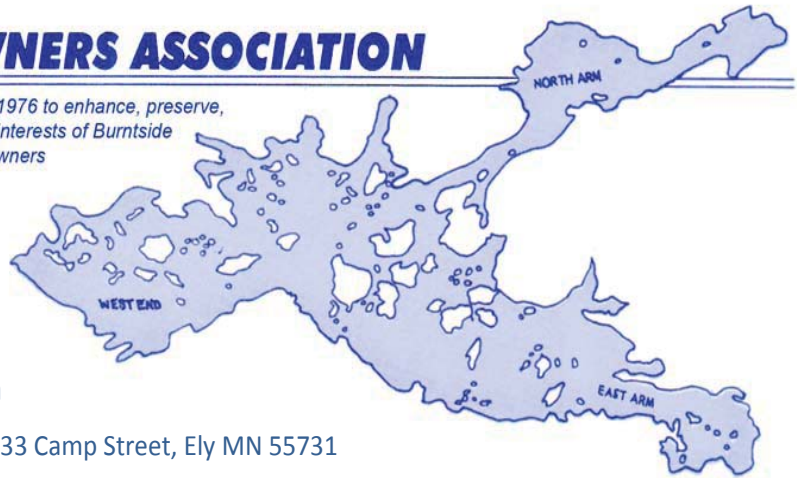


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Lake property owners

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2013 ANNUAL Meeting

Burntside Property Owners Association

Place: Vermillion Community College Theater 1933 Camp Street, Ely MN 55731

Date: Saturday, August 3, 2013

Time: Coffee, Muffins: 8:30 A.M, Meeting: 9:30 A.M

The National Forest Service will speak on the project to reduce forest fire risk through prescribed burns and other treatments in North Arm and West End Areas adjacent to Superior National Forest.

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2013 Annual Meeting – Significant Agenda Items for this Year!

Our 2013 Annual Meeting has two quite important agenda items. The first will bring speakers from the National Forest to provide details of a project to reduce the increasing risk of fires that threaten properties in the North Arm and West End of the Lake. This will involve mechanical crushing and and prescribed burning . An article in this newsletter explains generally the aim and methods that will be used. Already several public meetings have been held in the Ely area. There will be time for your questions and comments.

The second topic follows up a discussion and motion from last year's meeting. "A motion was passed for a recommendation about renaming the Association and whether the Association should become a 501(c)(3) charitable organization." I believe a charitable status is very desirable, but for the near term it makes sense to concentrate on the existing organization. I have proposed that the name of our Association be changed to the "Burntside Lake Association". Amendments to our Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation must be adopted to make that change. Another newsletter article presents justification and reasons for the proposals that will be voted upon at the meeting.

DNR Grant for Occasional Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Monitors on Burntside

Vice President Reynold Mack and I submitted a request to the DNR for matching grants to provide trained inspectors at the Van Vac and Passi Road public access landings. We proposed spot coverage on several weekends across open water season from spring into fall. Our Board agreed to pay half the salary for the interns who will be doing the inspections. These grant programs are highly competitive statewide. Requests were submitted by many Lake Associations. The total requests far exceeded the matching funds that the DNR could award. Burntside was awarded a little over \$500 which will only less than half the weekends which we requested.

Annual Dues Increased to \$20

Our current Bylaws give the responsibility to the Board of Directors to set the amount of the annual dues for voting membership in the BPOA. At the Director's spring meeting the Board took notice of the increasing costs for the Newsletter, for contributions to community organizations whose work benefits lake owners, and for this year's AIS monitors at public landings. This is the first time in several decades that the dues have been increased.

ICE OUT 2013 (May 19th)

This year, Burntside Lake nearly reached the previous record for the latest ice out date, May 22nd. People around the lake and in town were all talking up the topic in the groceries, on the street, at the stores and stations around Ely. Ice in the West End cleared around May 16th, and in the immediate area of Burntside Lodge, excitement came when none could be seen on the 18th. However, there were still large sheets of ice in the Van Vac landing area, and west of Waters Island in the Central section on the morning of the 19th. Fog and overcast clouds seemed to slow the final melting. For the Minnesota DNR, their climatology web pages observe that:

The definition of lake ice-out varies from lake to lake, and individual to individual. For some, ice-out occurs only when the lake is completely free of ice. For others, ice-out is defined as the moment when navigation is possible from point A to point B. And yet for others, ice-out is when 90 percent of the lake is ice free. Due to the variable definitions of this rather subjective observation, the participating agencies attempt to contact the same individuals each year to maintain a consistent record.

