THE CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST 2010 YEAR IN REVIEW

Forest Supervisor's Message

As I return to the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest after nearly a decade's absence, I am struck by how intertwined our land, natural resources and infrastructure assets are with the culture, economy and environment of the Wisconsin Northwoods. I am equally impressed by the relevance of our activities in 2010.

Our use of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulated work opportunities for local contractors while upgrading historic and more modern facilities to make them safer, more enjoyable, and less vulnerable to the ravages of weather, use, and time.

The sale of wood fiber supported local economies and helped maintain community stability while meeting wildlife habitat objectives.

Conservation education programs and temporary and volunteer work programs connected citizens to natural resources and helped them build their own land ethic so they can act responsibly in an ever more complex world.

Maintenance and improvements of trails, roads, campgrounds, and other facilities not only provided ways for citizens to renew their bodies and spirits, but also continue to serve as a stable set of assets around which local tourism-based economies can be sustained.

In this snapshot of our work in 2010, I hope you will see how the ongoing management of your public lands makes northern Wisconsin, the entire state, and the country a good place to live, raise families, and be part of communities in rural America.

Paul Strong
Forest Supervisor

Teamwork in practice: CNNF Partnership Council

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and Local 2165 of the National Federation of Federal Employees form the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Partnership Council.

This relationship contributes to a positive workforce. Working together builds a foundation of mutual respect and trust. It empowers employees to deliver the highest quality services to the American people.

The 10-member council -- five representing management and five union officers -- strives to improve the quality of everyone's work environment with teamwork and shared goals.

The Master Agreement between the Forest Service and its NFFE employees officially defines everyone's roles.

Mike Anderson, local president, and Paul Strong, the Forest Supervisor, lead the CNNF Partnership Council.

They encourage everyone to learn more about the council and its mission.

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Forest Supervisor/Union President message

Courageous Conservation:

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PROTECT ECOSYSTEMS ACROSS BOUNDARIES

Tribes and Forest unite to protect cultures and forest recovery

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, part of the 1837 and 1842 Chippewa Ceded Territories, worked with its tribal partners to meet their needs and conserve our natural resources throughout Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Working under a Memorandum of Understanding that is based on the principle of government-to-government interactions while acknowledging the Forest Service's role in fulfilling our trust responsibilities and treaty obligations, several projects were realized.

A joint research project with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources produced valuable research on the American marten and received the Regional Forester's Honor Award. The American marten was extirpated from the ceded territories in the 1920s, and was reintroduced in the 1980s and 1990s. This effort had limited success and the species' ability to persist remains questionable.

To help find out why martin populations are struggling, 90 martins were released on the Forest and individuals will be monitored to determine survival rates and reproduction success. The marten is listed as a state and tribal endangered species and is the only mammal on Wisconsin's endangered list.

For the Ojibwe, the marten is an important clan symbol and its presence is also a good indicator of a healthy forest.

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

The Great Lakes are the largest surface fresh water system on earth. The GLRI program targets some of the serious threats to the Great Lakes: invasive species, non-point source pollution, degraded watersheds and protection of threatened and endangered species.

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest joined a task force with 10 other federal agencies to develop a plan to put the initiative into action through 2014 after receiving funding in 2009. In 2010, GLRI funds facilitated the development of several cooperative weed management areas, replaced poorly functioning culverts to improve safety and fish passage and created potential habitat for sensitive and endangered species such as the federally listed Kirtland's Warblers.

