



Ottawa National Forest | June 2026

## Ottawa National Forest Request for Proposals

The Ottawa National Forest and the Ottawa Resource Advisory Committee invite interested organizations and individuals to submit proposals for projects that benefit National Forest land, to be considered for Secure Rural Schools Title II funding by the Ottawa Resource Advisory Committee.

Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration;
- soil productivity improvement;
- improvements in forest ecosystem health;
- watershed restoration and maintenance;
- restoration, maintenance, and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat;
- control of noxious and exotic weeds; and
- reestablishment of native species.

The Ottawa National Forest will forward eligible projects to the Ottawa Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). The RAC will review project proposals and recommend which ones to approve and how much funding they will receive. A total of \$121,653 is available. The RAC may choose to save some funds for future project proposals.

Applications may be submitted from Native American Tribes, state and local governments, federal agencies, private entities, nonprofit entities, and landowners. Projects need not occur on National Forest land, but all projects must benefit National Forest land and be in Gogebic, Ontonagon, Baraga, Iron, Houghton, or Marquette Counties. If you have a project idea, please contact Ottawa RAC Coordinator Ian Shackelford. He can help you work with appropriate Ottawa National Forest staff to assist with your proposal.

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## To Apply

To apply, please complete a Secure Rural Schools Project Submission Form, available on the Ottawa RAC website below, and mail or email to Ottawa RAC Coordinator Paul Holeva.

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Applications are due **September 4, 2026**.

More information:

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