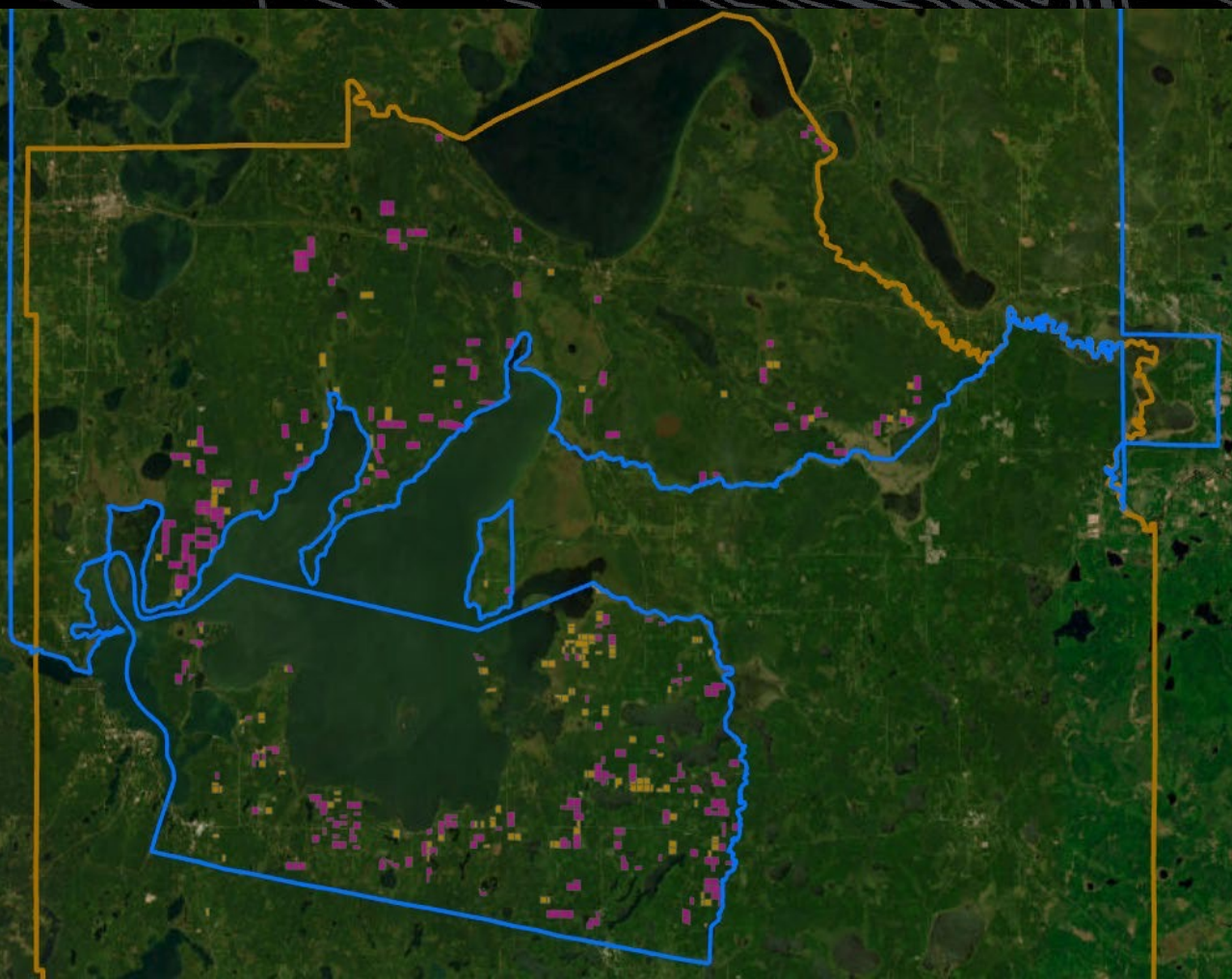
- ▶ Includes "Sec. Transfer" Docs.

Provided means to do a comparison for lands on reservation.



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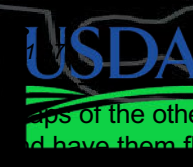
## Verification of Secretarial Transfer Lands



Additional lands discovered within the reservation and shared with Tribe & Forest Service in October of 2022

