Feedback requested on Forest Service-Tribal MOU implementation

We are seeking public feedback about the ongoing implementation of the **Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Tribal – USDA – Forest Service Relations on National Forest Lands within the Territories Ceded in Treaties of 1836, 1837, and 1842**. The provisions of the MOU were the subject of substantial public information and comment, prior to final ratification by the ten federally recognized Tribes in March 1999. These comments resulted in amendments, which clarified or improved the MOU.

As part of the MOU, the Forest Service and the Tribes have agreed to meet annually to review progress made on implementing the MOU, and to discuss issues that may affect the MOU. The agreement also states that the Forest Service will accept feedback from interested citizens about the implementation of the MOU at any time throughout the year, but will also provide an opportunity for feedback annually. In accordance with this provision, the Forest Service is seeking public input to assess our effectiveness of implementing this MOU.

If you would like to provide input, please respond to Mary Rasmussen, Tribal Government Liaison, Chequamegon-Nicolet, Hiawatha and Ottawa National Forests, through any of the means listed below:

By letter, write:	USDA Forest Service MaryRasmussen, Tribal Government Liaison E6248 US Hwy 2 Ironwood, MI 49938
By FAX:	(906) 932-0122
By E-mail, send to:	mrasmussen@fs.fed.us

In order to be incorporated into our annual meeting, all public input is due at the above addresses by the last day in August. Information regarding the MOU is available on the web at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/mou/mou.htm,

or by contacting the Public Affairs Officer at any of the Forest Supervisor Offices on the Chequamegon-Nicolet, Ottawa, Hiawatha and Huron-Manistee National Forests.