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Preparing the Final EIS and Land Management Plan is a major undertaking. The list of preparers is limited to members of the Interdisciplinary Team working on these documents. The documents could not have been completed without the support and assistance of every Chequamegon-Nicolet NF employee and our colleagues in the Regional Office. The forest leadership team also provided instrumental guidance during this process. In addition, special thanks to the Forest Geographic Information Systems (GIS) staff of Bob Connor, Mike Harnois, Dennis Kanten, Bob Riley, and John Schmidt. Their help was invaluable in preparing and supporting GIS analysis and Final EIS maps.

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Education: BA in Journalism and History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1987.

Experience: Twenty-four years of journalism experience in print and electronic media. Eight years of support services, community and public affairs, wildland firefighting, and law enforcement on the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF. Public Affairs details in Regions 8 and 9.

Phil Barker – Recreation and Lands Program Manager

Education: BS in Forest Resources Management, University of Idaho, 1975.

Experience: Twenty-six years working in Recreation and Lands on the following national forests: Tongass, Hoosier, Shawnee, Huron-Manistee, Wayne, and Chequamegon-Nicolet.

Marjory E. Brzeskiewicz – Plant Ecologist

Education: BS in Biology, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 1980. Continuing Education - 270 hours in Ecology, Computer software, NEPA writing, Fire fighting.

Experience: Fourteen years seasonal experience with the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF including: authoring five Conservation Assessments for Region 9; contributing to BEs; evaluating projects for environmental effects; management and mitigation recommendations for BE; field surveys for rare plants; forest vegetation monitoring; presentations on TES and non-native invasive plants to the public; assignments on local and Western fires as firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician.

Cristi M. Corey – Biological Technician

Education: MS in Environmental Policy, Michigan Tech, Houghton, Michigan, 2002.
BS in Psychology, minor in Biology, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, 1997.

Experience: Biological Technician, US Forest Service, Eagle River RD, worked on non-native invasive plant species and with GIS programs to create weeds database. Biological Technician with Planning Team working on BE analysis for botany, ArcView, general research into species for SVE, general research and analysis projects for the Forest Plan.

Rebecca E. Dinsmore – Interdisciplinary Land-Use Planner

Education: MA in Anthropology (Archaeology), Western Michigan University; BS in Recreation and Park Administration, University of Illinois.

Experience: Six years as interdisciplinary project planner and 8 years as forest archaeologist with US Forest Service in Eastern and Northwest Regions; 7 years as program leader in outdoor recreation and environmental education with state and local agencies and non-profit organizations; 3 years as volunteer for historic preservation and environmental education projects.

Robert T. Fallon – Land Use Planner/Civil Engineer

Education: BS in Environmental Engineering and Forest Science, Penn State University 1981. Post graduate course work at Montana State University (road design, 1983), Virginia Tech University (transportation planning, 1985), Clemson University (sale area layout and harvesting, 1989), New Mexico State University (bridge inspection, 1990), and University of Wisconsin (structural design, 1994).

Experience: Civil Engineer, 1982-1987, Chippewa National Forest - preconstruction (planning, layout, design), and construction (inspection and administration of construction contracts); Supervisory Civil Engineer, 1987-1998, Chequamegon and Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forests - preconstruction, construction, project management, project team supervision, supervision of Forest construction and maintenance crew, budget, agreements coordinator, bridge/dam inspection, water permits coordinator, zone engineer, forest engineer; Land Use Planner, 1998-2002, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forests - strategic development of proposals for ATV and off-road vehicle use, non-motorized recreation, transportation system; roadless area inventory and wilderness evaluation; coordinate, facilitate and document ID Team meetings and task teams; mapping strategies.

Cathy Fox – Management (Planning) Assistant

Education: High School Diploma

Many continuing education classes pertinent to resource management and computer system applications

Experience: Ten years experience in student pay, statistics, computer administration/management as Corps member Records Clerk, Blackwell Job Corps, 1979-1989; 7 years experience in computer support for all resource areas, interdisciplinary team member for Opportunity Area and Environmental Assessment Analyses as Resource Assistant, Lakewood RD, Nicolet NF 1989-1995.

