



NEPA

Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

January – March, 2009

PURPOSE OF THE NEPA QUARTERLY

This schedule lists actions being proposed on the Forest that are governed by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of this schedule is to provide early and informal notice of proposed projects so that you can become aware of Forest Service activities, indicate your interest in specific projects, and become involved early in the environmental analysis and documentation process.

FORMAT

Proposed actions (projects) are sorted by the Ranger District where the action would occur. In some cases, Forest-wide projects are listed separately. Information indicating the status of public involvement and analysis for each proposal is provided. With this information, you'll have an idea of upcoming projects, and you may wish to get involved by commenting on them. We're still analyzing some projects listed in the last Quarterly schedule, so they appear once again in this update. In future months, we'll add new projects as they are proposed, and remove projects that have the NEPA process completed.

The information given for each project is brief, but specific. A table provides the project name, short description, location, time frames for public involvement, a date when we expect to make a final decision on the projects, a contact person, and the status of the analysis. From time to time other information associated with environmental analysis or planning may also be included in the NEPA Quarterly.

HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED

Read through the list of proposed projects. If you want to comment on a project or be placed on the project mailing list, call the contact person or write to the appropriate office (see list of offices on the next page). You may comment right then, or ask to be put on a mailing list for that specific project to receive more information and an opportunity to comment at a later time. We ask you be project-specific about your interest. You will only be added to a project involvement list if you notify us of your specific interest in a project.

ROLE OF THE NEPA QUARTERLY

The NEPA Quarterly adds to the public involvement activities we have always done; it doesn't replace them. We will continue to contact those people known to be affected by and/or interested in our proposals. Those that have expressed interest about specific projects will still be contacted.

Thank you for reviewing this list of recent decisions and proposed projects. We appreciate your interest in the management of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

PRIVACY OF YOUR COMMENTS

Comments received in response to solicitation as part of the NEPA process, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on a proposed action, and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act permits such confidentiality.

ANTICIPATED "WALK-IN" BUSINESS

Requests from the public occasionally necessitate that analysis be completed with a short turn-around. This may mean that some decisions are made without prior announcement in this update. Examples of walk-in requests include special use roads and utility rights-of-way. Scoping efforts for these requests will be conducted as applicable.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

For additional requests, please contact one of the offices listed on the next page. Please let us know if the address we have for you is incorrect.

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Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2009 to 03/31/2009

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Eagle River-Florence Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R9 - Eastern Region					
Grub Hoe Vegetation and Transportation Management EIS	- Watershed management - Road management - Forest products	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/24/2008 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2009	Expected:04/2009	01/2010	Christine Brunner 715-479-2827, ext. 21 cbrunner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Vegetation management on approximately 3325 acres, road decommissioning of 20 miles of unclassified roads, reconstruction and classification of 4 miles of unclassified roads, and 1.4 miles of new road construction which would be closed after use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnrf/natres/index.html				
Location: UNIT - Eagle River-Florence Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Florence. LEGAL - T 39N, R15 and 16E. The project area is located along the eastern portion of the Eagle River-Florence Ranger District, south of State Highway 139 approximately 14 miles southwest of Florence, WI.					
Jesse Spruce Salvage CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 12/08/2008	01/2009	Christine Brunner 715-479-2827, ext. 21 cbrunner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvage 97 acres of dead and dying spruce stands. Seventy-one acres would be planted with red pine; 26 acres would regenerate to aspen. Planting sites would be prepared by roller chopping and disc trenching. There would be no new road construction.				
	Location: UNIT - Eagle River-Florence Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Forest, Vilas. LEGAL - T42N, Sect. 11E, Sec. 19; T40 N, R14E, Sec. 6; T40N, R15E, Secs. 2 and 15. Four individual locations scattered across the northern half of the district.				
Spur 51 Easement CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Joan Stanfield-Smith 715-362-1300 jstanfieldsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: 0.4 mile of easement for access to private land. Reconstruct 2,112 feet of road to allow access year-round. Road would be widened by approximately 3.5 feet on each side.				
	Location: UNIT - Eagle River-Florence Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Florence. LEGAL - T 40 N, R 16 E, Section 26 SWSE and SESE. Eight miles east of Tipler, Wisconsin.				