By the late afternoon of the 19th, the narrows near China Bay and Waters Island was navigable, though with some ice remaining. By the morning of the 20th no ice was seen by experienced observers, and so the 19th was taken as the last day of ice on Burntside for 2013.

Buoy Placement on Burntside

Our contractor placing the Buoys on the lake is shown below. They are very responsive and interested in



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ATTN: BURNTSIDE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS:

If your water access only property is in need if septic or outhouse pumping, we are working with a local septic contractor to have his barge on the lake this fall. We now have a list of water access people to remind you of the operations. If you are interested please contact Reynold Mack, Vice-President, Burntside Property Owners Assoc. 651-429-0174, 218-365-3331



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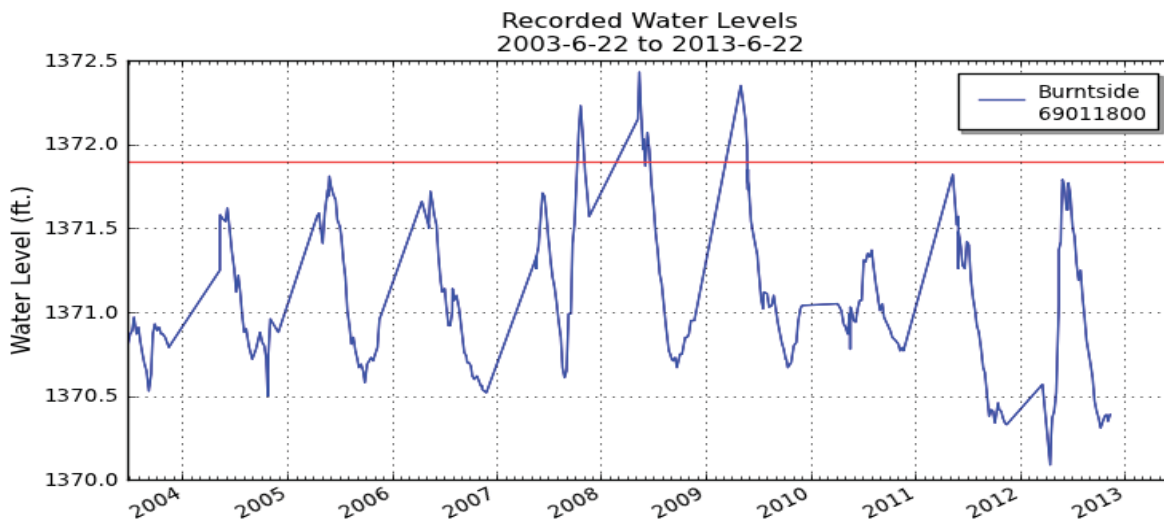
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Burntside Water Levels over the Last 10 Years

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/showlevel.html?id=69011800>

Highest recorded: 1374.83 feet (09/29/1948)
Lowest recorded: 1370.07 feet (10/26/1997)
Recorded range: 4.76 feet

Burntside Ordinary High Water Level (OHW) elevation: 1371.9 feet



North Arm Project to Reduce Hazardous Forest Fire Fuels

The National Forest Service (NFS) has initiated a project to reduce the risk of hazardous forest fires in the Burntside Lake area, particularly along the west side of the North Arm of Burntside. Many cabins and the YMCA camps are located nearby the action area.

Speakers from the NFS will be presenting at the 2013 Annual Meeting. The timing of treatments will be described, as well as the requirements for final approval of a prescribed burn. It is likely that smoke will be present across the lake when a burn is conducted. Area and county public safety and fire authorities are already involved in planning and coordinating responses as needed. **As many BPOA members as can attend our annual meeting should attend to become informed on this important project!**

The rest of this article is condensed from District Ranger Mark Pentecost's April letter to project area property owners. The full letter and links to maps, and tables giving more detailed information can be found on the web by this web location: <http://tinyurl.com/NFS-NorthArm>.

