



## News Release Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

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### **South Fork Flambeau River Watershed Association receives award from Forest Service Eastern Region**

**Park Falls, Wis. – February 4, 2009.** The South Fork Flambeau River Watershed Association (SFFRWA) was recently recognized by the Eastern Region of the Forest Service for their cooperative work with the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF on the South Fork Flambeau River habitat restoration project. The group received an Eastern Region Honor Award for “Protecting Ecosystems Across Boundaries”.

The SFFRWA is an organization of interested citizens whose mission is "To protect, enhance, and restore the SFFR for its ecological, recreational, aesthetic and cultural values for future generations".



*Rick Thorbjornsen, President SFFRWA, is pictured accepting the award from Tony Erba, Deputy Forest Supervisor Chequamegon-Nicolet NF.*

In 2008, members of SFFRWA participated in a project to safely relocate over 6,000 freshwater mussels on the South Fork Flambeau River. A detailed article on this project can be read at the link below:

<http://ssrs.r9.fs.fed.us/stories/regmap.php?pkey=4110>