

News Release Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

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Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Project Funded

Rhinelander, WI –March 13, 2009: The U.S. Forest Service has long supported providing more energy-efficient administrative facilities to save money and reduce the 'carbon footprint' of Forest Service offices. Economic recovery funding of \$200,000 will provide the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) with the funds needed to continue renovations of what will be the new Supervisor's office in Rhinelander.

These renovations of the building (previously the Department of Transportation office) will make the older building more energy efficient. Also, as a benefit to the local economy, the work will be done by a local contractor, with purchase of green-certified materials and labor to come from the Northwoods area. With the completion of the work the office move can take place this fall.

This project was approved as part of an initial round of funding through economic recovery funding. The CNNF project was one of seven "shovel ready" projects to be funded in the Eastern Region of the Forest Service. Other Forest Service projects to be funded will be announced in the coming weeks.

Forest Service projects being considered for funding spread across the agency's 10 regions, and are mostly infrastructure and maintenance projects intended to address both the agency's backlog of projects and create or sustain jobs for rural communities. Please visit http://www.fs.fed.us/ for more information.