PROTECT ECOSYSTEMS ACROSS BOUNDARIES

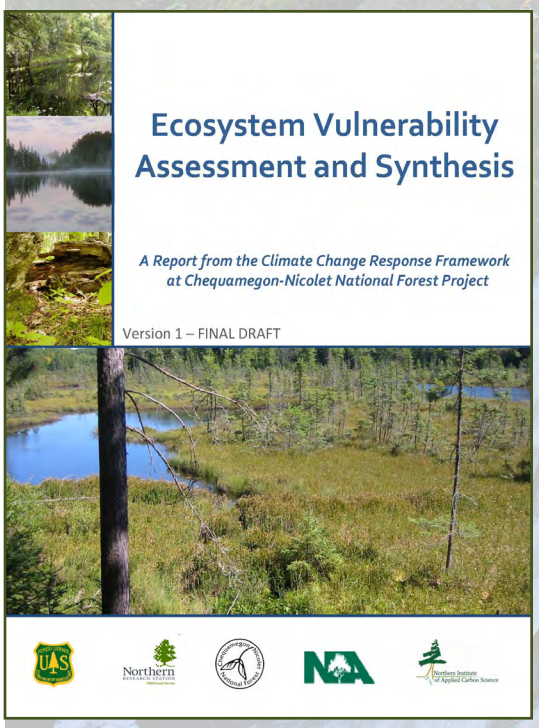
Preparing for a changing climate

CNNF's staff were active participants in the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI) assessments that are exploring ways to identify and measure impacts of climate change and variability across the state. WICCI is being spearheaded by Wisconsin DNR and University of Wisconsin-Madison, and is a collaborative effort among many agencies and institutions across the state.

Forest staff participated in many of the working groups of this effort and assisted in writing portions of the recent report, Wisconsin's Changing Climate: Impacts and Adaptation. Some of the conclusions contained in the report are - increasing average annual temperatures, decreasing summer precipitation, increasing frequency of extreme weather events, increasing severity of pests and disease that impact tree health, and shifting distribution of common tree species northward.

CNNF partnered with Forest Service Research (NIACS) on a Climate Change Response Framework project that aims to bridge the gap between research and land management activities. Several products were the result of this collaboration including the Ecosystem Vulnerability Assessment and Synthesis report that evaluated ecosystem vulnerabilities in northern Wisconsin under a range of future climate uncertainty.

Another product was a Mitigation Assessment that considers the potential of different forest carbon mitigation options. Information from these two assessments were integrated to develop The Forest Adaptation Resources: Climate Change Tools and Approaches for Land Managers to help research and management work together in the context of climate change.



An example of this effort is the Shared Landscape Initiative which brought together local forest owners, managers and the public to evaluate partnership opportunities across the state.

Due to these partnerships, CNNF was designated as a Climate Change Model Forest for Landscape Management in the Eastern Region. Ongoing projects include a carbon life-cycle analysis with researchers from UW-Madison and the Chequamegon- Ecosystem Atmosphere Study. Tools and results of these efforts in the near future will help integrate CNNF management with our surrounding neighbors.

Defending and restoring the land

In August 2010, federal, tribal, state and local law enforcement agencies worked together to shut down a illegal marijuana growing operation on several sites in the Forest and on the Menominee Indian Reservation.

Marijuana growers clear large areas of vegetation, divert water for irrigation and use pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers that can pollute water systems.

Damage to the land was quickly and thoroughly assessed and CNNF immediately began restoring impacted areas. By working closely with law enforcement, public and employee safety was ensured while safeguarding our natural resources.

CONNECT CITIZENS TO THE LAND

NGLVC teaching programs link community to outdoors

A team of government agencies and non-profit organizations working together at the Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center (NGLVC) in Ashland brings many natural resource educational programs to visitors and residents of this region.

Programs are for every member of the community, regardless of age:

* Science Saturday enrichment program in science focuses on school-age children. Subjects include paleontology, archeology, meteorology, geology, limnology and astronomy.

Photo by Carol Seago

* Puppet Theatre provides environmental education for primary and secondary students and service learning for adults.

* The NGLVC Discovery Center lets students of all ages explore wetlands, grasslands, a beaver lodge and other outdoor experiences.

* River of Words encourages students to create literature and art inspired by their outdoor experiences.

* Northwoods Adventure Series teaches people of all ages about the natural world through topics focusing on the outdoors and the creatures living there.

* As part of Passport in Time Oral History Project, NGLVC staff and an archivist from the Wisconsin Historical Society trained volunteers in oral history techniques in August.

The volunteers used their newly acquired skills to interview performers, promoters, and production, operation, and management personnel of Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua, a Chequamegon Bay area landmark.

The oral histories are now part of the Historical Society's collection.

* The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission and the NGLVC worked together to develop the "Gikinoo Wishiwe Onji Waabang (Guiding for Tomorrow)" climate change initiative which enhances environmental literacy from the Native American perspective.

