

Recovery Act

We obligated \$92 million of Recovery Act (ARRA) funds by the end of Fiscal Year 2010. We created jobs in economically distressed areas by investing the money in 15 national forests and prairie, experimental stations, and research areas in 13 states. The work, completed at the highest level of safety, will have long-standing benefits to the land and resources, as well as the contractors who did the work. Many spoke well of their experience with the Forest Service and expressed gratitude for the opportunity.

We achieved significant resource benefits from a wide array of Recovery Act projects including:



Closure of Abandoned Mines – Project on the Ottawa National Forest used mules to transport equipment through rocky terrain.



Hazardous fuels reduction – Project on the Huron-Manistee National Forest reduced threat of wildfire.



Trail Maintenance – Trail that has been repaired on the White Mountain National Forest.



Road Maintenance – Project on the Superior National Forest increased accessibility & safety of travelers.



Recreation facility improvement – the South Kawishiwi Campground pavilion in the Superior National Forest received a new floor.



Watershed restoration & ecosystem enhancement– Wayne National Forest Monday Creek Project improved aquatic species passage.

WORK & ALLOCATIONS BY FOREST/PRAIRIE

Chippewa 10 projects for \$4.7 million, with two additional projects working with Northern Research Station worth \$1.1 million. The Forest partnered with native tribes to train wildland firefighters and repair roads and trails.

Chequamegon-Nicolet 19 projects worth \$6.2 million, including restoration of several historic sites and recreation areas.

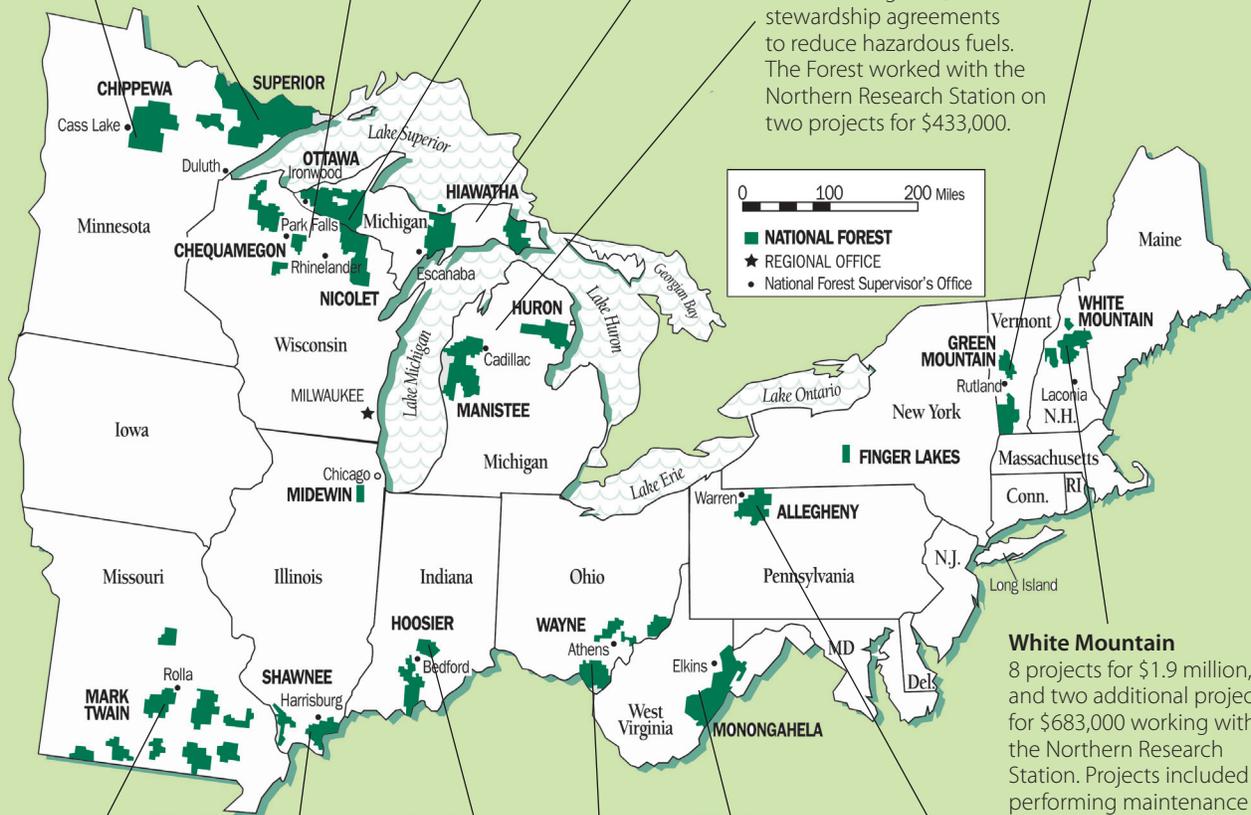
Ottawa 12 projects for \$2.88 million, including closure of 32 abandoned mines that removed potential safety hazards and improved bat habitat.

Hiawatha 15 projects for \$10.5 million, including partnering with county government to accomplish more than \$6 million of road maintenance. The Forest also worked with the Northern Research Station on two projects for \$682,000.

Green Mountain & Finger Lakes 19 projects for \$10.3 million; partnering with 14 local townships for road maintenance, and five other organizations for trail maintenance.

Superior 23 projects for \$12.8 million, including the refurbishment of historic structures and crew quarters.

Huron-Manistee 16 projects for \$8.7 million, including the hiring and training of more than 40 firefighters, and two stewardship agreements to reduce hazardous fuels. The Forest worked with the Northern Research Station on two projects for \$433,000.



Mark Twain 7 projects for \$3.7 million, including more than \$2 million of road maintenance.

Hoosier 6 projects for \$2 million, including more than \$1 million of road maintenance. Also, the Forest worked with the Northern Research Station on a project for \$20,000.

Monongahela 16 projects for \$4.2 million, including more than \$3 million of road maintenance.

White Mountain 8 projects for \$1.9 million, and two additional projects for \$683,000 working with the Northern Research Station. Projects included performing maintenance on three dams and needed maintenance on a sewage lagoon.

Shawnee 9 projects for \$3.5 million, including the hiring of a trail maintenance crew and rehabilitation of a Lincoln-Douglas debate site. Also, the Forest worked with the Northern Research Station on a project for \$199,000.

Wayne 14 projects for \$7.4 million, including \$2 million for fish passage and habitat improvement.

Allegheny 13 projects for \$7.3 million, including partnering with townships and conservation associations to accomplish more than \$3 million of roads and trails maintenance. Also, the Forest worked with the Northern Research Station on two projects for \$740,000.

See the Engineering section to learn more about the Eastern Region Recovery Act projects.