Phillip C. Freeman – Interdisciplinary Land-Use Planner

Education: MS in Forestry (Silviculture, Minor in Experimental Statistics), Clemson University, 1976; BS in Forestry, Clemson University, 1974.

Experience: Resource management with emphasis on Timber and Silviculture, 1978-1993; Forester Trainee, Tusquitee RD, Nantahala NF, 1978; Forester, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Choctaw Agency, 1978-1980; Forester, Cheoah RD, Nantahala NF, 1980-1981; Forester, Wayah RD, Nantahala NF, 1981-1983; District Silviculturist, Wayah RD, 1983-1987; Forester, District Silviculturist, Park Falls RD, Chequamegon NF 1987-1994; Operations Team Leader, Washburn RD, Chequamegon NF, 1994.

Dean Granholm – Wildlife Biologist

Education: BS in wildlife, University of Minnesota, 1989

Experience: Fourteen years experience in wildlife management, environmental analysis, forest planning, public affairs, and partnership coordination. One-month California Spotted Owl Program Assistant detail in Region 5. Five-month Assistant Forest Biologist detail on Tahoe National Forest, Region 5. Three-month Forest Resources Specialist detail to State and Private Forestry St. Paul, Minnesota. Four-month Public Affairs Specialist detail on Chequamegon-Nicolet NF.

Sally Hess-Samuelson – Forest Planner

Education: BS in Forestry, University of Minnesota, 1984.

Experience: Seven years experience as forester, 6 years as Integrated Resource Analyst (National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator), 5 years at the District Level on the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF first as Operations Team Leader and then as Planning Team leader.

Dale Higgins – Forest Hydrologist

Education: MS Forest Hydrology, University of Minnesota, 1979. BS Forest Resource Development, University of Minnesota, 1977.

Experience: Twenty-three years forest hydrology experience with the US Forest Service including 2 years on Jefferson NF; 5 years with Malheur NF and 16 years with Chequamegon-Nicolet NF.

Dave Hoppe – Soil Scientist

Education: BS in Forestry with a minor in Soil Science, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 1976.

Experience: Three years as soil scientist on County soil surveys for the Soil Conservation Service in Iowa; 8 years as soil scientist/assistant ranger on ecological unit inventory and interpretations for the Superior NF; 12 years as Soils/Ecological Unit Inventory program manager for the Nicolet NF; and 3 years as Soils/EUI program manager for the combined Chequamegon-Nicolet NF.

Frederick J. Jannett, Jr. – Wildlife Biologist

Education: PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Cornell University, 1977. MS in Biology, Tulane University, 1969. BS in Vertebrate Zoology, Cornell University, 1967

Experience: Thirty-five years experience with the ecology of small mammals, including inventory, monitoring, other research, including 20 years experience on the Superior NF; Visiting Fellow, Department of Poultry Science, Cornell University; Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, Cornell University; Lecturer, Ecology and Systematics, Cornell University; Curator for Biology and Head, Department of Biology, Science Museum of Minnesota; Adjunct Associate Professor of Conservation Biology, University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

Susan Joyce – Integrated Resource Analyst (STEP)

Education: MS Forestry, Michigan Technological University, 2003. Post-Undergraduate coursework towards a BS in Biology (40 credits), Millersville University and West Chester University, 1997-1999. BA, Anthropology, Franklin & Marshall College, 1997.

Experience: Graduate research assistant, public involvement in onsite system policy and collection/analysis of public official comments, 2002-2003; Peace Corps Volunteer, Morocco, community development, natural resource management, and needs assessment, 1999-2002; Seasonal Archaeological Technician, Black Hills NF, 1997; Archaeology Trainee, Ashley NF, 1996.

Duane A. Lula – Forest Planning Team Leader

Education: BS in Forest Management with a minor in Biology, Purdue University, 1976. Additional Coursework - Indiana University, 1977, and University of Minnesota, 1984

Experience: Twenty years experience in forestry and National Forest management. Forestry Technician, Hoosier NF, 1977-1978; timber & recreation Forester, Hiawatha NF, 1978-1980; Planning Forester, Superior NF, 1980-1984; Timber Forester, Superior NF, 1984-1988; Planning & NEPA Forester, Shawnee NF, 1988-1992; Planning Forester, Chequamegon-Nicolet NF, 1992-1996.

