



APPLICATION FOR RESEARCH ON THE SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST Non-Wilderness

Name of Applicant:

Affiliation:

(school, college, university, government agency, company)

Title of Research Project:

Address:

Telephone/Email:

Is this a long-term study and/or do you plan to revisit the sites in the future? Yes No.

1. If this is a long-term study, when will this research be completed by?
2. State in detail the objectives of the project, its value, necessity, and relationship to other projects.
3. Provide a general outline of the proposed research: Identify the methodology, procedures, and equipment to be used and any potential impact on the environment. Please attach a map of the proposed study areas and/or GPS coordinates of the site locations if you know them at this time. As a separate attachment, please also send a geodatabase with this spatial information when you email your completed application. We understand your sites may not be finalized at this time and are subject to change.
4. Give the name, date, and number of licenses, permits or other authorizations held relating to the project (e.g., bird banding permit, trapping permit, etc.) and those associated contacts.



5. Give the names, addresses, and qualifications of persons assisting in the project and describe briefly contributions expected of them.

6. Give the names and addresses of any contributors to your project (grants, advice, scholarships, equipment, or supplies).

I, the applicant, intend to abide by the [rules and regulations](#) that apply to users of National Forests. Likewise, I, the applicant, agree to notify the Superior National Forest if there are any changes in scope, locations, procedures, or methodology that may cause impact to the environment.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Agency/Company/Department Chair, Advisor, etc. if applicable:
_____ Date: _____

Title: _____

Forest Service Section

No Special Use Authorization—Recommended Date:

Natural Resources Team Leader
No Special Use Authorization Needed Date:

Forest Supervisor, Superior National Forest



Important Notes

If you will be installing/leaving any equipment on USFS property, a Special Use Permit may be required. Any equipment may be subject to damage and is not the responsibility of the USFS. Please label all equipment with your name, organization and/or phone number so we can contact you with any questions.

A brief progress report is requested following the field season. A full final report including the data gathered is requested at the conclusion of this study. Please submit your end of season progress report and database information to the Forest Ecologist, Scott Culbert (Scott.Culbert@usda.gov) by November 1st following your field season.

The Superior National Forest requires a spatial database which should include an outline of the general research area, as well as a separate feature class for precise locations of any individual plots or sampling sites. The database should be an ArcGIS compatible geodatabase, complete with FGDC metadata. If access to a GIS system is lacking, an Excel spreadsheet with plot numbers and UTM coordinates (in NAD83, Zone 15N) shall be an acceptable alternative. Any questions please contact the Forest Ecologist.

If no Special Use Permit is needed, reapplying to conduct research is not needed for the indicated timeline of the research, so long as there are no changes in the locations of research activities or changes in research methodology or procedures that could potentially cause impact on the environment. For questions regarding whether a change in research activities warrant a new application, please contact the Forest Ecologist. Any research requiring a permit (e.g., a Special Use Permit) are required to adhere to terms or conditions of the permit. In the event of a change in research activities, an expiration of a permit, or the end of the indicated timeline of the research, researchers are required to submit a new research application to continue studying on the SNF.

Researchers must comply with all SNF rules and regulations in effect for the general public (i.e., no camping in one location for more than 14 days straight, use of motors only where allowed by law, observe all fire restrictions, do not burn trash, properly store food, etc.).