



Native Seed Planting and Collecting Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Moquah Barrens

2014 Accomplishments

This project was initiated in 2010 to restore areas disturbed by timber harvest practices, road improvements, and to improve plant diversity in newly established pine savannas. This project benefits pine barrens restoration work, butterflies, birds and other wildlife on the Moquah Barrens and other areas on the Washburn Ranger District of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

In 2014 funding from NFW13, stewardship retained receipts, and Lake Superior Landscape Restoration Partnership was utilized to fund three local contractors and four seasonal employees to collect native plant seed from the Moquah Barrens. Over 90 lbs. of native plant seed was collected, stored, and partially used to restore portions of the Moquah Barrens. Seed collected in 2013 and 2014 was used to re-vegetate over five miles of recently decommissioned roads (figure 2), and was used to re-establish native grasses and forbs over 100 acres in recently harvested pine savanna (figure 3).



Figure 1. Rough blazing star with native forbs, grasses, and woody vegetation in the Moquah Barrens.



Figure 2. Planting native plant seed in the Moquah Barrens using a 6-wheel vehicle and harrow.



Figure 3. Collecting native plant seed in 2014 from an old road in a pine savanna that was planted in 2010.

Year Project Initiated: 2010

Project completion: Ongoing

Report number: 1

Expenditures (through 10/2014): \$10,000

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