

BAYFIELD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Bayfield Forestry Project

Standard: American Carbon Registry

158K+

Acres
protected

20+

Recreational
events

1.7M+

Lifetime estimated
credits

Owned and operated by the Bayfield County Forestry and Parks Department, the Bayfield Forestry Project is located in the northernmost part of Wisconsin; known locally as the “Gateway to the Apostle Islands” in Lake Superior. Bayfield has one of the smallest populations but the third largest county forest in the state. An incredible 83% of the land in Bayfield County is forested.

The Bayfield County forest boasts an abundance of wildlife and provides recreational opportunities for area residents and visitors. One of the largest and renowned events is the American Birkebeiner cross-country ski race. Over 10,000 participants from all over the globe come to this area for this single event. The “Birkie” has now also started a program where participants can offset their carbon use as they travel to take part. Additional permitted activities include mountain biking, hiking, cross-country skiing, and ATV and snowmobile use. Trails in the project area have been used for mountain bike races, cross-country ski races, and dogsled races.

A variety of tree species provide habitat for birds such as the Kirtlands warbler, sharp-tailed grouse, and ruffed grouse. The forest also provides valuable habitat for fish and mammals such as black bear, beaver, white-tailed deer, moose, and wolves.

Sustainable timber management, conservation, and protection of the forest’s natural resources are the foundation of the forest management plan. Carbon revenues will help to fund essential county services.

Sustainable Development Impacts



The protected forest helps preserve the soil, which acts as a natural filter for the stormwater flowing into the many lakes and ponds in the project area.



Preserved forest resources aids in emission reductions through tree growth and sequestration. 1.7M tons are estimated over the life of the project.



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Location

