

Wild Rice Condition Updates

1854 Treaty Authority (8/6/2026)

The 1854 Treaty Authority provides wild rice condition updates on lakes and rivers in the 1854 Ceded Territory as information becomes available.

Water Body	Location	Date	Wild Rice Conditions
Big Rice Lake	FR #247, N of Virginia	8/3/26	areas of sparse wild rice, no report yet from across entire lake, low water
Breda Lake	CR #44, N of Brimson (paddle down Petrel Creek)	7/21/26	wild rice over most of lake, moderate to good density on north half, sparse on south half, rice plants standing 1-2 feet, a few flowering with seed heads
Cabin Lake	FR #359, E of Isabella (rough access road)	7/28/26	mostly open water or sparse wild rice across middle of lake, sparse to moderately dense wild rice on each end, most standing 1-2 feet, a few taller and flowering
Campers Lake	CR #2, W of Isabella (paddle down Stony River)	7/28/26	wild rice over most of lake, moderate to good density, most standing 1-2 feet, a few flowering with seed heads
Cramer Lake	CR #7, NE of Finland	7/28/26	good density wild rice over about half of lake, plants standing 1-2 feet, many flowering with seed heads
Kettle Lake	Kettle L. Rd, E of Cromwell	8/5/26	wild rice over most of lake, good density around edge, mostly sparse in center, most rice standing 1-3 feet, some tall (up to 6 ft.), low water (dry at access, use outlet at access)
Little Rice Lake	CR #304, N of Virginia	8/3/26	sparse wild rice across most of lake, plants standing 1-3 feet and flowering, other vegetation (watershield)
Round Island L.	FR #172, E of Isabella (rough access road)	7/28/26	only sparse wild rice plants observed along parts of shore, plants standing 1 foot, thick other vegetation (watershield)
Stone Lake	FR #120, E of Hoyt Lakes (longer carry-down access)	8/3/26	wild rice over most of north half of lake, areas of sparse to moderate density, plants standing 1-3 feet and flowering
Vermilion River	FR #4538, W of Crane Lake	7/14/26	good density wild rice along river channel near Goldmine Resort, most standing 1-2 feet, some taller, a few flowering with seed heads developing
Clark Lake	CR #2, N of Two Harbors	7/28/26	appears moderate to good density wild rice on west half of lake (viewed from road)
Greenwood Lake	CR #2, N of Two Harbors	7/28/26	moderate density wild rice on south end near access, most standing 1-2 feet, some taller and flowering with seed heads
McDougal lakes	FR #106, W of Isabella	7/28/26	small wild rice patches near public access on North McDougal, good density, standing 1-2 feet, many flowering, no report from channel or other lakes

Moose Lake	CR #461, W of Britt	8/3/26	sparse to moderate density wild rice along parts of shore, most standing 1-2 feet, some taller, many plants flowering
Pike River	CR #26, S of Tower	8/3/26	no wild rice observed from County Road 26 bridge, no report from other parts of river
Sand River	Hwy #169, N of Virginia	8/3/26	moderate density wild rice along river banks near Highway 169 (viewed from road), no report from further upstream
St. Louis River (Skibo)	FR #795, E of Hoyt Lakes	8/3/26	good density wild rice along river banks, plants standing 1-3 feet and flowering
St. Louis River (Norway Point)	FR #130, S of Hoyt Lakes	8/3/26	good density wild rice along river channel, mixed with other vegetation (pickerelweed), plants standing 1-3 feet and flowering
Tommila Lake	FR #412, N of Brimson	8/3/26	sparse wild rice plants, plants standing 1 ft.
Wolf Lake	CR #547, W of Brimson	8/3/26	moderate to good density wild rice along both sides of lake, plants standing 1-3 feet and flowering
Turpela Lake	CR #100, S of Aurora	8/4/26	moderate to good density wild rice across most of lake
Birch Lake	FR #407, N of Babbitt	8/4/26	moderate to good density wild rice near access on southwest arm of lake, plants standing 1-3 feet and flowering
Mark Lake	FR #161, W of Grand Marais	8/4/26	report of sparse to moderate density wild rice along along parts of shore
Island River	FR #377/379, N of Isabella	8/4/26	report of moderate density wild rice
Stony Lake	CR #2, W of Isabella (paddle up Stony River)	8/4/26	report of good density wild rice
Cloquet Lake	FR #102, W of Finland	8/4/26	report of areas of moderate density wild rice
Moosehorn River	CR #61, S of Moose Lake	8/5/26	moderate to good density wild rice along river banks, tall plants (standing up to 4-5 feet), low water at access
Tamarack River/ Tamarack Lake	Hwy #210, near Wright	8/5/26	good density wild rice across river near Wright, no report from lake or other parts of system
Leeman Lake	Hwy #73, S of Floodwood	8/5/26	moderate density wild rice along parts of shore, open or sparse rice in center, plants standing 1-2 feet, less other vegetation (watershield) than previous years

CR = county road
FR = forest road
HWY = highway

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Reminders:

- Access to some lakes might be difficult. It is a good idea to plan and check into access before heading out.
- These updates are not a complete list of conditions in the 1854 Ceded Territory this year. Only lakes and rivers that we have reports on are listed. Scouting other potential rice waters could lead to success.
- It is illegal to harvest unripe wild rice. Please be sure that the rice is ripe before attempting harvest.

Posting opening dates:

In the 1854 Ceded Territory, no lakes/rivers will be posted with opening dates for wild rice harvest in 2026. Waters are open for harvest when the stands are ripe, and within the season beginning August 15th. It is the responsibility of ricers to properly make this determination.