

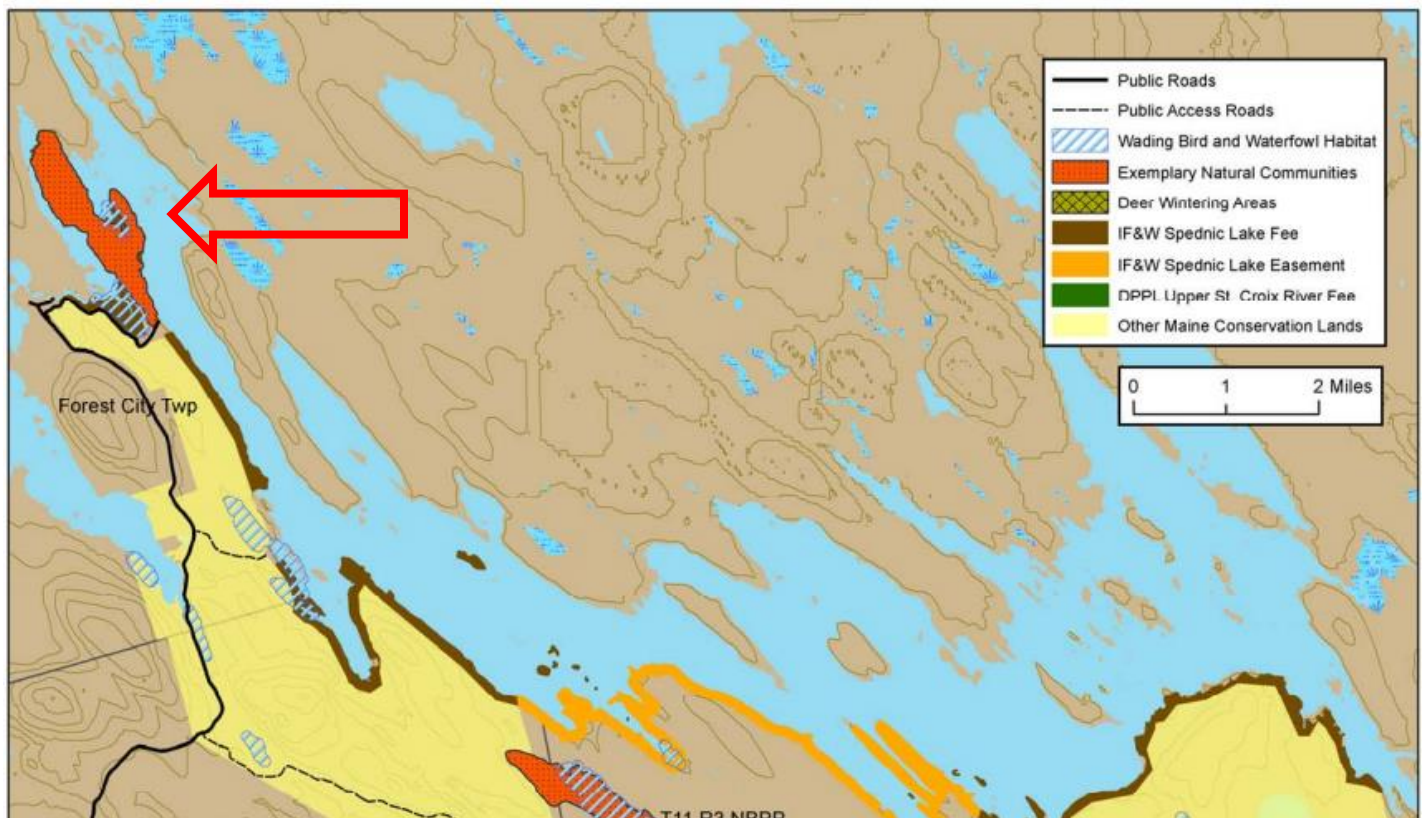
# FOREST CITY - BOOMING GROUNDS – PROPOSED RESERVE

## (Excerpts from Spednic Lake/Upper St. Croix Management Plan)

1998 – Maine purchases 650 acres and four miles of shorefront on Spednic Lake, Mud Lake and Mud Lake Stream, at Forest City, from Georgia-Pacific Corporation, through the Land for Maine’s Future Program. IF&W now manages these lands as the Booming Grounds Wildlife Management Area.

**Natural Communities** A 1998 report for the Maine Forest Biodiversity Project designated the Forest City (now Booming Ground) WMA as a potential ecological reserve based on the presence of a geographically confined matrix-forming ecosystem on the peninsula. The Management Plan for the WMA also notes that the Maine Natural Areas Program has mapped a red pine woodland along the east shore of the peninsula.

Map 3: Spednic Lake - Special Habitat and Natural Resources



### **Native American Archeological Site**

In many cases, present day campsites on both Spednic Lake and the Upper St. Croix River are close to locations used traditionally for thousands of years by Native American water travelers. On Spednic Lake, five known archaeological sites have been identified close to established campsites. However, all five sites have been confirmed by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to be non-significant based on current knowledge. Within the Booming Grounds WMA, **the Hawthorne Carry site** is considered to be of special interest as an excellent survival of a prehistoric Native American carry trail. This portage trail is considered to be eligible for registration with the National Register of Historic Places and has been recommended for that nomination by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

Map 5: Recreation Resources