AREA: The North Arm Fuel Reduction Project is located in Saint Louis County, approximately 10 miles northwest of Ely, MN. The majority of the Project Area lies west of Burntside Lake and east of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW)

EXISTING CONDITION: Currently, the areas identified in the Project Area have large amounts of live and dead balsam fir accumulating in the understory. Spruce budworm has been a constant pest in the area for the past several decades. This insect attacks and eventually kills balsam fir trees. The resultant mortality adds to the buildup of standing dead and down fuels. The combination of this volatile understory fuel and contiguous conifer overstory could allow a surface fire to get into the crown and become a high severity crown fire. This type of wildfire is not only difficult to manage and potentially devastating to the stand, but it has the potential to threaten life and property.

Historically, low intensity surface fires removed dead and down fuels, kept balsam fir regeneration to a minimum and helped minimize insect and disease outbreaks in older red and white pine stands. These fires burned under the canopy of red and white pine forests without killing the older trees. Eighty years of fire suppression has resulted in the establishment of balsam fir in the understory of most forest types as well as having made oak/blueberry habitat type very uncommon on the Superior National Forest.

PURPOSE AND NEED: The purpose of the North Arm Fuel Reduction Project is to reduce hazardous fuels in high risk areas within the wildland urban interface (WUI) on National Forest Service lands adjacent to private lands and to improve wildlife habitat on federal lands. Fuels reductions will reduce the amount of surface, ladder and canopy fuels, interrupt fuel continuities, reduce the intensity of a wildfire should one start, and reduce the risk of a sustained crown fire. The reduction of hazardous fuels would reduce the risk of a wildfire damaging or destroying homes, other improvements and infrastructure. WUI areas are portions of the landscape as identified by the plan where wildland fuels (trees, brush and other vegetative materials) threaten to ignite combustible homes and structures

PROPOSAL AND ACTION: The North Arm Fuels Reduction Project would treat federal land by the means of hand cutting vegetation with chainsaws or brush saws, crushing vegetation with a rubber tired or tracked tractor, prescribed burning and/or a combination of these treatments. Existing roads would be maintained in their current condition during and after operations. Wildlife habitat improvement would be accomplished primarily by enhancing oak/blueberry regeneration.

Chainsaws and brush saws will be used to cut competing vegetation; then prescribed fire to maintain treated areas. This oak/blueberry habitat type is uncommon on the Superior National Forest but highly valuable to a wide range of wildlife species. Treatment needs to be frequent, with low intensity surface fires to maintain it.

Prescribe burns would treat 1,491 acres; fuel break (hand cutting, hand piling and prescribe burn) would treat 20 acres of understory material along the North Arm Road; and finally mechanical crushing and prescribe burning would treat 106 acres near Foss Lake and 100 acres north of the Slim Lake access road. These treatments would be equally effective for reducing hazardous fuels as well as wildlife habitat improvement.

- **Prescribed Burn for Oak/Blueberry:** Release the oak and blueberries by cutting all balsam fir, spruce, maple, paper birch and brush less than six inches in diameter in areas designated for oak/blueberry management. Conduct a low intensity (no greater than an average three foot flame length) underburn. The oak/blueberry burns will be conducted when adequate moisture is present in the soil to protect the blueberry root system and lichens but dry enough to top kill the brush and blue berry plants.
- **Fuel Break:** Cut all balsam fir within 200 feet along the North Arm Road on Forest Service land. Balsam fir greater than six inches in diameter would be limb and cut into 18 inch pieces. Small diameter material would be cut and lie within three feet of the ground. Heavy concentrations of cut balsam fir may need to be piled and burned at a later date.
- **Mechanical Crushing:** Cut and/or crush all suspended woody debris, dead and dying balsam fir and paper birch to lie within three feet of the ground. The mechanized equipment maybe used to construct control lines and create a slash free area around the perimeter.
- **Prescribed Burn for Hazardous Fuels:** Conduct either a low intensity (no greater than an average three foot flame length) underburn under a closed pine canopy or a moderate intensity (average flame lengths may exceed three feet) broadcast burn in an open canopy stand. Conduct a post burn evaluation to determine the need for a subsequent fuel reduction burns. Mechanized saws would be used to improve control lines and reduce fuel loading under the drip edge of some pines.



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Annual Meeting Amendment of Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

At the annual meeting, these two proposals will be considered and voted upon. They both follow up on an authorization by the 2012 meeting to return with recommendations for restructuring the Association. The first proposal renames the Association. By becoming the Burntside Lake Association, it should be in a better position to solicit grants, contributions, and donations from the public to benefit the quality of our lake. The current "Property Owners" name implies we only have interests that privately benefit owners. Yet, year after year we work to maintain and improve the uniquely precious character of Burntside for the present and future of the lake and **all** who come to its shores.