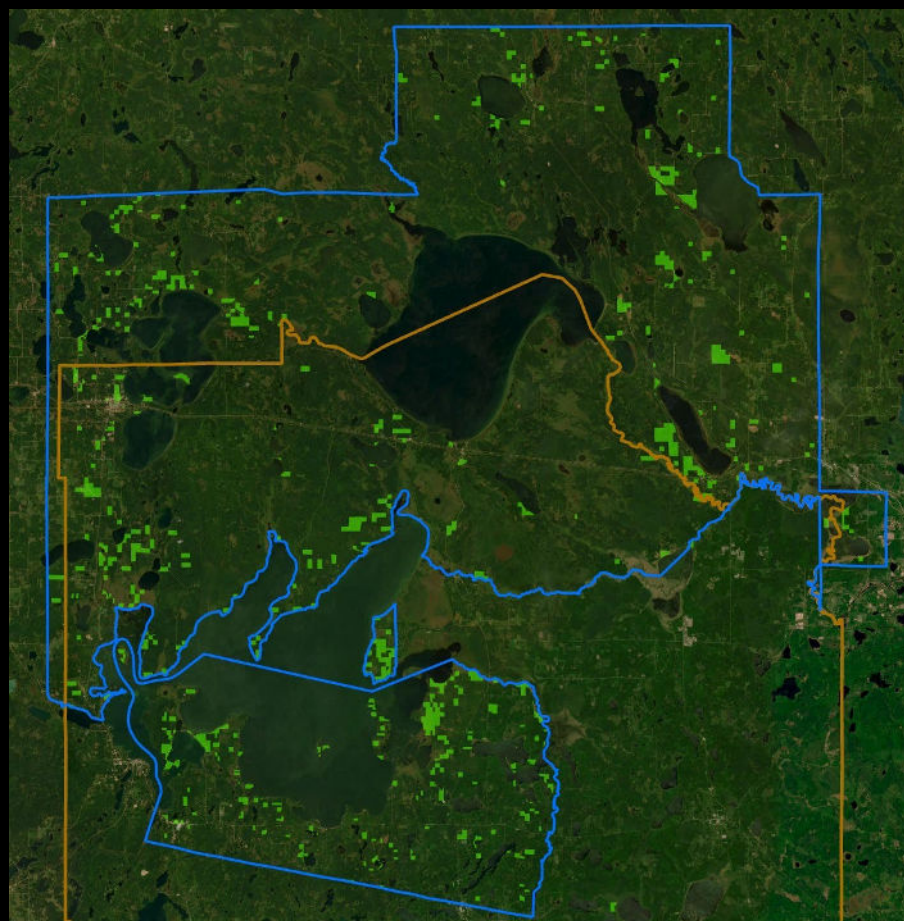
Senate Bill S. 616 introduced on March 1, 2023

- ▶ Hearing on July 12, 2023



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration

## Act Selection of Restoration Parcels



The Forest and the Band cooperatively reviewed land that best meets the Act's goal of adding to the Band's land base for economic and residential development that provide for consolidated ownership and ease of access for restorative management.

Leech Lake Division of Resource Management (LLDRM) begins research into the selection of lands.

- ▶ Historic Cultural Heritage Areas
- ▶ Land Consolidation
- ▶ Shoreline
- ▶ Economic Development Opportunities
- ▶ Unveiled stories about taken lands

LLDRM Staff worked with Leech Lake Reservation Tribal Council (LLRTC) and the each of the three Tribal District Governments and the Local Indian Councils (LIC) within those Districts to review, offer comments, and provide input to the selection of lands.

- ▶ Lengthy Process, but highly valuable to have input from all areas of the Reservation



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act

BLM Small Lands Team examining and accumulating records for selected lands



Leech Lake provides preliminary list of lands

Lands Teams begins reviews of those selections

- ▶ Title & Survey Records
- ▶ Type of Lands Selected
- ▶ Existing Recreation uses.

Small number of parcels contained Rec. cabins permits & leases which could not be included in the transfer as defined in the Act.

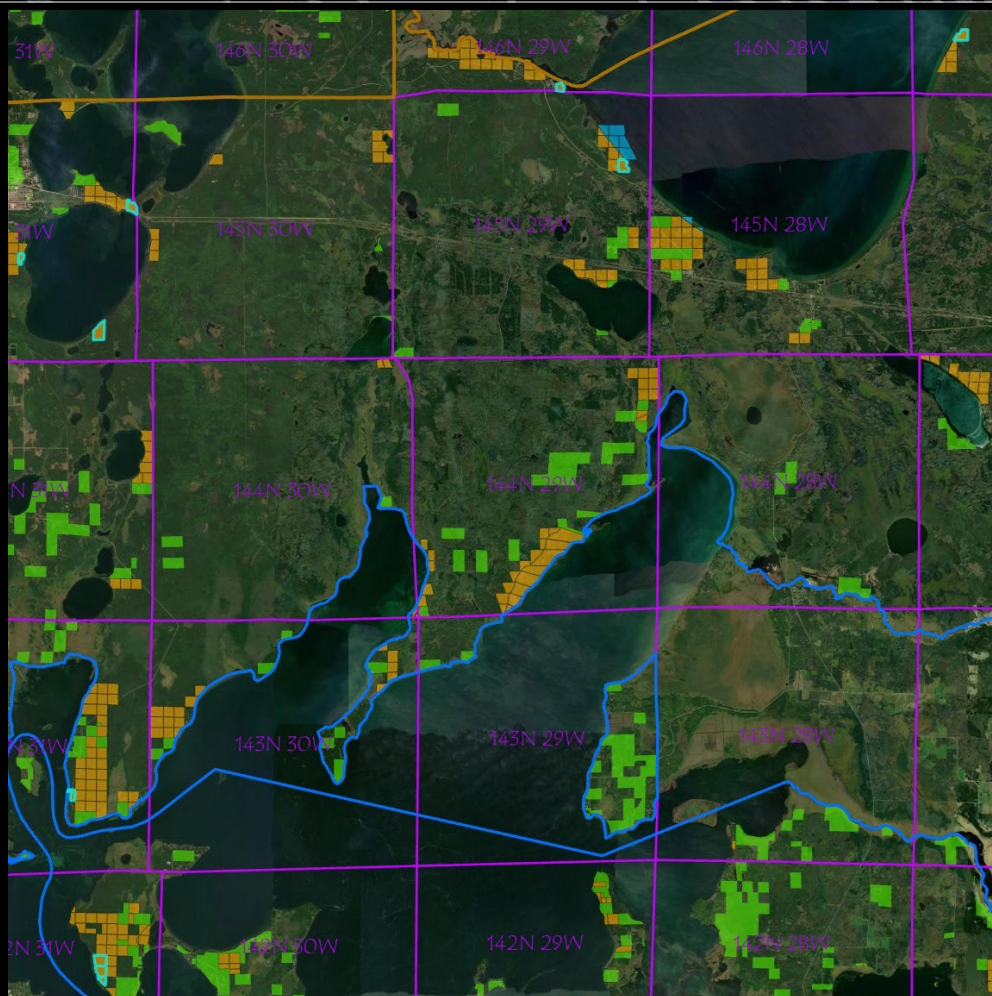
- ▶ Public Domain Lands through Minnesota Forest Act

