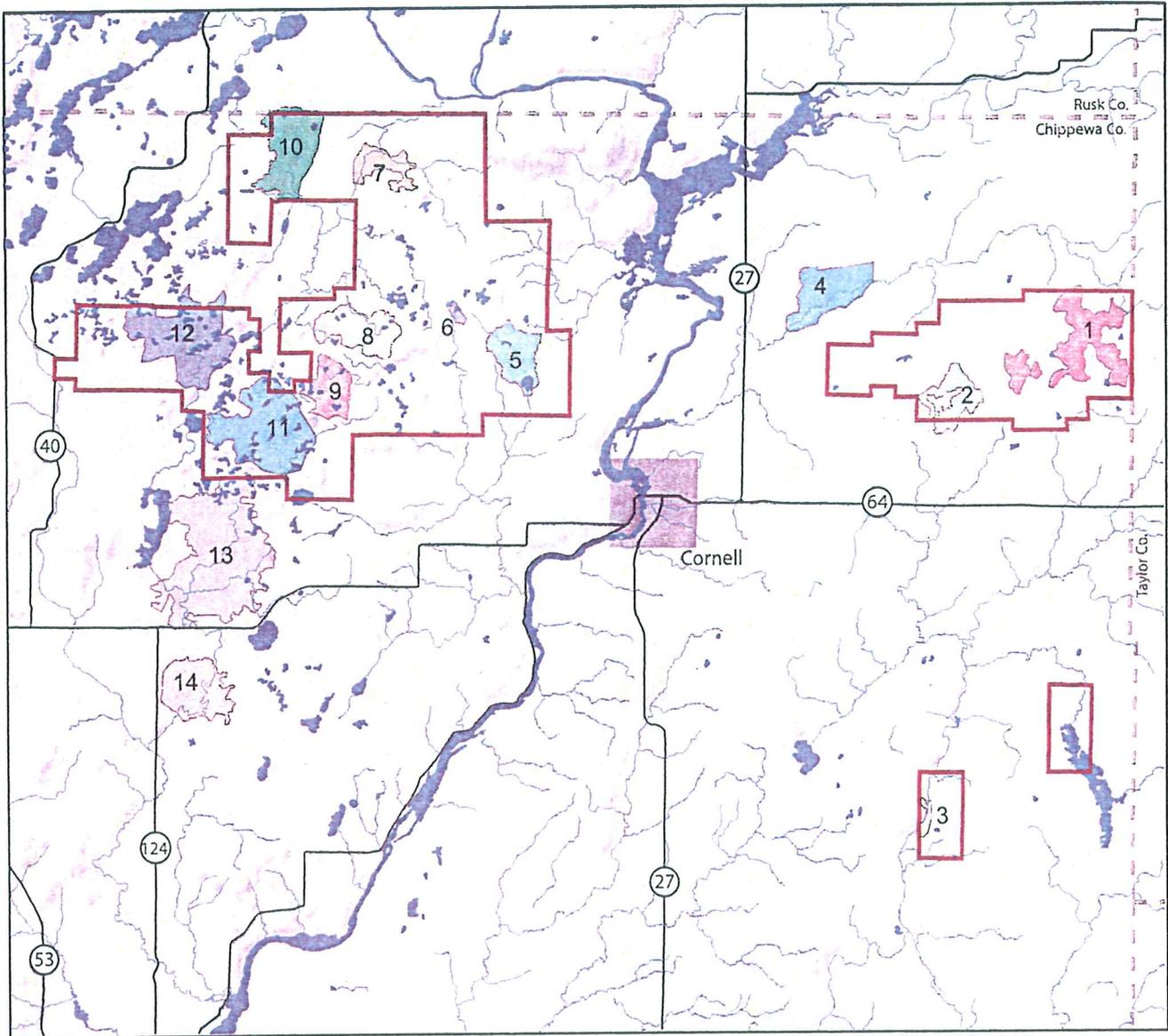


Figure 14

Location of Chippewa County Forest Study Area
Primary Sites.



Primary Site Legend

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|  1. Ruby Swamp East |  8. Dorothy Lakes Complex |
|  2. Buckhorn Trail Bog |  9. Bass Lakes Complex |
|  3. Yellow River Woods |  10. Spence Lake |
|  4. Fisher River Forest |  11. O'Neil Creek Hardwoods |
|  5. Firth lake |  12. Town Line Lake Complex |
|  6. M & E Woods |  13. Twin Lakes Complex |
|  7. Tealey Creek |  14. O'Neil Creek Complex - South |



Primary Sites: Significance and Summaries

Fourteen ecologically important sites were identified as a result of the biotic inventory. These “Primary Sites” were identified because they contain high-quality natural communities, provide important habitat for rare species, offer opportunities for restoration, may provide important ecological connections, or a combination of the above factors. Fig 14 illustrates the locations of the Primary Sites. Rare species were documented at several locations outside of the Primary Sites (see Fig 11).

Using the language adopted from the Forest Certification process now being used by the Wisconsin DNR, and under consideration by some other land managers, these sites are of *High Conservation Value* (see glossary). This information can be used during the master planning process when evaluating the various alternatives for this property.

Descriptions of each of the 14 sites can be found in Appendix B. Information provided includes: location information, a site map showing occurrences of significant communities and species, a brief summary of the natural features present, the site’s ecological significance, and management considerations.

Each site map shows the site location against a background of a scanned USGS topographic quadrangle. The scale of the maps varies depending upon the size of each site and information presented (original USGS resolution is 1:24,000). Occurrences of rare or endangered species or natural communities are portrayed as dot symbols. Only those species or communities within the site or within 200 meters of the site boundary are portrayed in order to emphasize their location(s) relative to the boundary. Please note that: 1) there may be more than one occurrence of one or more species or communities represented by any single symbol, 2) these symbols may overlap, and 3) the significance of the site is not based only on the presence of rare species occurrences. In addition, the area of land a species or community occupies may be much larger than the dot representation. The coverage does not represent legal ownership boundaries and may encompass errors in presentation.