Donna M. Kafka – Wildlife Biologist

Education: MS in Wildlife Biology and Management, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, 1986. BS in Wildlife Management, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 1982.

Experience: Five years as Wildlife Biologist for the US Fish and Wildlife Service; 5 years Wildlife Biologist for Forest Service; 5 years Environmental coordinator-project planning for Forest Service.

Kathy LaPlante – Management (Planning) Assistant

Education: MA in Anthropology, University of Montana.

Experience: Twenty years in counseling/education/criminal justice; 4 years archaeology; 4 months administrative support in Land Use Planning for the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF, and 5 months Information Clerk/Interpretation for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Great Falls, Montana.

Mary Lucas – Writer/editor

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Experience: Eighteen years experience in forestry/National Forest management; Forestry Co-op Student, Chequamegon NF, 1980-1981; Forester Trainee, Chequamegon NF, 1982-1984; Forester (silviculture), Chequamegon NF, 1984-1991; Firefighter, Southern Region Interagency Hotshot Crew, National Forests in North Carolina, January - May 1991; Forester (NEPA), Chequamegon NF, 1991-1994; Integrated Resource Analyst, Chequamegon NF, 1994-1999.

Thomas M. Matthiae – Wildlife Biologist

Education: BA in Biology, University of Minnesota-Duluth, 1975

Experience: Thirteen years in timber, recreation, fire, wildlife - Superior NF; 11 years as district biologist on Laona RD, Nicolet NF; 3 years experience as district biologist on Great Divide RD, Chequamegon-Nicolet NF; 120-day detail as acting Forest Biologist, Chequamegon-Nicolet NF.

Michael T. Miller – Planning Team Leader

Education: BS in Forestry, Iowa State University, 1975. Post graduate studies - Iowa State University - Pathology - 1975 – 1976. Graduate Engineering Studies - Oregon State University - 1979 - 1981

Experience: University Student, 1964-1967; Navy, Electronics Technician, 1967-1973; University Student, 1973-1976; Forester, Eldorado NF, 1976-1978; Forester, Stanislaus NF, 1978-1979; Student - Graduate Engineering Studies, Oregon State University, 1979-1981; Forester (Logging Specialist), Klamath NF, 1981-1984; Forester (Assistant Regional Logging Engineer), Alaska Region, 1984-1985; Forester (Regional Logging Specialist), Eastern Region, 1985-1988; Forester (Natural Resource Staff), Nicolet NF, 1988-1993; Forester (Timber Pre-sale Specialist), Washington Office, 1993-1995; Forester (Regional Timber Program Manager), Eastern Region, 1995-1997; Forester (Planning Team Leader), Chequamegon-Nicolet NF, 1997-Present.

Angela McGrail Nakoulima – Public Affairs Specialist (STEP Program)

Education: MS Forestry, Michigan Technological University, 2003. BS Psychology, Agriculture minor, Central Missouri State University, 1999. Undergraduate studies, Teikyo University, Maastricht, Netherlands, 1999 and University of Ghana, West Africa, 1998.

Experience: Graduate research work, land use planning in the Western Upper Peninsula, Houghton, MI. Peace Corps Volunteer, Senegal West Africa, 2000-2002, Participatory Analysis for Community Action (PACA), community development, agriculture, and natural resource management.

David Newhouse – Interdisciplinary Land-Use Planner

Education: MS in Natural Resources, University of Michigan (School of Natural Resources), 1975. AB in Biology, (Secondary Education Certificate; Chemistry and German minors), Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1969.

Experience: First Non-game Biologist, Iowa Department of Natural Resource, 1976 to 1984; Certified Wildlife Biologist by peer review, The Wildlife Society, 1980; Regional Representative and Vice-President, Great Lakes Region, The National Audubon Society, 1984-1990; Forest Ecologist, Nicolet NF, 1990-1996.

Brian Quinn – Forest Environmental Coordinator

Education: MS in Forestry, University of Idaho, 1985. BS in Forest Resources, University of Minnesota, 1979.

