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Abstract

This final environmental impact statement (FEIS) documents analysis of nine alternatives developed for programmatic management of the 1.5 million acres administered by the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forests. Alternatives 1-7 and 9 were analyzed in detail in the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS). A modified version of Alternative 5 was developed as an additional alternative to address comments on the DEIS. Alternative 5 was the Preferred Alternative in the DEIS and was the foundation for the Proposed Forest Plan, 2003. This FEIS documents analysis of all alternatives including the new alternative and displays environmental effects at a programmatic level. The new alternative is referenced as the “Selected Alternative” in both the FEIS and the Record of Decision that accompanies this FEIS.

The Selected Alternative, outlined as the *Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forests 2004 Land and Resource Management Plan*, guides all natural resource management activities on the Forests; addresses new information and concerns raised since the 1986 Plans were published; and meets objectives of federal laws, regulation, and policies. Rationale for choosing a modified version of Alternative 5 as the Selected Alternative is described in the Record of Decision for this FEIS.

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