Proposal 1 for the Annual Meeting to Adopt:

Amend the first Article of the Articles of Incorporation to read:

Article 1: The name of this corporation shall be: Burntside Lake Association.

Amend the First Article of the By-Laws to read:

Article 1: The name of this corporation shall be: Burntside Lake Association.

The Second Proposal updates and extends the By-laws, which have not been reviewed since 1988. The proposal will be presented as a whole for approval. The proposal is intended to accomplish mostly non-controversial housekeeping and clarification. An authority to create non-voting classes of membership is proposed, and there is authorization to add at large directors, subject to election by the voting membership.

If you have questions or suggestions for improvements to this proposal, please contact BPOA President Phil Voxland (pvoxland@gmail.com) before the meeting since the time at the meeting for discussion is limited.

Proposal 2 for the the Annual Meeting to Adopt

Amend the existing By-laws as presented following this summary which describes the changes in designated articles

- #1 Includes the Association name to "Burntside Lake Association" (If Proposal 1 is not approved this part of the Proposal 2 will be removed from consideration)
- #2 Includes the more broad scope corporate purposes from the current Articles of Incorporation
- #7, #13 Recast the term "Officers" to include the leadership group (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, as opposed to Directors elected to the board. The old bylaw confusingly used "Officers" where "Directors" would be appropriate
- #8 Clarifies that the Board, and not just the Officers sets dues, and removes an implication that dues were the possibly only source of revenue for carrying out the association's business
- #11 Creates a non-voting class of membership while continuing to restrict voting membership to property owners on Burntside. Non-voting membership might be used in fund raising as for sponsors or valued contributors, or for honorary memberships
- #11 Proposes that owners with multiple properties are entitled to only one vote (not previously specified)
- #12, #13 Define quorums for Annual Meetings and meetings of the Board (none were defined)
- #13 Requires Officers and Directors to be property owning voting members
- #13 Defines the duties of officers (none previously defined)
- #13 Defines the areas of the lake entitled to director representation (includes water access with island representatives)
- #13 Creates a possibility for the board to nominate two at large directors for election by the Annual meeting
- #13 Describes how to deal with resignations, vacancies, lack of participation of elected officers and directors
- (Numerous locations) Cleans up unnecessary historical text

BURNTSIDE LAKE ASSOCIATION
By-Laws, as amended 2013

By-Laws pertaining to corporation formed under Minnesota statutes regarding non-profit corporations whose Article of Incorporation is dated September 10, 1976:

Article #1: The name of this corporation shall be Burntside Lake Association.

Article #2: The purpose shall be to enhance, promote and protect the interest of property owners on Burntside Lake and the immediate watershed thereof; to protect the environment thereof; and to contribute to the recreational, social and civic welfare of the community.

Article #3: Its duration shall be perpetual.

Article #4: The location and post office address of its registered office in this State shall be Box 81, Ely, Minnesota 55371.

Article #5: The name and post office address of each of the incorporators is:

- William O. Mills, 114 East Chapman, Ely, Minnesota 55731
- Nellie Mackie, 46 East Harvey, Ely, Minnesota 55731
- Lynn Paulson, Box 387, Ely, Minnesota 55731
- Walter Leino, Sr., Box 779, Ely, Minnesota 55731
- Blaine Lindskog, Box 508, Ely, Minnesota 55731
- Paul Mackie, 30 East Conan, Ely, Minnesota 55731
- Jay R. Mackie, Box 612, Ely, Minnesota 55731

Article #6: The name, post office address and office held of the first elected officers are:

- Chairman: William O. Mills, 114 East Chapman, Ely, Minnesota 55731
- Vice Chairman: Blaine Lindskog, Box 508, Ely, Minnesota 55731
- Secretary: Nellie Mackie, 46 East Harvey, Ely, Minnesota 55731
- Treasurer: Nellie Mackie, 46 East Harvey, Ely, Minnesota 55731
- Director: Paul Mackie, 30 East Conan, Ely, Minnesota 55731
- Director: Lynn Paulson, Box 387, Ely, Minnesota 55731
- Director: Walter Leino, Sr., Box 779, Ely, Minnesota 55731
- Director: Jay R. Mackie, Box 612, Ely, Minnesota 55731

Article #7: The operation of this corporation shall rest in the hands of the membership and its duly elected Officers and Directors.