BLM Indian Lands Surveyor begins review of Lands Descriptions and acreage determination



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration

## Act BLM Small Lands Team & Survey Plans for Partition Parcels



BLM provides estimates; Forest Services appropriates \$\$\$\$.

- ▶ Field work broken into three Phases
- ▶ Field work begins in July of 2022

Tribal Staff begins "Reconnaissance"

- ▶ Great job of recovering monumentation for GLO Surveys in 1919 and 1924

Field Work begins and BIA & Forest Service Staff all contributing.

- ▶ Cutting line to search for Accessories
- ▶ Documenting Monuments & Bearing Trees
- ▶ Babysitting GPS Base Stations
- ▶ Answering inquires from the public





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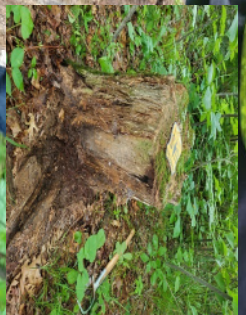
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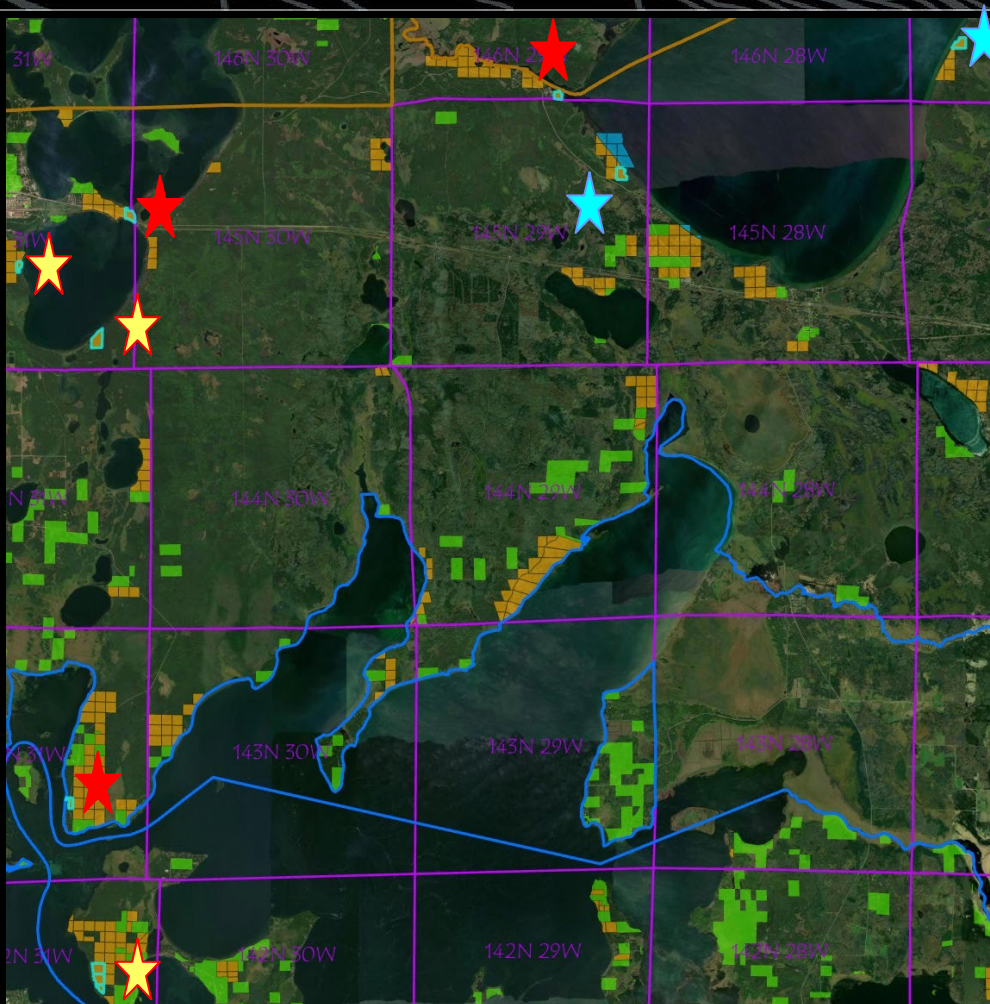
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# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration

## Fieldwork Progress to date in April of 2024



### Field work complete ★

- ▶ Monumentation commenced after selected parcels released and public comments requested
- ▶ Includes monumentation in ground

### Initial field work complete, monumentation ★

- ▶ Likely occurring as we speak
- ▶ Tribal & Forest Staff learning the ropes

### Ongoing field work ★

### Collaboration

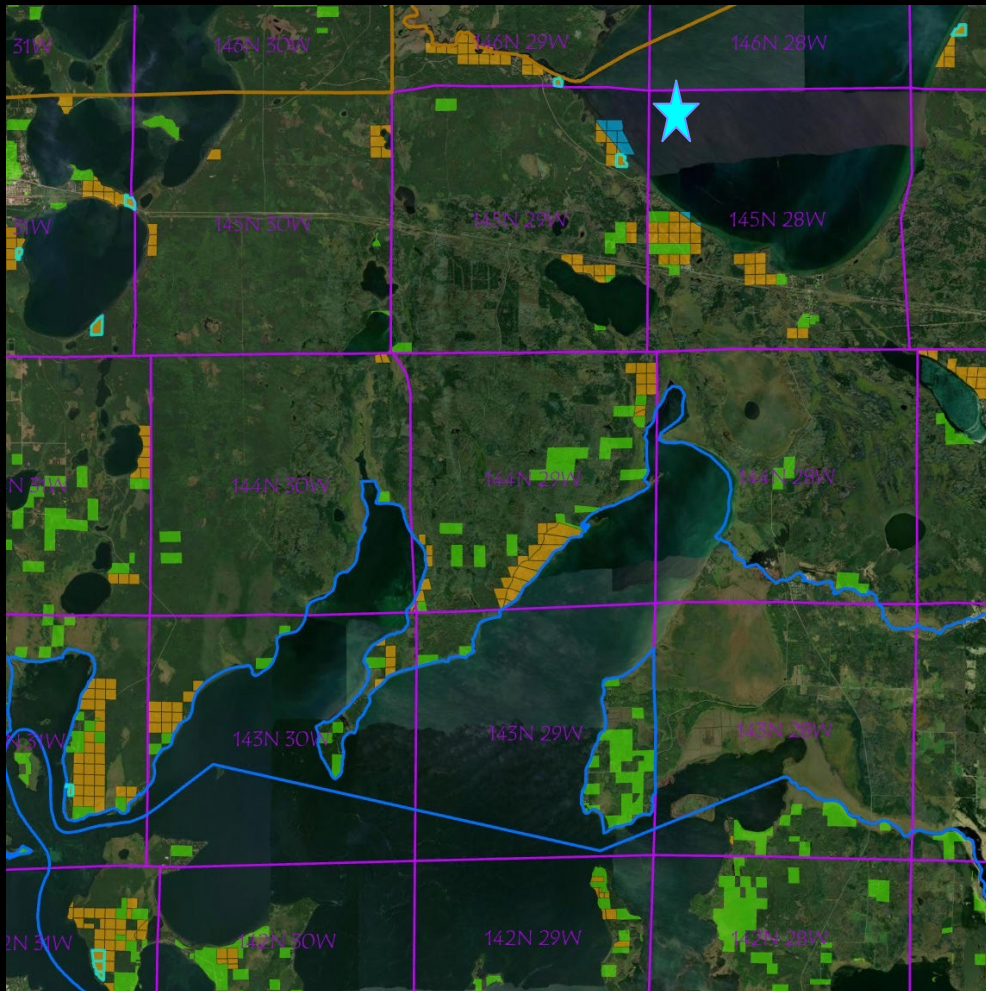
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Administrative Component of Federal Authority Surveys still needs to occur



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration

## Acting Hurdles



### Transfer Timeline

- ▶ Federal Register Notice (FRN)
- ▶ One Notice or in Parts?
- ▶ Do surveys need to be complete before Transfer??

