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Seasonal Restoration Fieldwork

Appendix C: Statement of Work ***New Project***

I. Objectives:

Accomplish additional silviculture, ecology, botany, forestry, wildlife biology, soils, and watershed health related activities across the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest to catalyze achievement of the Land and Resources Management Plan's desired future conditions. Activities could include but are not limited to:

- **Silviculture:** Complete timber stand improvement, tree planting, seedling protection, seedling/sapling monitoring, seed collection, compartment stand exam, and forest health related activities.
- Ecology and Botany: Complete non-native invasive species inventory, monitoring, and control activities. Conduct rare plant surveys and protect rare plant populations. Assist in seed collection and habitat restoration activities, enhance native plant and pollinator habitat.
- Forestry: Assist with timber marking, land line boundary marking, and timber sale preparation.
- Wildlife/Fisheries: Complete habitat improvement activities and habitat restoration work.
- Soils: Assist with monitoring, classification, and inventory activities.
- Watershed: Conduct watershed improvement activities to improvement overall watershed function.

II. Tasks and Timeline:

The Forest Service agrees to financially support the restoration activities outlined in the detailed table below. The expenditure will not exceed \$75,000 for this 'trial' or 'pilot' year. This financial support will be evaluated annually within the performance reporting mechanisms in the GNA agreement. Adjustments to this support will be made accordingly.

Annually, the workload for this project will include a work plan report or similar. The work plan report is suggested to include both direct work plan accomplishments and narrative reports on important areas of work accomplished deemed by mutual agreement. This annual report will aid the State in documenting the accomplishments of this project in supporting Forest Service goals, objectives, and guidelines.

Timeline	Task Description			
March – April	Suggested time to review applications and hire seasonal staff for the upcoming field			
	season.			
May – September	Seasonal field staff placed on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and assist			
	Forest Service (FS) staff with accomplishing tasks and projects. Coordinator works			
	with FS staff and seasonal employees to coordinate work tasks.			
September –	State and FS staff discuss program accomplishments and make program adjustments			
November	for the following year when necessary.			

The tasks and general timeline for this project are as follows:

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Details for 2022 calendar year accomplishment include:

District	Project Area	Acres	Cost Estimate	Timeline or Priority
Great Divide	Silviculture, wildlife, and ecology project needs across the district.	50 acres of Timber Stand Improvement activities, 100 acres of wildlife habitat acres, and 100 acres of non-native invasive species inventory, monitoring, and treatment.	\$25,000	2022
Medford- Park Falls	Wildlife, Fisheries, silviculture, and ecology project needs across the district	200 acres of watershed and fisheries habitat improvement. 100 acres of non-native invasive species inventory and monitoring. 100 acres of wildlife habitat improvement. 20 acres of timber stand improvement activities.	\$50,000	2022

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IV. Maps/Diagrams:

Provided upon request.