Article #8: Dues and assessments. The Annual dues required to carry out the business of this corporation and to establish voting membership shall be set by the Board of Directors. Special assessments of the membership shall be subject to approval by the membership.

The fiscal and membership year will run from August 1 through July 31. In order to vote, members must be paid up on the date of the annual meeting. Dues received after the annual meeting and through December 31 will apply to that current fiscal year. Dues received January 1 through the date of the annual meeting will apply to the fiscal year in which that annual meeting falls.

Article #9: The legal depository for the corporation shall be determined by the Treasurer and approved by the Board.

Article #10: There shall be no personal liability whatsoever of members for corporate obligations.

Article #11: Membership

Voting Membership: Eligibility in this corporation shall consist of property ownership on Burntside Lake or the immediate watershed thereof. Voting Membership is gained and held by paying the required dues

Only one vote per property parcel is permitted, whether in person or by proxy. Multiple owners must determine which individual will vote in the name of the property.

Any owner of multiple Burntside property parcels is entitled to only one vote.

Non-Voting Membership: The Board of Directors shall have the authority to establish and define non-voting categories of membership which recognize service, support, contributions, or accomplishments that further the purposes of the corporation

Article #12: Meetings of Members

Annual Meeting: There shall be an annual meeting held the first week of August of each year. This meeting date, time and place is subject to change at the discretion of the officers. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the work of the corporation and elect its officers and directors.

Special Meeting: Other meetings of the corporation can be called by the officers or by petition of 5% of the membership. Location of these meetings shall be set on a convenience basis. Notice to membership of all meetings shall be the responsibility of the officers.

Quorum: The members present at any properly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Article #13: Eligibility, Election, and Duties of Officers and Directors.

Officers and Directors must be Voting Members in good standing in order to be elected. They shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, or removed as provided in the by-laws.

The President shall convene regularly scheduled board meetings, shall preside or arrange for other officers to preside at each meeting of the Board or Members in the following order: vice-president, secretary, treasurer.

The Vice-President shall chair committees on special subjects as designated by the board.

The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of board actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all board and membership meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to each board member, and assuring that corporate records are maintained.

The Treasurer shall make a report at each board meeting. The treasurer shall assist in the preparation of the budget, help develop fundraising plans, and make financial information available to board members and the public.

1. Area Directors. Ten additional members of The Board of Directors shall be elected to represent voting members from each the following Burntside Lake areas:
 - East Arm (2)
 - Central Section (2)
 - West Arm (2)
 - North Arm (2)
 - Island or Water Access Properties (2)
2. At-large Directors: The Board of Directors may nominate for election by the annual meeting no more than two additional Directors for terms of no more than two years.
3. Staggered Terms: Terms for officers and Board of Directors members shall be two years. In order to provide continuity in administration, the officers and Board members will serve staggered terms. The president, secretary, and one-half the Board of Directors ("area representatives") will be elected during odd numbered years for a two year term. The vice-president, treasurer, and the other half of the Board of Directors will be elected during even numbered years for two year terms.
4. Resignation, termination, and absences: Resignation from the board must be in writing and received by the Secretary. A board member shall be terminated from the board due to excess absences, more than two unexcused

absences from board meetings in a year. A board member may be removed for other reasons by a three-fourths vote of the remaining directors

- 5. Vacancies: If a vacancy occurs in any elected position, it shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining Board of Directors. The person elected to fill the vacancy shall serve until the next annual meeting.
- 6. Quorum: A quorum must be attended by at least forty percent of board members for business transactions to take place and motions to pass.
- 7. Committee formation: The board may create committees as needed. The President appoints all committee chairs.
- 8. Nominating Committee and Election: A slate of officers and Board of Directors candidates for expiring terms or vacancies will be submitted to the membership at the annual meeting by a nominating committee consisting of the current elected officers (or by a nominating committee named by them).

In addition, candidates for officers and Board of Directors positions may be nominated from the floor.

The secretary who is in office at the time that any annual meeting is called to order will be responsible for taking and submitting the minutes of that meeting, including the results of the election of new officers.

Election of officers and Board of Directors members will be the last item on the agenda at each annual meeting.

Article #14: By-Laws of this corporation can be altered at an annual meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those members present at the annual meeting. Meetings of this corporation shall be run according to "Roberts' Rules of Order".