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Great Divide Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Adeline Lake Blowdown Salvage CE	- Forest products	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Richard Strauss 715-264-2511 rstrauss@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvage harvest damaged, dead, or dying trees resulting from a windstorm that occurred in September of 2005.				
	Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - T44N R6W Sections 5,7,8, and 9. Scattered stands in the northwest corner of the Great Divide Ranger District, 3 miles south of Grandview, 5 miles east of Drummond, and north of the Porcupine Lake Wilderness.				
CCI Systems Utility SUP CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/08/2008	Expected:02/2009	03/2009	Joan Cervenka 715-762-2461 jcervenka@fs.fed.us
	Description: A new special use permit issuance is requested to authorize CCI Systems, Inc., to bury about 1.5 miles of telecommunications cable along FS road right-of-way.				
	Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland. LEGAL - T43N, R2W, Sec 4, 9, Ashland County, Wisconsin. About 6 miles north and west of the town of Glidden, WI.				
Cayuga EIS	- Road management - Watershed management - Forest products	Completed	Actual: 11/03/2008	01/2009	Patty Beyer 906-249-4502 pbeyer@fs.fed.us
	Description: A Revised EIS is being prepared for the Cayuga Vegetation Management Action to remedy inadequacies in cumulative effects analysis of specific Regional Forester Sensitive Species				
	Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland. LEGAL - T42N, R4W, Sec 4; T43N, R2W, Sec 6-8, 16-20, 29; T43N, R3W, Sec1-18,23; T43N, R4W, Sec 1-3, 10-24, 27-33; T44N, R3W, Sec 19-23, 26-35; T44N, R4W, Sec 23-27, 34-36. 10 miles NW of Glidden, Wisconsin.				
Day Road Parking Area CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/09/2008	Expected:03/2009	05/2009	Jim Hong 715-634-4821 jhong@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improvement of existing day use area in an old gravel pit for year-round parking area for snowmobile and ATV users. Most use is expected in winter. Includes construction of 0.10 mile of snowmobile trail to tie into existing snowmobile trail nearby.				
	Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland. LEGAL - T43N R4W Section 29. 1 mile north of Clam Lake, Wisconsin in an existing dispersed site (old gravel pit) off of FR1296, just east of County GG.				

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Sawyer County Snowmobile Trail 21 Reroute CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2009	Expected:06/2009	07/2009	Jim Hong 715-634-4821 jhong@fs.fed.us
	Description: Move the trail off of FR 203 north of Nowak Rd and off the County S Right of Way south of Hwy. 77. New trail construction will be necessary, but existing woods roads will be used as much as possible.				
	Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Sawyer. LEGAL - T 42 N R 6 W Sections 11, 14, 23, 26, 35 and 36 and T 41 N R 6 W Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12. A 3 1/2 mile stretch between Highway 77 and FR 650 west of FR 203 and a 2 1/2 mile stretch between Highway 77 and Moose Lake east of County S.				
St. Peter's Dome Snowmobile Trail (Trail 9) Relocation CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/07/2007 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/2009	Expected:04/2009	06/2009	Jim Hong 715-634-4821 jhong@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocation of portions of a snowmobile trail to reduce impacts to water quality, soil productivity, and improve safety for trail users and groomers. Project involves 1.3 miles of new trail construction and 1.5 miles of trail decommissioning.				
	Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland. LEGAL - T45N R4W Sections 20, 21, 29, 30. 12 miles north of Clam Lake, Wisconsin in the St. Peter's Dome Management Area.				
Twin Ghost EIS	- Road management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. NOI in Federal Register 12/2008	Expected:10/2009	01/2010	Debra Proctor 715-634-4821 debralproctor@fs.fed.us
	Description: Management of vegetation to improve forest health and vigor and for the enhancement of wildlife habitat; Ladder fuels reduction; Improvement of the transportation system.				
	Location: UNIT - Great Divide Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Ashland, Bayfield, Sawyer. LEGAL - T42N R4W Secs 3-6,7-10,14-20, 30; T42N R5W Secs 1-24; T42N R6W Secs 1-19,21-24; T43N R4W Secs 19-21,28-34; T43N R5W Secs 8-9,13-14,16-20,23-24,26-27, 29-36; T43N R6W Secs 21-23,26-28,32-35. Portions of the NFS lands in MA's 1B, 3B, and 4A on the Great Divide Ranger District between Cable and Clam Lake, WI.				

