

Save the Northwoods

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Needs Your Help!



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Background

Did you know the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) was identified by more than 130 environmental groups as one of the “10 most-endangered national forests” in the country? Forty-five years from now, the woods adjacent to homes, schools, jobs and favorite hiking trails and skiing routes will be nothing more than a memory - that is, if the cutting rate employed over the last decade continues unabated. The Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC) is working hard to make sure that doesn't happen.



ELPC's Work

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is charged with managing the national forests for multiple uses - logging, protecting natural resources and outdoor recreation. But in recent years, the USFS has allowed too much cutting at too fast a pace. Unchecked, the cutting will result in extinction of key species, harm the state's growing tourism and hospitality businesses and contribute to increased global warming pollution.

Ever since 2003 when the U.S. Forest Service authorized six timber sales - including many clear cuts - based on what it acknowledged to be an “outdated” 1986 Forest Management Plan for the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, ELPC has been working to get the USFS to protect this treasured resource through negotiations and lawsuits in Federal Court on behalf of the Habitat Education Center, a Wisconsin-based conservation organization.

ELPC continues working to protect National Forest land and together with our “blue ribbon” panel of scientists and regulatory specialists, we have successfully challenged timber sales and earned Court-imposed injunctions blocking the logging of some 22,000 acres within our National Forest.

We are committed to continue the fight for balanced economic growth and natural resource preservation - Join Us!

Take Action



Want to get more involved?

Here are 4 ways you can make a difference:

1. Send a letter to the Forest Service and tell them why you think we should have a healthy forest and a healthy local economy with a protected CNNF.
2. Sign Up for ELPC's email updates which are packed with CNNF current news, happenings, and more ways you can help.
3. Share this information with your friends. The louder our voices, the more the Forest Service will hear us.
4. Donate to our work to protect Wisconsin's North Woods by making a donation to ELPC.

1 Send a letter

Write the Forest Service and tell them you want CNNF protected.

Go to www.elpc.org/forests for writing tips.

2 Sign Up

Sign Up for ELPC's Forest Action Updates for current news and ways you can help.

Sign Up at www.elpc.org/signup.

3 Share

Inform your friends and colleagues and share this important information.

Check us out on Facebook and My Space.

4 Donate

Help Save CNNF by supporting our work. Make a tax-free donation today!

Go to www.elpc.org/donate.

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Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Proposed Timber Sales in Wisconsin

Timber Sale	Location	Description	Status
Boulder	Near Langlade	Red-shouldered hawk nests in old northern hardwoods and aspen. It also contains high-quality trout streams.	Saved! We protected clean water and critical habitat by stopping 1,500 acres of logging.
Camp Four	East of Park Falls	Northern goshawk nests in old-age aspen.	In review. Our scientists are working with the Forest Service to protect key habitat areas.
Cayuga	Near Clam Lake	Some of the only habitat for endangered American pine marten in Wisconsin.	In review. On ELPC's recommendation, Forest Service has proposed to eliminate all logging in pine marten habitat.
Fishbone	Near Iron River	Old-age aspen habitat critical for Northern goshawks and Red-shouldered hawks, wolf packs, and rare "pocket barrens" ecosystems.	In Federal Court.
Fishel	East of Eagle River	Northern goshawk nests in high-quality old-growth northern hardwoods.	In Federal Court.
Long Rail	Near Long Lake	Northern goshawk nests in old northern hardwoods and aspen habitat.	Saved! We protected clean water and critical habitat by stopping 2,000 acres of logging and increasing no-cut buffers around Northern goshawk nests.
McCaslin	Near Lakewood	Old northern hardwoods and aspen critical for Northern goshawk and Red-shouldered hawk.	Back in Federal Court. Judge Adelman has refused to lift his injunction on the project.
Medford Aspen	Northwest of Medford	Old-age aspen suitable for sensitive hawk species.	In review.
Northwest Howell	Near Eagle River	Old northern hardwoods and aspen provide high-quality habitat for Northern goshawk and American marten, particularly near Pine River and Huff Creek.	Back in Federal Court. Judge Adelman has refused to lift his injunction on the project.
Twenty-mile	Located between Grand View and Clam Lake	Old northern hardwood and aspen habitat for sensitive species, high-quality trout streams, and the North Country Trail. Area is adjacent to Porcupine Lake Wilderness area.	In Federal Court.
Grub Hoe	Southwest of Florence	Northern goshawk nests in high quality hardwoods.	In review.



Another beautiful day at CNNF.

The Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC) is the Midwest's leading environmental, legal advocacy and eco-innovation organization. For more information go to www.elpc.org.



CNNF Forest Facts

- The CNNF covers approximately 1.5 million acres in Northern Wisconsin and consists primarily of northern hardwood, mixed conifer, and aspen trees, along with numerous rivers, lakes and other waterways.
- The CNNF was identified by more than 130 environmental groups as one of the "10 most-endangered national forests" in the country.
- It is estimated that less than 30 American pine martens are left on the Chequamegon side of the National Park.
- ELPC has saved over 22,000 acres of national forest in the past five years.
- According to the National Forest Service more than 160,000 visitors come to the park each year to enjoy hiking, x-country skiing trails, hunting, fishing and more.