* Kid's Fishing Day brings together businesses and outdoor sports organizations to provide hundreds of young people fishing experience at the NGLVC pond.

The center teams with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Northland College, the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute, the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Ashland Harness Club.

Committees prioritize improvements, support communities

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest established two Resource Advisory Committees with members representing a wide variety of community and business interests. RACs are authorized under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools Act and Community Self-Determination Act of 2008, Public Law 110-343 which provides funds to local governments with USFS lands in their jurisdictions.

RACs are mechanisms for local community collaboration with federal land managers. Committees recommend projects which benefit resources on Forest System lands.

Projects range from road repairs to invasive species eradication. Funds for RAC projects come from timber sales receipts.

The Chequamegon RAC and the Nicolet RAC established their working procedures last year and recommended projects such as restoring wildlife habitats, upgrading trails, repairing boat launches and replacing culverts in the local areas.

The Chequamegon RAC approved 21 projects totaling $815,000 and the Nicolet RAC approved 20 projects totaling $413,969.

Connect citizens to the land

Community-based activities support local conservation and learning

Active participation in many community-based activities allows the CNNF team to help deliver conservation education to students and to help citizens learn about their natural environment and the Forest.

Forest Service staff participates in programs held at the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center, Trees for Tomorrow and the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center.

Programs such as the Schoolyard Habitats Across Wisconsin – Sowing the Seeds of Environmental Literacy and Stewardship, part of the "More Kids in the Woods" initiative enabled local students to restore native plant habitats around their community's schools.

Last year's program featured a "Student Summit" where urban and rural students worked together on restoration projects.

Community volunteers essential to Forest projects

About 400 volunteers contributed more than 19,000 work hours to the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest last year.

Thanks to their help and hard work, recreation trails were maintained, fish habitats restored and vital information on breeding birds collected. Through the Passport In Time program, volunteers helped excavate an area at the Archibald Lake site, yielding pottery and charcoal artifacts that were sent for analysis and dating.

The annual Nicolet National Forest Bird Survey, now entering its 25th year, is another popular event that connects volunteers to the Forest.

Every June, small groups of volunteers led by a bird expert, identify and count the number of birds through their songs.

Since 1987, the 300 volunteers participating in NNF Bird Survey have compiled more than 40,000 records of birds at 522 Forest locations.

Results have contributed to at least 11 master's degree and two doctoral theses and more than 15 scientific publications.

The data are also used to help formulate Forest policies and plans.

Other popular volunteer opportunities include Campground Host and the Trail Patrol and Adopt-a-Trail programs.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact the local Ranger District in the area where you would like to serve. We'll help match your interests, talents and skills to programs that satisfy you and help us best meet our mission.

CONNECT CITIZENS TO THE LAND

Forest invests $4 million in recreation

Although the exact figures will not be available until later this year, more than 700,000 people visited the Chequamegon-Nicolet Forest last year, according to CNNF estimates.

Most of our visitors hailed from Wisconsin's "Northwoods" while others traveled to the Forest from the Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis--St. Paul areas.

To ensure our current and future visitors' enjoyment, convenience and safety, the Forest spent more than $4 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and other funds to improve its 51 campgrounds, 500 miles of hiking trails, 300 miles of designated motorized recreation trails and other recreation areas. Some major projects included repairs to the Franklin Lake campground and Lost Lake cabins, replacement of old water wells in several campgrounds and a new waste water treatment facility for the Chippewa Campground.

The Student Conservation Association and other partner organizations chipped in with some of the maintenance and restoration work.

The Forest's recreational opportunities increased by more than 400 acres of land and waterfront in July with the Wabikon – Riley land acquisition.

To find out more about recreation opportunities on the Forest, visit our Recreation web pages.

Also, visitors can now purchase their annual "Forest Pass" on line.

Timber management ensures forest health, water and recreation

The timber management program allows the forest to regenerate at a steady rate ensuring sustainable and healthy forests, and a constant source of commercial timber for wood-related products and jobs. Overall, 7,826 acres were harvested in 2010 producing 66.4 million board feet of timber valued at $4.7 million. The Forest also sold 67 million board feet, valued at about $5.3 million. About $2.4 million of that income was returned to local governments.