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Lakewood-Laona Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R9 - Eastern Region
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Challenge 4x4 Trail Restoration EA	- Watershed management - Recreation management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Cristi Corey (715) 674-4481 cmcorey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Restore and repair portions of the ANR/EI Paso pipeline "Challenge" 4x4 trail that have been degraded by past use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/natres/index.html				
Location: UNIT - Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Marinette, Oconto. LEGAL - T32N, R17E, S13, 24, 25, 36; and T31N, R17E, S1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 26, 35. 10 miles SE of Lakewood, WI along ANR pipeline.					
Hardwood Biomass Research Project EA	- Research - Forest products	Completed	Actual: 11/05/2008	11/2009	Matthew StPierre 715-362-1385 mstpierre@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed activities is part of a research project designed to investigate the impact of removing slash (fine woody debris < 6 inches diameter) for bioenergy purposes on nutrient availability and above and belowground community assemblages.				
	Location: UNIT - Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Forest. LEGAL - Township 35 N; Range 15 E; Sections 28, 32, 33, and Township 34 N; Range 15 E Sections 3, 4 and 5. Located approximately three miles northeast of Wabeno in Forest County, WI.				
Lakewood-Laona Plantation Thin II EA	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 10/24/2008	11/2008	John Lampereur 715-276-6333 jlampereur@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposal is to thin approximately 11,070 acres (361 stands) of plantations. There are no proposed changes to existing access and no road construction.				
	Location: UNIT - Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Forest, Langlade, Oconto. Activities proposed across the Lakewood-Laona Ranger District.				
Oconto River Seed Orchard Tree Removal CE *NEW LISTING*	- Facility management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Carrie Sweeney 715-882-3507 csweeney@fs.fed.us
	Description: Duplicate Entry of Project 26075 -- delete this one.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/natres/index.html				
Location: UNIT - Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Oconto. LEGAL - T32N, R15E, Section 30, Oconto County, Wisconsin. The Oconto River Seed Orchard is located about 3 miles east of the town of Langlade, WI.					

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Lakewood-Laona Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Oconto RiverSeed Orchard Tree Removal CE	- Facility management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 10/28/2008	12/2008	Carrie Sweeney 715-882-3507 csweeney@fs.fed.us
Description: Orchard management requires periodic removal of old seed stock to replace it with improved seed stock. This proposal would remove 21 acres of obsolete orchard and relace it with a mix of tree species desired for future reforestation needs.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/natres/eis/lkln/ORSO_Tree_Removal/index.html					
Location: UNIT - Lakewood-Laona Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Oconto. LEGAL - T32N, R15E, Section 30, Oconto County, Wisconsin. The Oconto River Seed Orchard is located about 3 miles east of the town of Langlade, WI.					

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Medford-Park Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
2006 Impoundment Permit Re-authorization (Gaunt) CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/18/2006	Expected:12/2008	01/2009	Joan Cervenka 715-762-5174 jcervenka@fs.fed.us
Description: Replace permits for an existing impoundment on the Forest					
Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Taylor. LEGAL - T32N, R2W, Sec 32, Taylor County. 16 miles NW of Medford, WI.					
2009 Medford Spruce Thinning CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:03/2009	06/2009	Karl Welch 715-762-5118 kwelch@fs.fed.us
Description: Commercial thinning of about 70 acres of white spruce to promote forest health and vigor.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/natres/index.html					
Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Taylor. LEGAL - T32N, R2W, Section 36. Project is located on the Medford unit of the Medford-Park Falls Ranger District, just north of County Road M and about 2 miles east of Perkinstown, WI.					

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Camp Four EIS	- Road management - Forest products - Recreation management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/07/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2009	Expected:02/2009	10/2009	Ann Hoefflerle 715-748-4875 ext.24 ahoefflerle@fs.fed.us
	Description: Timber harvest proposals to maintain and restore forest type composition, age, and structure as outlined in the Forest Plan. The area is primarily to be managed for conifer species, but hardwood and aspen are well represented within the landscape.				
	Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Price. The locations of the projects are in various areas on the Park Falls landbase north of State Highway 70.				
Charter Communications Special Use Request CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/05/2008	11/2008	Joan Stanfield-Smith 715-362-1300 jstanfieldsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: Request to bury approximately 16 miles of fiber optic cable within a 10-foot wide strip along the north side of the cleared State Highway 70 right of way. All creeks, rivers, and wet areas will be directional bored.				
	Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Price, Vilas. North side of State Highway 70 from T40N, R4E, Section 28 west to T39N, R1E, Section 3. Price and Vilas Counties.				
Geissler Special Use Road Request CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/01/2008	12/2008	Joan Cervenka 715-762-2461 jcervenka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Request to use about 1.8 miles of existing roads (FR 1530 included)and construct about 350 feet of new road for access to private land for winter logging under frozen conditions. Expectation of need for the permit is about 5 years.				
	Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Taylor. LEGAL - Township 32 North, Range 3 West, Sections 10 and 15. The roads are located in the western portion of NF in Taylor Co. and are a few miles north of Chequamegon Waters Flowage (Miller Dam).				

