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Dear Prospective Bidder,

The Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District of the Huron-Manistee National Forests is sharing this pre-solicitation notice for parties that may be interested in pursuing priority Outfitting & Guiding Special Use Permits (SUPs) on the Manistee River. An Outfitting & Guiding Prospectus for guided fishing on the Manistee River from National Forest System (NFS) access sites is expected to be advertised in the Fall of 2025. The prospectus will solicit proposals from interested parties for up to 9 priority SUPs to provide high-quality public service in guided fishing trips on the Manistee River. The new SUPs shall fill the maximum number of commercial fishing vessels allowed by the *1996 Manistee National Recreational River and Bear Creek National Scenic River Management Plan* for the lower Manistee River from Tippy Dam to Hwy M-55. Proponents may also request optional access above Tippy Dam from the Red Bridge River Access Site. The intention is for successful applicants to be awarded SUPs in 2026.

This pre-solicitation notice is issued solely for information and planning purposes and does not constitute a solicitation, prospectus, or request for proposal. Further, the Huron-Manistee National Forests is not seeking proposals at this time and will not accept unsolicited proposals. The U.S. Government will not pay for any information, travel, or administrative costs incurred in response to this pre-solicitation notice. Responding to this pre-solicitation notice or visiting the area is not required to apply for any future prospectus.

This pre-solicitation notice will be made available on the Huron-Manistee National Forests webpage [alerts](https://www.fs.usda.gov/r09/huron-manistee/alerts) or <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r09/huron-manistee/alerts> on June 1, 2025.

For more information on this opportunity please contact either Reese Borlin at reese.borlin@usda.gov – (231) 848-7090 ext. 5553115 or Scott Cichoracki at scott.cichoracki@usda.gov or (231) 848-7090 ext. 5553105.

Thank you for your potential interest in outfitting and guiding opportunities on the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

Sincerely,

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Huron-Manistee National Forests