The majority of the harvesting activities were thinnings, while a small percentage were clear-cut. After the Quad County Tornado occurred on the Lakewood-Laona Ranger District, 1,141 acres required salvage logging to reduce fuels. Insects and disease impacts resulted in 677 acres being treated for Spruce Decline, and 12 acres clear-cut to control Jack Pine Budworm spread.

Continuing to use timber harvesting best management practices ensures that the forest will continue to provide wildlife habitat, aesthetics, recreational opportunities, and conserve soil and water quality into the future.

WALK THE TALK FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Historic Red Bridge saved by 'Friends,' and partners

Balancing historic preservation and transportation safety is not always resolvable. Through support of energetic local citizens, creative partnerships, and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds, the historic Red Bridge, located in Armstrong Creek, Wis. was saved from demolition.

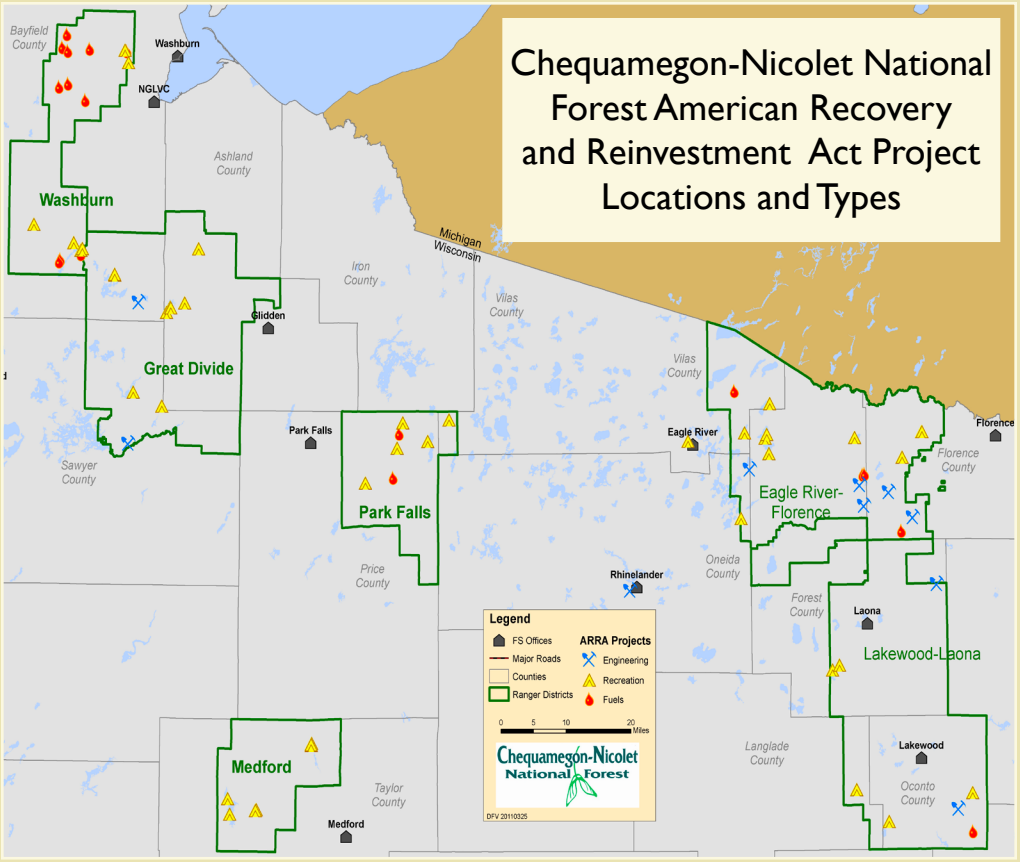
The Red Bridge was constructed in 1908 replacing an earlier wooden bridge that was originally built as a stream crossing along Old 101 for wagons. In 1940, the Red Bridge could once again no longer accommodate heavier vehicles, so a new bridge was built in a new spot to realign Old 101. Although the Red Bridge no longer carried traffic, it remained standing. In 2005, Old 101 had highway safety issues again that this time would require removal of the Red Bridge to fix.