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Medford-Park Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Medford Aspen EIS	- Road management - Forest products	Completed	Actual: 10/27/2008	01/2009	Jane Darnell 715-748-4875, ext.38 jdarnell01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Timber harvest proposals to regenerate/restore aspen within areas to be managed for early successional forest (2004 Chequamegon-Nicolet Land and Resource Management Plan - Record of Decision). Proposal includes associated road projects.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/natres/eis/mpf/medford_aspen/index.html				
Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Taylor. The location of the projects are in various areas on the Medford landbase north of County Highway M.					
Perkinstown ATV Trail Maintenance and Improvement CE	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jim Mineau 715-762-5182 jmineau@fs.fed.us
	Description: Repair and relocate segments of FS Trail 326 to control erosion, provide user safety, and reduce maintenance costs				
	Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Taylor. LEGAL - T31N, R2W, Taylor County, WI. 15 miles northwest of Medford, WI.				
Riley Lake Wildlife Habitat Management EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2008	Expected:04/2009	05/2009	Daniel Eklund 715-762-5194 deklund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Creation and long-term maintenance of lowland bog, shrubland and grassland-forb wildlife habitat in the Riley lake Wildlife Management Area, through periodic burning, roller-chopping, mowing, and cutting on 5,000 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/natres/index.html				
Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Price. LEGAL - Sections 17-20,30,31 T39N R3E; abd sections 13,24,25,36 T39N R2E; Price County, WI. Located about 15 miles southeast of the city of Park Falls, Wisconsin.					

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Medford-Park Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Taylor to Price Snowmobile Trail Connector EA	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:09/2009	11/2009	Dawn Meier (715) 748-4875 dmeier@fs.fed.us
Description: Designation of a snowmobile trail connection between a Taylor County trail in the vicinity of Mondeaux Flowage and a southern Price County snowmobile trail system using primarily existing travel corridors.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/natres/index.html					
Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Taylor. LEGAL - T33N, R1W and R2W. From the Mondeaux Flowage, northwest to Price County.					
Yellow River Bridge EA	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2009	Expected:08/2009	10/2009	Dawn Meier (715) 748-4875 ext. 43 dmeier@fs.fed.us
Description: Construction of a foot bridge across the South Fork Yellow River on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.					
Location: UNIT - Medford-Park Falls Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Taylor. LEGAL - Part of Section 14, T32N, R2W. The proposed bridge location is located on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail on the South Fork of the Yellow River, about 3 1/2 miles northeast of Perkinstown.					

Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Washburn Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Cable Deer Camp Road SUP CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/09/2007	Expected:10/2008	10/2008	Joan Cervenka 715-762-2461 jcervenka@fs.fed.us
Description: Authorize access to private land across NFS land.					
Location: UNIT - Washburn Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - T44N, R8W, Sec 29, 31 & 32. 4 miles N of cable, WI.					

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Washburn Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Chequamegon Communication Ino Tower SUP CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/23/2008	Expected:02/2009	03/2009	Joan Cervenka 715-762-2461 jcervenka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Amend an existing permit to attach additional antennae, equipment, and 10x20' structure to accommodate it, to existing Ino tower. Footprint (fenced area) remains the same.				
	Location: UNIT - Washburn Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - T47N, R7W, Section 29, Bayfield County, Wisconsin. About 9 miles east and south of the town of Iron River, WI.				
Northwest Sands Project EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/15/2008 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2009	Expected:06/2009	09/2009	Jennifer Maziasz 715-373-2667 jmaziasz@fs.fed.us
	Description: To restore a portion of the pine barren ecosystem through changing the vegetation composition / structure and managing fire as an essential ecosystem process. Activities include timber harvest, biomass, mechanical treatment, and prescribed fire.				
	Location: UNIT - Washburn Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - T.49N, R.7W, S 23-26, 35, 36; T.49N, R.6 W, S 19-22, 37-33; T.48N, R.8 W, S 12, 13, 24, 25, 36; T.48N, R.7W, S 1-5, 7-11, 14-23, 26-36; T.48N, R6W, S 2, 4-6, 10-16, 21--27; T.47N, R.7W, S 3-10, 15-22. Moquah Barrens on the north end of the Washburn District.				
Ronkowski Road SUP CE	- Road management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/16/2008	Expected:02/2009	02/2009	Joan Cervenka 715-762-2461 jcervenka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed new issuance of a special use authorization for access to private property across NFS lands. Affects about 1/2-mile of existing, unclassified road. Some maintenance will be needed.				
	Location: UNIT - Washburn Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - T44N, R7W, Section 7. Two miles SW of the town of Drummond, WI.				