Article #15: Voting by proxy by paid members representing their property parcel is permitted under the following rules:

- 1. A member may vote by proxy for officers and Board of Directors members and on any issues submitted to the membership for vote at the annual meeting.
- 2. Signed proxy authorizations may be mailed to the secretary prior to the annual meeting or may be hand delivered at that meeting. Proxies received after the date of the annual meeting will be void. To be effective, a proxy authorization must be signed, dated, and use the word "proxy" or otherwise state in substance that a named individual, or a designated officer or Board member, has authority to vote on behalf of an identified parcel of property (with respect to which the named person or designated officer or Board member has no ownership interest).

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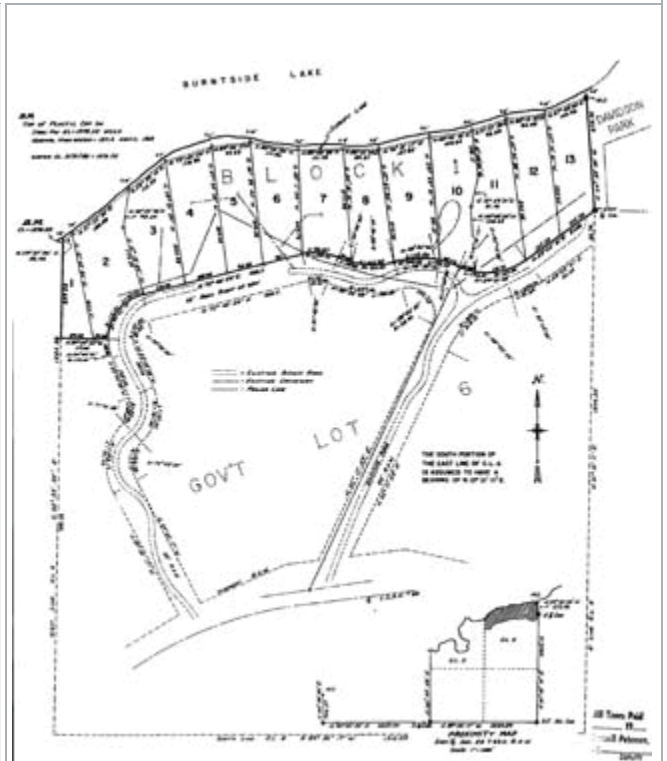
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Public Land Survey and Plat Maps of Burntside Lake

(article from the website <http://www.burntside.org/Maps.html>)



1881 Survey T63N R13W Burntside Lake



Sample Plat Map
(Burntside View Plat)

"The original public land survey plats were created during the first government land survey of the state. They serve as fundamental legal records for real estate, as an essential resource for surveyors, and as an analytical tool for the state's physical geography prior to European settlement. These plats are the official legal land records for Minnesota and all property titles and descriptions stem from them." The first survey in 1881 mapped the Burntside Lake area into square areas ("townships") measuring six miles east and west and north and south. Therefore, there are 36 square mile sections in each map. They are numbered from 1 to 36, beginning with the northeast corner and proceeding west and east alternately through the township.

Almost all of Burntside is contained in one map, enumerated in Minnesota as **T63N, R13W** (Township 63 North, Range 13 West). Three additional survey maps cover the remainder of the lake as follows: westernmost end: **T63N, R14W**, easternmost end: **T63N, R12W**, northernmost: **T64N, R13W**.

In 1902, and then from 1922 to 1925 additional surveys were conducted to include islands not previously established, or to correct island locations that were either nonexistent or incorrect. Most of these resurveys were in the west end of Burntside.

These following maps were downloaded as PDF files from the US Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management General Land Office Records. US Government Land Office from this web site: <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/> A wealth of information can be found there, including scans of the original Federal Land Patents for the transfer of properties from the Federal Government to the first private landowner. The State of Minnesota maintains a web site which provides access, in some cases easier access, to these survey maps and field notes made by the first surveyors: <http://www.mngeo.state.mn.us/glo/>. In the following table click on the highlighted map name to begin download. These PDF format land survey maps are several megabytes in size.

