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Forest Service Initiates Plans for Fishel Vegetation and Transportation Management Project

March 23, 2006- Park Falls and Rhinelander, WI. Forest Supervisor Anne Archie announced that on March 22, 2006, the Federal Register published a Notice of Intent for the Fishel Vegetation and Transportation Management Project. Public comments would be most useful if received by April 24, 2006.

The Notice of Intent briefly describes proposed vegetation and transportation management actions that would occur approximately 10 miles northeast of Eagle River. The project area is located in Vilas and Forest counties, and encompasses over 35,200 acres of National Forest System land.

The purpose and need for the Fishel Project is to:

- Improve structural and species diversity in the northern hardwoods interior block habitat
- Maintain forest composition while improving riparian habitat
- Contribute toward satisfying demand for wood products
- Provide an efficient road system that will meet long-term transportation needs.

During the week of March 10, 2006 information packets were sent to over 500 addresses. All documents can be viewed and downloaded from the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forests' web page at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/natres/index.html>

A public "open house" will be held during which attendees can speak to Forest specialists; submit comments; view displays, maps, and documents; and ask questions about the proposal. The information for the open house is as follows:

Date: April 5, 2006

Time: 7:00 P.M – 9:00 P.M.

Location: Lincoln Townhall/community Center

1205 Sunstein Road

Eagle River, WI

The town hall is located on the south side of State Highway 70, across from the fairgrounds within the town of Eagle River, Wisconsin.