As plans for the bridge removal became public, a group of citizens opposing the action formed the "Friends of the Red Bridge." After a determination by the Wis. Historical Society that the Red Bridge was eligible for the National Register of Historic places, planners determined the bridge could be saved if moved to parallel the newly aligned road.

While all agreed the Red Bridge must be saved, cost estimates for removal, restoration, and resetting the bridge were significant. After years of trying to secure funding, partnering with the Forest helped secure ARRA funds, and work on the Red Bridge was completed in the fall of 2010. A parking area next to the bridge accommodates six cars, and visitors are able to enjoy the historic bridge along with the scenic beauty of Armstrong Creek.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment and Act brought $5.9 million to the Chequamegon-Nicolet for projects that help sustain and create jobs in northern Wisconsin as well as increase public safety and restore habitats. ARRA funds provide resources to accelerate program delivery and economic recovery.

Forty five projects were funded and awarded in 2010. About 95 percent of the projects were contracts with local businesses while the remaining 5 percent were agreements with our partners.



WALK THE TALK FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Leaving 'slash' in the woods?

The CNNF is collaborating on a research study that is contributing to the Forest Service's Woody Biomass Utilization Strategy, which is looking into ways to better coordinate and improve use of woody biomass in tandem with forest management activities to sustain healthy and resilient forests.

Researchers from the Forest Service's Northern Research Station are studying the impacts of harvesting woody biomass – non-merchantable wood such as tree limbs, needles and leaves – on soil nutrient cycling, and amphibian, insect and plant communities under regenerating northern hardwoods.

The study began in 2009 with study site selection, timber sale planning and collection of pre-treatment data.

Four woody biomass removal rates are being compared on study sites near Laona.

Through two timber sales, timber was removed by local logging companies in winter of 2009-2010.

Post-treatment data collection continues through 2011.

Major funding was provided by a grant from Wisconsin Focus on Energy. Other collaborators are U.S. Geological survey and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Watchable Wildlife: Sharp-tailed Grouse

Since 1991, volunteers have made a before sunrise trek to the Moquah Barrens Wildlife Area to observe the Sharp-tailed Grouse's secret ritual.

The tradition continued last year when seven of the elusive dancing birds were spotted and recorded.

These grouse are usually quite secretive throughout the year, however, during April and May both sexes congregate at localized breeding areas referred to as leks or dancing grounds, explained Brian Heeringa, Washburn Ranger District Biological Science Technician. Leks are communal display areas where males gather for the purpose of attracting and mating with females. These leks can consist of anywhere from 2 to 57 males.

The Moquah Barrens grouse usually congregate in smaller numbers, he said. The primary courtship display by the male sharp-tail consists of a period of activity followed by a period of relaxation. The period of activity can consist of foot-stomping, clicking, tail rattling, with numerous intricate vocalizations.

Sharp-tailed grouse occupy large patches of early successional habitats including grasslands, shrublands, wetlands and early stages of forest-land throughout much of central and northern North America. Within the eastern United States, sharp-tail populations are found in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

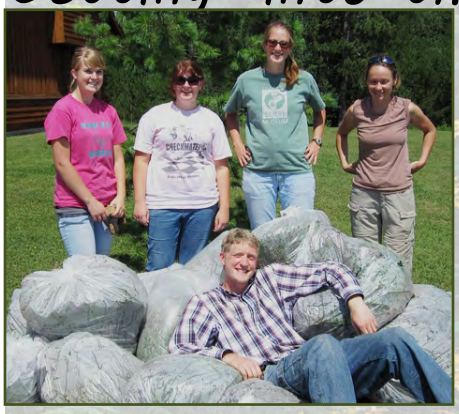
"Management on the Moquah Barrens is helping the sharp-tailed grouse and other area sensitive open-land species," Heeringa said. "In recent years, sharp-tail populations have declined and their historic range has been reduced."

