

LEGAL NOTICE  
**BADGER STEWARDSHIP PROJECT**

The Badger Stewardship Project is located in T46N-R41W, Sections 13, 23, 24, 25 and 26 in Gogebic County, Michigan. The Forest Service will receive bids at the Iron River/Watersmeet Ranger Districts offices in Watersmeet, MI, at 1:00 PM local time (CT) on January 7, 2014, for a combination of timber and stewardship service work items associated with the stewardship project. **A Pre-Bid SHOW-ME trip is scheduled for December 17, 2013 at 9:30 AM (CT) on Gogebic County Road 527 (Thayer Road) at the intersection with FR 6914.** Timber to be cut within the project area includes an estimated 71 CCF Mixed Hardwood sawtimber; 85 CCF Sugar Maple sawtimber; 45 CCF Aspen pulpwood; and 2550 CCF Mixed Hardwood pulpwood; that is marked or otherwise designated for cutting. **Mandatory service work includes:** Closure of an Illegal River Ford through boulder hauling and placement, and Wildlife Opening Maintenance of 4 acres using hand tools, chainsaws or motorized equipment. **Optional service work includes:** Long-lived Conifer Release through 16 acres using only hand tools or chainsaws to fell or girdle competing trees. Bids will be evaluated on a Best Value Basis and bidders must submit a technical proposal describing how stewardship service work will be completed, as well as a per unit rate value bid for the timber and per unit rate for each stewardship service work item. Offers will not be publicly opened or disclosed. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A prospectus, bid form, blank technical proposal form, blank past performance form, SAMPLE CONTRACT, and complete information concerning the timber, the service work required in this contract, and the process to submit bids is available to the public from the Iron River/Watersmeet Ranger Districts offices, E23979 US 2 East, at Watersmeet, MI 49969, (906) 358-4551, or at [www.fs.usda.gov/ottawa](http://www.fs.usda.gov/ottawa). The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.