Experience: Forester and Forestry Technician and Wildlife Aide since 1975. Parks 1975, University 1976, County 1978, Bureau of Indian Affairs 1980. Forest Service since 1982.

Linda R. Parker – Forest Ecologist

Education: MS in Ecology (Dept. of Zoology), University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1988. BS in Biological Resource Management and Biology, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, 1985.

Experience: Forest Ecologist on Chequamegon-Nicolet NF since 1991. Manages plant ecology, bird, and non-native invasive species programs on the Forest. Also serves as Forest coordinator for natural areas (including RNAs), old growth, landscape ecology, and ecological restoration issues.

Sue Reinecke - Forest Fisheries Biologist

Education: BS Marine Biology, University of Tampa, Florida, 1986.

Experience: 13 years as Forest Fisheries Biologist on the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF.

Matthew J. St. Pierre – Wildlife Biologist

Education: PhD in Ecology, University of Iowa, 2002. BS in Ecology, St. Cloud State University, 1997.

Experience: Biological Technician, 2002-2003, Oconto River Seed Orchard (US Forest Service), screened white pine for resistance to the fungal disease blister rust; Biologist, 1997, Cedar Creek Long Term Ecological Research field station (University of Minnesota), collected data on plant invasion patterns in old fields and experimental plots. PhD. Research focused on the impacts of habitat fragmentation on the movement of animals among the remaining habitat patches.

Mariquita Sheehan – Plant Ecologist

Education: BA in East Asian Studies, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, 1994. Plant Ecology MS Program, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, began in 1995. Wildlife Management, Botany classes, University of Montana, Missoula.

Experience: Plant Ecologist on Chequamegon-Nicolet NF since 1995. MS research focuses on the effects of prescribed burning on the ground flora of Moquah Pine Barrens. Five years as FS seasonal biological technician in Montana.

Paul I. V. Strong – Interdisciplinary Land Use Planner

Education: PhD in Wildlife Resources, University of Maine, 1985. MS in Wildlife Ecology, Oklahoma State University, 1982. BS in Biology (Minor in Botany), University of Maine, 1979.

Experience: More than eight years experience in forestry/National Forest management; Wildlife Biologist, Chippewa National Forest, 1990-93; Wildlife Biologist / NEPA Coordinator, Chippewa NF, 1993-94; Wildlife Biologist, Chequamegon NF, 1994; Acting District Ranger, Chequamegon NF, 1994-95; Acting Program Manager of Information Management, Chequamegon-Nicolet NF, 1996-97; Interdisciplinary Planner, Chequamegon-Nicolet NF, 1997-98.

Mark A. Theisen – Forest Silviculturist

Education: BS in Forest Management, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point 1978. Program of Advanced Studies (Clemson University, University of West Virginia, University of Wisconsin) as part of Region 9 silvicultural certification program-certified 1988.

Experience: Nine years as Forest Technician/Forester in forest inventory and timber sale layout on the Park Falls unit of the Chequamegon NF; 3 years as Forest Silviculturist assigned to Forest Plan amendment team on the Wayne-Hoosier NF; 7 years as District Silviculturist and NEPA coordinator on the Eagle River-Florence unit of the Nicolet NF; and 5 years as the Forest Silviculturist on the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF.

Ralph Wells – Interdisciplinary Land Use Planner

Education: BS in Forest Resource Development, University of Minnesota, 1975.

Experience: College Student, 1965-1967; U.S. Navy, Aviation Electronics Technician, 1967-1971; Employed FMC Corp, Northern Ordnance Division, 1972; Forestry Student, 1972-1975 (Graduated University of Minnesota, March 1975); Firefighter, Forestry Tech, and Range Tech seasonal, Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, 1974-1976; Forester, Timber Sale Prep and Administration, Sequoia NF, 1976 – 1978; Forester, Silvexam and Timber Sale Prep, Chequamegon NF, 1978-1980; Interdisciplinary Land Use Planner, Chequamegon NF, 1980-1982; Assistant Ranger / Recreation and Special Uses, Chequamegon NF, 1982-1986; Work Programs Officer, Golconda Job Corps, 1986-1987; Assistant Ranger/Timber, Shawnee NF, 1987-1991; Integrated Resource Analyst, Nicolet NF, 1991-1998.