

Stewardship Agreements, Cooperatives, and Other Modern Marvels of National Forest Management

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Current Projects

Wisconsin Wood Marketing Team Administrator

Michigan Wood Innovations Team Administrator

Minnesota State Wood Innovation Team Member

Wisconsin State Wood Energy Team Member

USDA Forest Service Contractor

Wisconsin Master Logger Certification Program
Administrator

Michigan Master Logger Certification Program
Administrator

Northwoods Rail Transit Commission Administrator

Nebraska Timber Supply Study

Mescalero Forest Products Feasibility



Master Stewardship Agreement

Stewardship Agreements

- Are joint endeavors between Forest Service & Partners with mutual benefits and interests
- Have partners who are state or local governments, tribes, and/or nonprofits
- Require partner cost sharing of 20% or more, in-kind or cash
- Do not allow for profit

Stewardship Agreement Benefits for the FS

- Trade goods for services
- Retain receipts on the National Forest for future stewardship work
- Agreements can be long term (up to 10 years)
- Best value award of contracts and agreements

Supplemental Project Agreements

- Master Stewardship Agreements are used for larger Stewardship areas in conjunction with Supplemental Project Agreements (SPAs), which address specific projects
- SPAs:
 - Describe the desired end result of the project(s)
 - Designate Forest Service and partner representatives
 - Specify the exchange of goods and services
 - Include technical specifications for goods sales and service work
 - Include maps and descriptions
 - Include any necessary forest restrictions and closure dates

Sustainable Resources Institute– Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Stewardship

- The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) desired to improve the economy by increasing management Chequamegon – Nicolet National Forest (CNNF)
- SRI signed an agreement with WEDC in October, 2013 for a six month project to increase management on the CNNF

WEDC-SRI Project Short-term Plan of Work

- Develop a CNNF Steering Committee to identify & prioritize issues
- Research utilization of stewardship contracts and agreements nation-wide
- Develop structure for Stewardship Agreement with the CNNF
- Draft and formalize a Stewardship Agreement proposal
- Partner with pertinent entities to identify qualified applicants for specific contract activities

SRI CNNF Stewardship Steering Committee

Dan Corullo – Lake States Lumberman’s Association

Wendy Gehlhoff – Sustainable Resources Institute/Grow North

Jeff Groeschl – Wisconsin Consulting Foresters

Angi Schreiber – Grow North Regional Economic Development

Danielle Jones – Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

Henry Schienebeck – Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association

Jane Severt – Wisconsin County Forest Association

Paul Strong – Chequamegon – Nicolet National Forest

Curt Wilson – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Scott Walter – Ruffed Grouse Society

Scott Bowe, Advisor – University of Wisconsin – Extension Forestry

Rusty Dramm, Advisor – US Forest Service Forest Products Lab

- Master Stewardship Agreement between the Sustainable Resources Institute, Inc. and the USDA Forest Service – Region 9 was executed in February of 2014

Chequamegon-Nicolet NF Supplemental Project Agreement 1

- Signed September of 2014 & Completed Fall of 2016
- Goods timber sale (224 acres)
- Service work
 - Timber marking (735 acres)
 - Road reconstruction (2.08 miles)
 - Aspen regeneration (74 acres)
 - Hardwood canopy gap regeneration (139 acres)
 - Road reconstruction (3.10 miles)
 - Stream crossing culvert replacement (1 culvert)
 - ATV Trail reconstruction (3.58 miles)

Bushafer Goods Timber Sale











Chequamegon-Nicolet NF Supplemental Project Agreement 2

- Signed October of 2015 and currently in progress
- 2 Goods timber sales (550+ acres)
- Service work
 - Timber marking (~6,000 acres over 3 years)
 - Boat landing survey & design (7 launches)
 - Boat landing construction (1 launch)
 - Fireline construction (23 acres)
 - Aspen site preparation (80 acres)
 - Site prep for planting (100 acres)
 - Dam repair project (Wyden Authority)

Bog Brook Dam Restoration Project



Lake Louise Goods Timber Sale



















Ottawa National Forest Supplemental Project Agreement 1

- In draft
- Goods timber sale (344 acres)
- Service work
 - Timber marking (1,200 acres)
 - Site preparation
 - Boat landing restoration
 - River crossing & trail restoration
 - Wildlife opening restoration
 - FS road closures
 - FS road maintenance

Lessons Learned

- Each National Forest is unique & each Ranger District is unique
- The ins and outs of Stewardship are new to some FS staff
- The Wyden Authority allows for implementation of projects on non-FS lands
- Indirect costs can be included in the SPA
- When appropriate, sole source contracting can be built into the SPA
- The SPA can be modified if both parties agree
- There's a break even point that's dependent on the value of the goods sale(s)

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