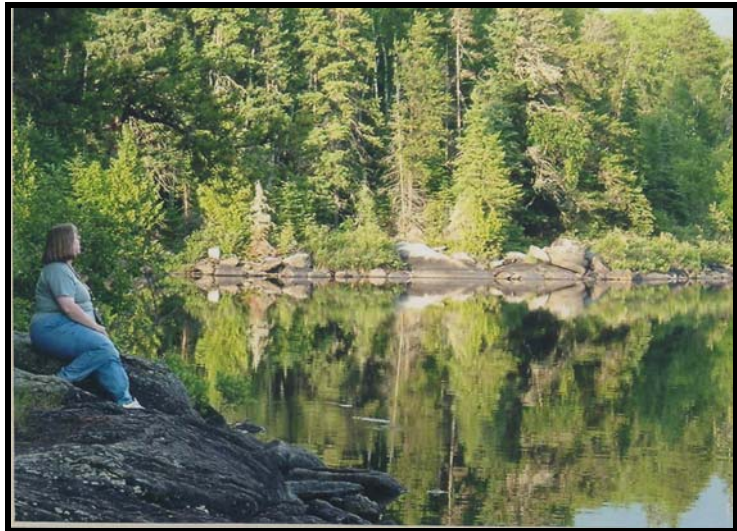


## Superior National Forest Recreation Niche:

### *“A Superior Recreation Experience”*



“Contemplation on Lake Three” by Paul Schmitz. First Place, Philosophy Category, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wilderness Photo Contest

The Superior National Forest is known locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally for providing a variety of quality recreation opportunities. The Superior is the eighth most visited national forest in the nation.

Valued for its boreal forest ecosystem, the Superior is home to clean lakes, rivers, streams, and bogs; abundant winter snow and alluring summer temperatures; as well as a rich cultural history. The Superior is renowned for its vast remote settings, as well as the million-acre Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

These distinctive qualities provide the setting for a full range of motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities, and the Forest focuses on delivering sustainable recreation activities and opportunities appropriate to these remote, natural settings.

#### \* **Superior Remoteness**

- Opportunities for Semi-Primitive and Primitive camping in remote, scenic landscapes.
- Isolated motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.
- Unique winter opportunities for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and dog sledding in remote settings.
- Opportunities for hiking and riding mountain bikes, horses, or ATV's in a remote setting.
- Canoeing, camping, and hiking opportunities in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, the



“Joy in Nature” by Debbie Hartmann. Overall Winner, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wilderness Photo Contest.

largest Forest Service Wilderness east of the Rocky Mountains.



### \* Superior Boreal Forest Ecosystem

- Opportunities for bird watching, and viewing a variety of wildlife and plant life, including moose and the endangered gray wolf.
- Remote settings for berry picking, wild ricing, viewing fall colors, fishing, and hunting.
- Opportunities for scenic viewing of varied vegetation and topography along roads, trails, waterways and scenic byways.



“Casting Into the Evening” by Bonnie DuFresne. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wilderness Photo Contest.



“Paddle” by Daniel Nielsen. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wilderness Photo Contest.

### \* Superior Lakes and Rivers

- Travel along a unique system of waterways (including travel along an interconnected system of lakes, rivers, streams and portages).
- More than 2000 lakes and streams provide canoeing, boating and fishing opportunities.
- Sites adjacent to water offer developed and dispersed camping opportunities.