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Dear Interested Party

Thank you for your interest in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. I am initiating the scoping for the Highway W Gravel Pit Expansion Project. This would include expanding this gravel pit on the district to provide sand and gravel for road maintenance (mostly in the blowdown area) and other projects. Information on this project is available at:  
[http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=57446](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=57446)

The comment period ends 30 days from the date of this letter.

The Forest Service is requesting information, comments, and other assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies, tribes, landowners, and other individuals or organizations that have an interest in or could be affected by the proposed action. Specific comments are the most useful for the identification of issues and development and analysis of alternatives to the proposal.

All persons who provide comment, in response to this request, will continue to receive information about this project and will be included in any additional public participation effort that may occur (however no additional participation is expected at this time). Those who do not respond will not receive additional information.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on these proposed actions and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents or standing for administrative review.

The Responsible Official is Mike Brown, District Ranger for the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Please send all comments to: Lakewood-Laona Ranger District, 15085 State Road 32, Lakewood, Wisconsin, 54138, Attention: Marilee Houtler. Faxed comments will also be accepted at 715-276-3594. Comments may be hand delivered to the Lakewood District Office between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

To electronically comment go to the website above. At the right will be a "comment" button. Our system will accept email, rtf, and MS-Word formats.

Under our system you can self-subscribe to any project listed in the website above. Projects with mailing list created have a "subscribe to e-mail updates" button on the right side of the project page. Subscribing means that you will automatically get any emails on any documents that are on our website for that project. You can un-subscribe at any time.



You can also send comments through this system any time the project is open. This button (comment on this project) is also on the right side of the project page. It is the public's responsibility to self-subscribe to any project they want to know about.

Pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27 (d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets.

The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied; the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with name and address within 10 days.

For more information about this project, contact Greg Knight at the Medford Office, 850 N. 8<sup>th</sup>, Hwy 13, Medford, WI 54451 or call him at (715) 748-4875.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL BROWN  
District Ranger

Enclosure (1)  
CC: Marilee Houtler