### Trespass Discovered

- ▶ Private structure onto one of the restoration parcels

### Submerged Lands

- ▶ Corps. Of Engineers (COE) Flowage Rights

### Public Comments

- ▶ All over the map

### Encumbrances

- ▶ Rights associated with parcels
- ▶ Roads

### ▶ Pre-decisional

### Record Title and Survey Records in TAAMS



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration

## Transfer Timeline

### Federal Authority Surveys take time

- ▶ Ideally need new Gov't Lot designations and acreages from surveys before transfer

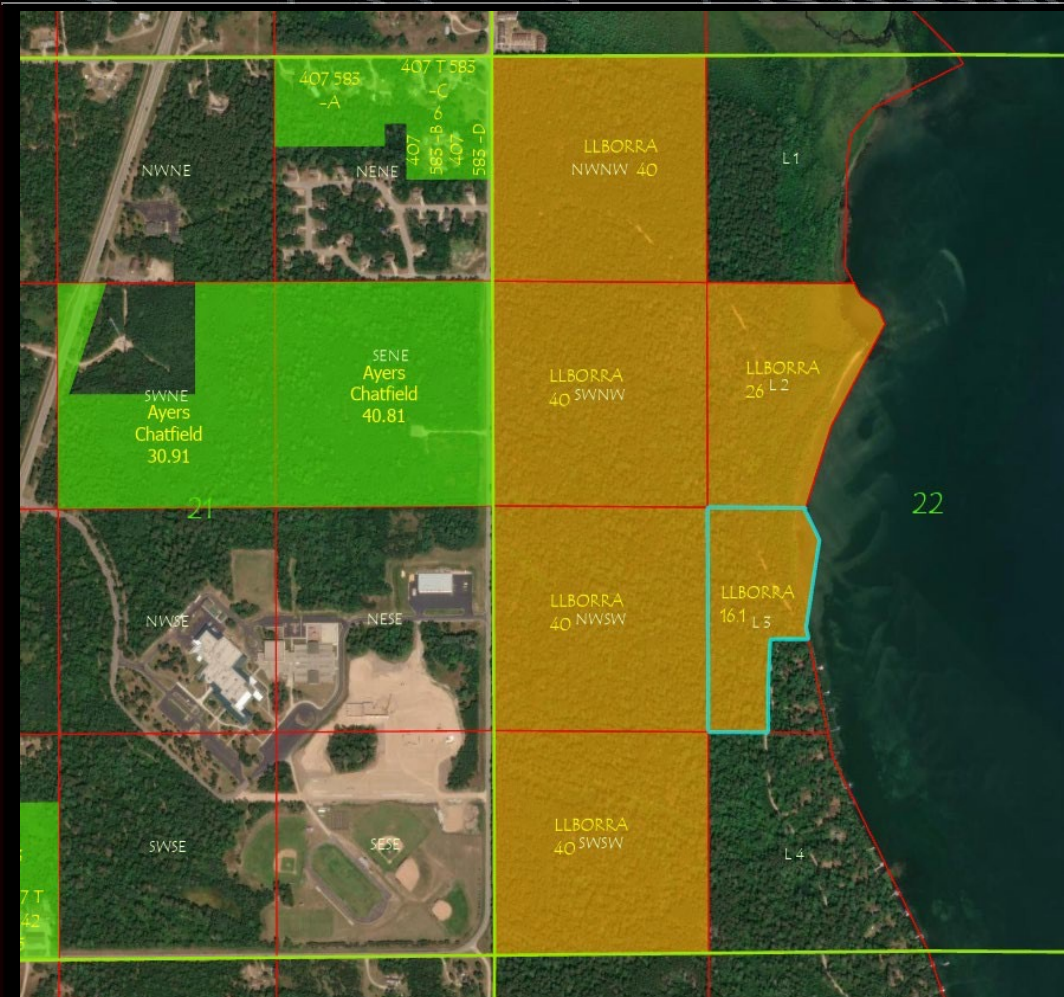
### Tribe not interested in multiple FRN's

- ▶ Would like one FRN to complete transfer

### BLM Indian Land Surveyor proposed the following solution:

- ▶ Because all "Partition Lots" are Gov't Lots, we know what legal description for next consecutive Gov't Lot will be designated as.
- ▶ Those designations will used in the lands definition portion of the FRN.
- ▶ Because all have agreed on the general location of the partition lines, we can use an estimated "Mapping" Acreage for the parcels in the FRN.
- ▶ Those "Mapping" Acreages will noted as such in the FRN.
- ▶ Once all surveys are officially filed, we can issue another FRN only slightly updating the acreages.