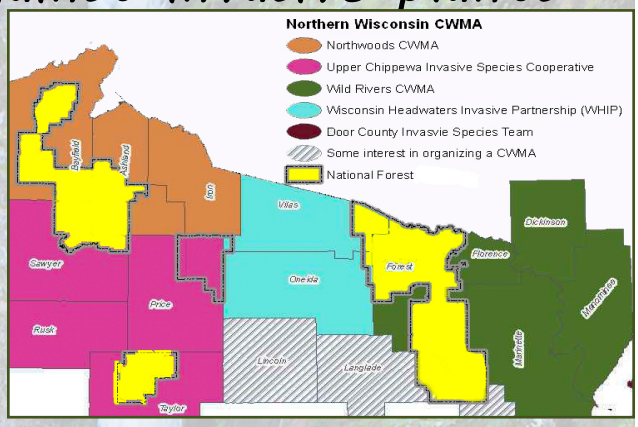
The restoration of pine barren ecosystems utilizing prescribed fire and even-aged timber management is providing critical habitat for the "Sharpie" and other open-land species, he said.

To learn more about the survey program, visit www.fs.usda.gov/goto/sharp-tailed_Grouse.

WALK THE TALK FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Getting 'into the weeds' against invasive plants





In 2010, the Eagle River-Florence Ranger District developed partnerships to combat invasive species threatening the Forest. The District helped establish two Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs) that covered lands within Florence, Forest, Vilas and Oneida and adjacent counties in Michigan.

The Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) includes Florence, Forest and Marinette counties in Wisconsin and Dickinson and Menominee counties in Michigan. The Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership (WHIP) is a CWMA whose management area covers Vilas and Oneida counties in Wisconsin. These partnerships are crucial in the battle against invasive species that threaten our national forests.

District employees treated 265 acres of invasive weeds in 2010. Forty-eight acres of gravel pits were monitored and treated.

Trails and trailheads in the Whisker Lake Wilderness Area and canoe launches and equestrian trails in the Headwaters Wilderness were surveyed for weeds, .

Volunteers and members of various agencies helped pull weeds at the Florence Natural Resource Center, the location of the Florence District office. Several acres of spotted knapweed were sprayed and 20 35-gallon trash bags were filled with hand-pulled weeds!

Overall, the CNNF is a partner in four Cooperative Weed Management Areas covering 9 of the 11 counties that have Forest land within its boundaries. Working with other agencies and groups through these CWMAs has significantly multiplied our efforts in combating invasive weeds.

Restoring fish habitat from shore and from above

The Forest Fisheries program had another busy year restoring and improving recreational fisheries across the Forest. Fish populations were monitored in 33 lakes and 6 rivers through a cooperative agreement with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Dissolved oxygen (D.O.) levels were monitored on 10 aeration lakes as well as over 25 additional waters. Ice-out occurred at its earliest date since the 1970s. There were no major fish kills from low D.O. on the Forest during the 2009/2010 winter.

More than 108 half-log structures were installed in lakes in 2010: 26 in Long Lake, 30 in Sawdust Lake, both in Bayfield County and 20 in Butternut Lake in Forest County. Also, 12 tree-drops were placed in Sawdust Lake and 20 in Long Lake.

In-stream habitat restoration work took place on the Deerskin, Swanson, McCaslin, Foulds, 20-mile and Brule River classified trout waters.

The work was a mixture of brush bundles, brushing and large wood placement which restored habitat by narrowing the stream and improving habitat complexity. About 2.5 miles of habitat was improved for native brook trout and another 240 miles were improved by maintaining free flowing conditions through beaver management.

All work except 20-mile Lake was done in partnership with chapters of Trout Unlimited and Wisconsin DNR. The Forest has been working with Trout Unlimited for more than 30 years restoring and improving native brook trout habitat across the Forest.

Helicopters dropped more than 161 whole trees from Michigan state lands into a 1.25 mile stretch of the Brule River, on the Wisconsin-Michigan border. The project was a combined effort with the Michigan and Wisconsin DNR, WE Energies and private landowners.

The Forest along with many partners hosted three very successful Kids Fishing Day Events.

REVOLUTIONIZE EFFECTIVENESS & EFFICIENCY

New office features the latest in Green technology

This year marked the first full year of operations for the new CNNF Forest Supervisor's Office in Rhinelander.

Inside and out, the renovated building reduces, reuses and recycles with features ranging from a reflective roof that cuts the demand for cooling, environmentally friendly rest rooms and furniture manufactured to meet the "Green Guard" certification standard.

About $200, 000 of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds were used for the project.