Public Land Survey Maps of Burntside Lake

Burntside Lake	Surveyed	Area of Lake Map
<u>T63N R13W Original Survey</u>	11/3/1881	Most of Burntside
<u>2 Islands Section 30</u>	5/12/1902	Islands
<u>1 Island Section 21</u>	5/13/1922	Islands
<u>4 Islands Sections 13,20,29</u>	5/25/1922	Islands
<u>19 Islands Sections 20,21,29</u>	3/29/1924	Islands
<u>6 Islands Sections 17,20,32</u>	3/29/1924	Islands
<u>1 Island Section 22</u>	12/17/1924	Islands
<u>2 Islands Sections 14,20</u>	3/17/1925	Islands
<u>T64N R13W Original Survey</u>	12/8/1890	North Arm
<u>2 Islands Section 34,35</u>	5/25/1922	Islands
<u>T63N R12W Original Survey</u>	3/31/1881	East End, Shagawa
<u>T63N R14W Original Survey</u>	12/8/1890	West End, Crab Lake

Each square mile section in a township consisted of 640 acres, which could be subdivided into progressively smaller rectangular parcels of land, for example of 320, 160, 80 or 40 acres. However, because of the lake, many Burntside parcels have an irregular boundary unlike the rectangular boundaries associated with "inland" acreage. The original survey enumerated these irregularly shaped "government lots", beginning in each section with lot 1 and continuing until all such lots were accounted for. Some islands are contained in several sections, and have separate government lot numbers for portions within each section.

Visit <http://www.burntside.org/Maps.html> for downloadable Plat Maps which were created by surveyors and developers to sell parcels of the larger government lots.

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There were Ducks on Burntside!

By Barbara Ahola Vesel



The Ahola Duck Splashing Across Burntside Lake

In the mid 40's, my dad, Toimi Ahola built a log cabin on Crab Lake near Ely, MN. It was the only cabin on the lake and it was only accessible by water and portage. My dad purchased a small "duck" that was much like an amphibious jeep to transport the family, friends and the gear that was needed at the cabin. The ducks were used in WWII. With it, he could start in Ely, go across Burntside, cross the portage, and then again go on water across Crab Lake to our cabin nestled in the wilderness. We also had much larger ducks for the resort on Maple Leaf Lodge on Basswood.

At this time, the "Boundary Waters" was nonexistent. I was 5 years old when the cabin was built. It was where we spent our entire summer. My father would go back and forth to Ely everyday using the duck to get there. My mother, my brother and my two sisters would stay at the cabin all summer, much to my older sister's dismay. My dad would commute everyday to Ely and work. It would take us about one hour to get from the cabin to our house in Ely. The first launching site we used was on Burntside at Dr. Grahek's cabin on the west side. We did that for many years until we started launching at Kaleva Bay.

It was an odd looking vehicle, even at that time. When we went to the cabin from Ely everyone used to stare at us. We were a bit embarrassed, but soon learned to love it. It was a very slow ride across the lake. Sometimes it would get wavy and we would be splashed. We would lower the tarps on the sides and back to prevent water from entering the duck in rainy or inclement weather. We used to sing the whole way across Burntside. Then came the portage! The first quarter mile of the portage was quite slippery and muddy. It was quite the horrific ride. We were all silent until we got to the better part of the portage. Sometimes we would get stuck and my dad would have to winch us out of the quagmire. It was very nerve wracking for everyone. There was total silence!!

As time went by the first duck was having problems. My dad got another duck and we started using that one. It, too, was small like a jeep, only it had been painted white. It was always quite the sight to see the duck transporting through the water. Tourists and native Elyites would stare as we motored through Ely and on the water. People on their boats would always stop to talk and ask questions. It was a phenomenon to behold. My dad would always stop to help people who were portaging their backpacks

or who were having difficulty on the lake. He would always ask if they would like us to take their stuff across for them. Always they would be grateful for that was a tough and long portage. Sometimes, if we didn't have too much stuff, they would hop on the back and ride with us.

In the summer there was blueberry picking to be done on Crab Lake. We usually had a wash tub along and we filled that. THEN we were done. And yes I got scolded for eating the blueberries. I hated picking so I always tried to scout for new and bigger.

We also used the duck to go to the cabin in the winter. We would do all kinds of games and skating on the frozen lake. It was VERY cold in that duck!!! We dressed accordingly. In those days, it meant LOTS of clothes!!! My cousins Connie Loisel and Sue Hornseth remember this too "Crazy idea of what to do in the winter." The floors would creak and crack with the cold, and the metal silverware would immediately cool a hot beverage . There were lcy sheets after a hot sauna. It was a "Five-star resort."

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