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Chequamegon / Nicolet National Forest Washburn Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R9 - Eastern Region
Wanoka Lake Trailhead Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2008	Expected:03/2009	08/2009	Teresa Maday 715-373-2667 tmaday@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reconstruction of the Wanoka Lake Trailhead and connector route to be utilized as trailhead for snowmobiles and ATVs. Activities include limited tree removal, brushing, toilet/koisk installation, and gravel and shaping of the parking lot.				
	Location: UNIT - Washburn Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - T.47N., R.7W., Sections 17 and 18. Bayfield County, 6 miles east of Iron River, WI.				
Washburn Red Pine Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/02/2008 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 04/2009	Expected:05/2009	07/2009	Phil Freeman 715-373-2667 pfreeman01@fs.fed.us
	Description: Approximately 6000 acres of red pine stands across the Washburn District would be thinned to improve growth and vigor. In conjunction with thinning, in some areas thinning slash would be removed to reduce hazardous fuels.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnfn/natres/eis/wash/RP_Thin/index.html				
Wolf Trail Rehab Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2008	Expected:01/2009	04/2009	Teresa Maday 715-373-2667 tmaday@fs.fed.us
	Description: To conduct project work on 1.5 miles of the Wolf Trail. Activities include trail widening, limited tree removal, erosion control, surfacing, and culvert installation.				
	Location: UNIT - Washburn Ranger District. STATE - Wisconsin. COUNTY - Bayfield. LEGAL - T.47N., R.7W., and Sections 22, 27, and 28. The Wolf Trail, 4 miles west of Ino, WI.				

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Great Divide Ranger District P.O. Box 126, Highway 13, Glidden, Wisconsin 54527 Phone: (715) 264-2511	Great Divide Ranger District P.O. Box 896, 10650 Nyman Ave, Hayward, WI 54843 Phone: (715) 634-4821
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DEFINITION OF TERMS

Appeal Period - The 45-day period after publication of a decision during which an administrative appeal can be filed.

Categorical Exclusion (CE) - A category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Comment Period - The 30-day (EA) or 45-day (EIS) period for interested persons to provide comments to a Responsible Official on a proposed action. Comment during this period is required for "standing" to appeal a decision on the action.

Contact Person - For each project listed a *Project Contact* person is provided with contact information. To express interest in a project, you should call, write or email that person.

Decision Memo (DM) - A concise written record of the responsible official's decision to implement an action that has been categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS.

Decision Notice (DN) - A concise written record of the responsible official's decision based on an environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI).

Environmental Assessment (EA) - A document prepared to determine if a proposed action, or its alternatives, may have significant environmental effects. If potentially significant effects may occur, an EIS is prepared. If not, a FONSI and Decision Notice are issued.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) - This document is required for proposed actions that may have significant effects on the human environment. An EIS discloses significant issues and effects from the action, and alternatives, for public review.

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) - A document presenting the reasons why an action, not otherwise excluded, will have no significant effect on the human environment, and for which an EIS will not be prepared.

NEPA - Acronym for the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*. This is the procedural guide for the decision-making and public disclosure process for site-specific project proposals and decisions.

Proposed Action - A proposal made by the Forest Service to authorize, recommend, or implement an action on National Forest System lands to meet a specific purpose and need which is subject to public notice comment provisions under NEPA.

Record of Decision (ROD) - A concise written record of the responsible official's decision based upon an environmental impact statement (EIS).

Scoping - A process required by NEPA to solicit important issues related to a proposed action from within the agency, from other agencies, and from the public. Issues identified during scoping often lead to development of alternatives to a proposed action.

Significance - As used in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), *significance* pertains to the intensity and context of effects from our action on the human environment.