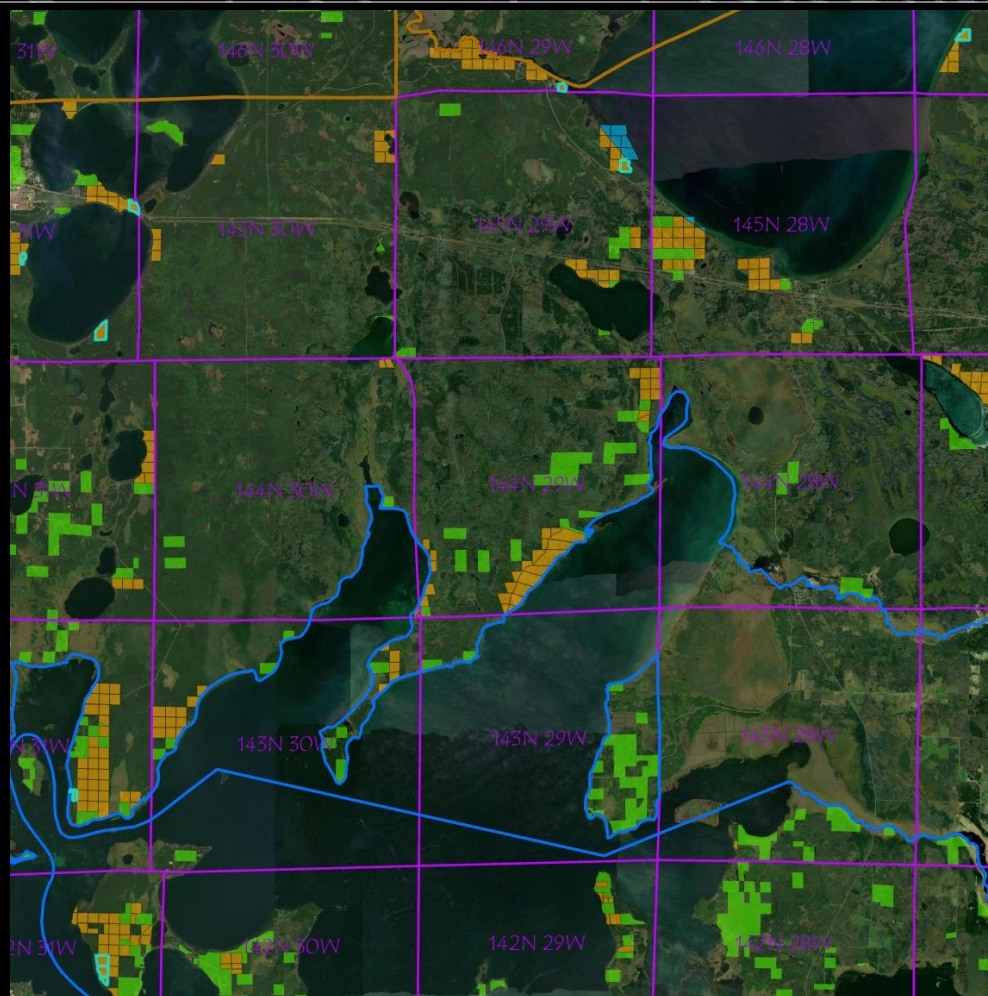
Tribe, Forest Service, & BIA agreed to this strategy.





# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration

## Public Comments – Proposed parcels released by Forest Service on August 11, 2023



Public comments required by Sept. 15, 2023

Comments run the gambit, but generally fell into the following categories

- ▶ Maintaining Access
- ▶ Future Development
- ▶ Loss of Recreation
- ▶ Value of adjacent land

Forest Service still reviewing and addressing comments for consideration in the decision to transfer.



