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Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest completes its draft 5 year proposed program of work for its developed recreation program

Park Falls and Rhinelander, Wisc. – **April 16, 2008 -** The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest has been working for the past several months on its developed recreation program. This work has led to a draft proposed 5 year program of work which is available for public review and comment.

<u>The 5 year draft program</u> of work projects incomes and expenses for each of the forest's 155 developed recreation sites and the program as a whole. The developed recreation sites include facilities such as trailheads, boat landings, swim beaches, picnic areas, and campgrounds.

The results of the analysis project that the forest will have sufficient funding to continue to manage the developed sites at about the same level as has occurred over the past 5 years. Forest Supervisor Jeanne Higgins states, "This analysis points out that our developed recreation program has been on solid financial ground and should remain so into the near future."

The draft program of work also prioritizes each of the 155 sites. If at some future date funding were significantly reduced the prioritized list would be used to consider which developed recreation sites may be closed.

The 5 year proposed program of work is now listed on the forest's website at www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf. If you have comments or questions please contact Phil Barker at (715) 362-1300.