The renovations also gave an opportunity for Blackwell Job Corps students to gain hands-on experience in their construction skills.

In addition to environmentally friendly features, the office provides the public with easier access and the capacity to conduct public meetings.

Caring for the land begins at home

Wildflower gardens can be found at the CNNF supervisor's and district offices. Forest Service employees work with community gardening clubs to plant and maintain the gardens filled with native vegetation.

Walking the talk with CNNF's Green Team

Vision: To provide leadership and actions in energy conservation so that the CNNF leads the way among natural resources agencies in northern Wisconsin.

Chartered in 2008, the Chequamegon-Nicolet Green Team is an action-orientated group of employees who lead the way in energy conservation. One of their goals is to define measurable ways to reduce energy use and resource consumption in CNNF facilities and transportation programs.

After energy audits were completed on each unit, action was taken, such as installation of low-water plumbing fixtures and installation of energy efficient light fixtures and bulbs.

Fuel efficient and hybrid vehicles have been added to the Forest's fleet and older vehicles were auctioned off. Supply managers purchase environmentally friendly and energy efficient products.

BE AN EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

Supporting employees in military service

The Chequamegon–Nicolet National Forest was recognized by the Department of Defense for supporting its National Guard and Reserve employees with the Patriot Award.

The Patriot Award salutes employers that demonstrate extraordinary support of their employees serving in the National Guard and Reserve.

The 4,500-member committee is a nationwide volunteer organization supporting service members and their employers. Its primary goal is education and relationship building among service members, their employers and the Department of Defense.

Retired Maj. Jason Maloney, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center Director and former Wisconsin Army National Guardsman and Army Reserve soldier, nominated the CNNF for the award.

"They did not just follow the letter of a law; they followed the spirit of the law," he said.

"They did it because they felt it was the right thing to do. Not only has this agency been responsive and flexible so that I could perform my duties, it also has gone above and beyond in its support of me."

Don Hoppe, former CNNF administrative officer, accepts a certificate of thanks from John Sweeney, Rhinelander, Wis. area representative for the Wisconsin Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve during an informal ceremony held in the Forest Supervisor's office in Rhinelander July 29.

The Forest Service's Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) provides college-age students with practical work experience and training tied to their primary field of study.

Students are recruited from local, regional and national universities and colleges.

Upon successful completion of their program, SCEP enrollees have the opportunity to convert to permanent, full-time employees. CNNF brought on four SCEPs to help complete vital programs last year.

The Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) offers valuable work experience to students on a temporary basis.

The CNNF hired 26 students in 2010, mostly from local colleges and universities, to help complete forestry, recreation, wildlife, fisheries, botany, engineering and hydrology projects.

Actively participating in these programs helps us build future leaders and the USFS workforce.

BE AN EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

Local Job Corps Center trains youth

Located in Laona, the Blackwell Job Corps Center offers students the chance to receive the skills needed to succeed in today's workforce. Blackwell is one of 19 Forest Service Civilian Conservation Centers and one of 122 Job Corps Centers nationally.

Blackwell opened in 1965 and has a capacity of 205 students and 65 full-time employees. The Forest teams with Blackwell to provide wildland firefighting training to students, who are then deployed to fight forest fires nationwide to help protect our environment.

Students have honed their construction skills on projects ranging from the renovation construction of the CNNF Forest Supervisor's Office in Rhinelander, trail management and several projects at the Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center.

'Experience Works' on CNNF team

The CNNF relied on older workers' experience in 2010. With funding from Title V of the Older Americans Act, which enables agencies such as Experience Works to help low-income older Americans, 13 seniors held paid positions on the Forest.

Historic work program develops youth and conserves land

The Youth Conservation Corps Program was established more than 30 years ago as a summer employment program for high school-age men and women from all social, economic, ethnic and racial backgrounds.

The students work, learn and earn together by completing projects that further the development and conservation of the Forest's natural resources.

Under this program eight students from northern Wisconsin joined the CNNF team for eight weeks last summer.

The program is a partnership among the Forest Service, the Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Services

The Corps prepares students for the workforce and what is expected of them and helps them understand and appreciate the natural environment and heritage.

More importantly, the program boosts the students' self-esteem and helps them develop self-discipline.

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