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration

Act  
Trespass



Trespass Structure built sometime after 2017

Forest Service

- ▶ Nothing in Act precluded it from being transferred

BIA

- ▶ Not overly excited about a trespass as part of the transfer

Tribe

- ▶ Interested in including parcel in transfer

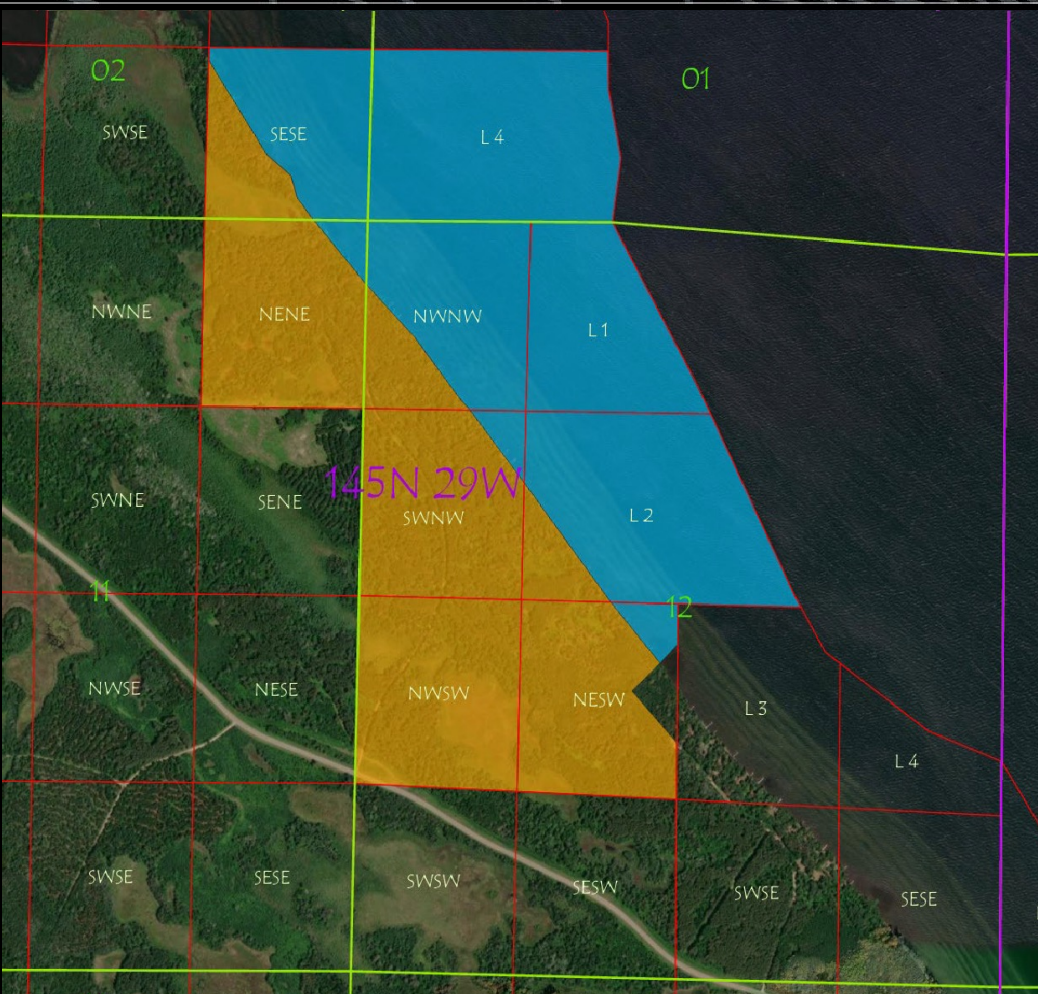
Tribe ultimately decided to remove trespass parcel from consideration for transfer.





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## Act Emerged Lands in Lake Winnibigoshish



Act of Congress allowed for the right to overflow lands on the reservation for the construction, operation, and maintenance of dams for the purpose of creating reservoirs and the aid of navigation in the headwaters of the Mississippi River

- ▶ 30 Stat. 67
- ▶ 30 Stat. 576

### Riparian Erosion vs. Submerged/Flowed Lands

Does not make sense to have Forest Service retain submerged lands

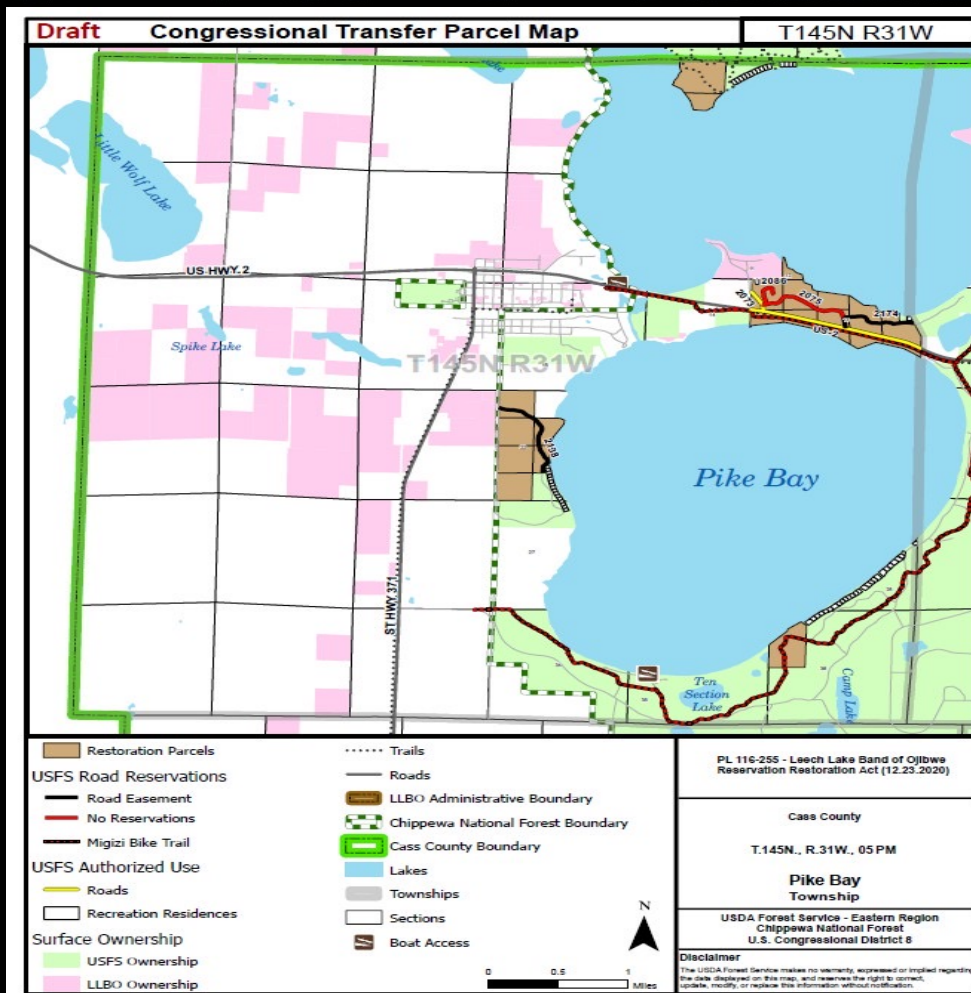
- ▶ Existing shore would become a fixed and limiting boundary

