

# **MN DNR Priority Open Landscapes in the Laurentian Mixed Forest, Tallgrass Aspen Parklands and Eastern Broadleaf Forest ECS Provinces**

MN DNR priority open landscapes include all or portions of ECS landtype associations (such as special management areas) designated during Subsection Forest Resource Management Planning. Open Landscapes within the Agassiz Lowlands ECS Subsection will undergo further review. Maintenance and enhancement (and in some locations, restoration and protection) of open land and brushland habitat within these identified areas are a high priority. This management will help sustain populations of open landscape wildlife species in greatest conservation need. Coordination with DNR and between landowners, land managers and conservation agencies and organizations is recommended to encourage practices such as prescribed burning, prescribed grazing, mowing, shearing, delayed haying, biomass harvest, avoidance of tree planting in open vistas, and forest management that uses shorter harvest rotations, clear cutting and large patch sizes.