Defined in FRN but not included in tally of acres to 11K acres for Transfer



# Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act

## Final hurdles before decision



LDR approved on December 13, 2023

- ▶ 344 Parcels with 11,778.13 Acres
- ▶ 15 Submerged parcels with 286.25 Acres

Still in Pre-decisional Stage

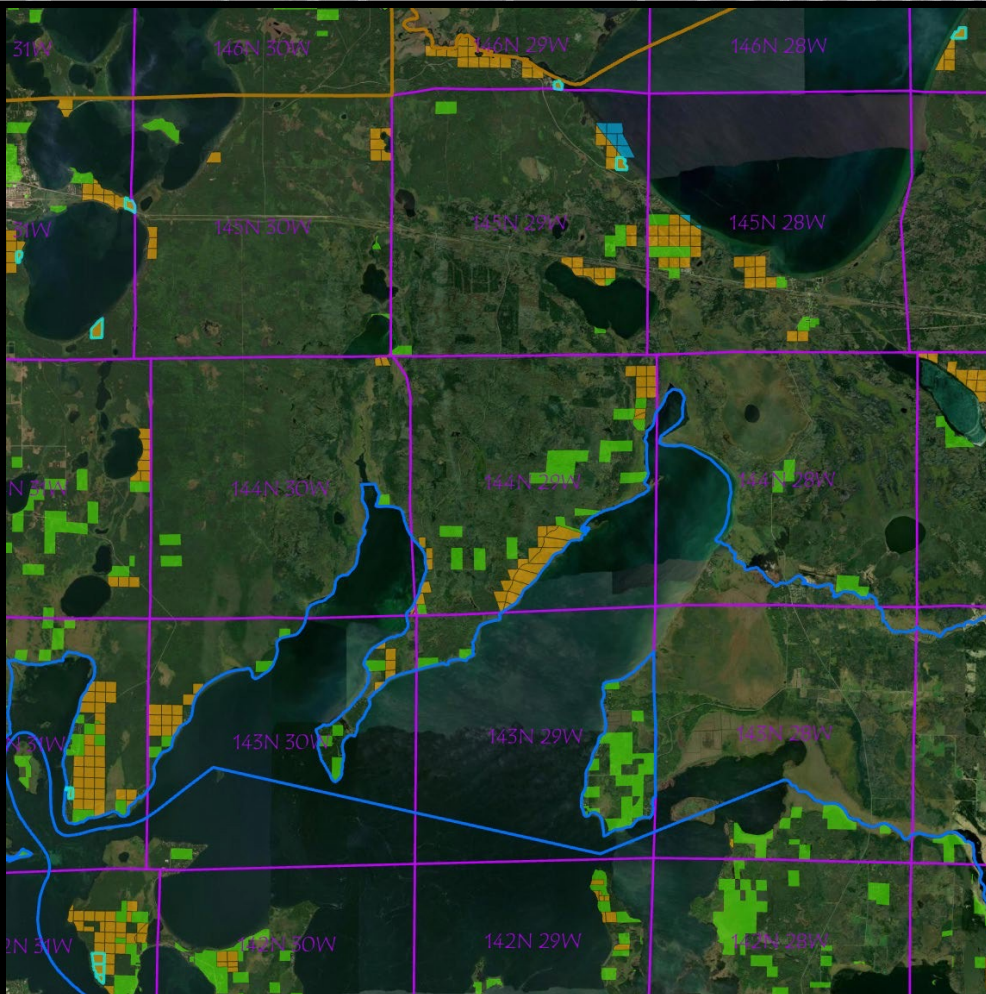
DOI & USDA Solicitor's and Tribe legal staff working on roads and encumbrances language and definition

- ▶ Will include reference to Maps to define those rights



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## Recording of Title & Surveys records in BIA TAAMS System



### Draft FRN Notice in Finishing Stages

- ▶ Hoping to be finalized in near future

### BIA's Division of Land Titles and Records

- ▶ Will begin process of creating Tracts

### Trust Assets and Accounts Management System

- ▶ Utilize Title & Surveys records provided by Forest Service and used to review for LDR and Transfer List

### Encumbrances

- ▶ Recording of road rights maps and classifications as defined and provided by Forest Services
- ▶ Certificate of Inspection and Possession (CIP) possibly to identify other ROW's that might be documented with Forest Service.
- ▶ Possibly local County research to obtain other ROW's Plats and Maps (Gas & Utility lines) to include with TAAMS Tracts

### Certified Title Status Reports

**Boundary Certainty has value!!**



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Act  
Lessons learned for subsequent Acts and Questions.

