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Prescription Writing

Restoration Project B

Appendix A: Operating Plan

I. Project Description:

This project will write detailed forest management prescriptions to implement approved NEPA direction in selected stands, thereby moving stand conditions closer to the desired future conditions outlined in the 2004 Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Plan. The Forest Service intends to do the marking, sale prep, sale administration, reforestation, and associated activities on these units.

Prescriptions will be written using the attached 2015 Chequamegon-Nicolet Rx Template, incorporating all applicable Forest Plan Standards and Guidelines, as well as any additional requirements set forth in the project-level NEPA document.

On a yearly basis the Forest Service will identify forest stands and/or timber sales for which detailed silvicultural prescriptions are needed. Timber sale areas, due dates, and other details of the silvicultural prescriptions will be given to the State of Wisconsin annually. These sales will be marked, following approval of the silvicultural prescription, by either Forest Service timber markers or by contract timber markers.

II. Forest Service Shall:

- a) Provide the following items to the cooperator:
 - a. List of stands needing prescriptions.
 - b. Stand or sale area maps showing stand locations.
 - c. Project-level NEPA document (EIS, EA, or CE), along with decision document (FONSI, ROD, or DM), including a stand treatment table. Documents may be pdf, doc, xls, or hard copy as agreed upon.
 - d. 2004 Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan), pdf or hard copy.
 - e. Most current stand-level records from FSVeg database for each stand, such as Live Tree Stocking Reports
- b) Review prescriptions and grant final approval if satisfactory. Authority to approve prescriptions is reserved for a Region 9 Certified Forest Service Silviculturist.

III. STATE Shall:

- a) Review existing stand data and imagery.
- b) Conduct field reconnaissance to evaluate factors not captured by the stand-level data such as:
 - a. Ephemeral ponds and riparian areas
 - b. Best access route
 - c. Quality and potential of the various stand components
 - d. Unique features of the stand
 - e. Etc.
- c) Write detailed prescription, including all fields on 2015 Chequamegon-Nicolet Rx Template:
 - a. Header
 - b. Stand information
 - c. Stand description

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- d. Desired condition
 - e. Short term objectives
 - f. Long term objectives
 - g. Marking guide
 - h. Design features and mitigation measures
 - i. Remarks
 - j. Reforestation activities
 - k. Stand map showing features referenced in Rx such as access, riparian zones, steep slopes, etc.
- d) Prescriptions shall incorporate all applicable Forest Plan Standards and Guidelines, as well as any additional requirements set forth in the project-level NEPA document.

IV. Goals:

- a) Produce complete prescriptions ready for hand-off to in-house or contract marking crews.
- b) Prescriptions should attempt to satisfy objectives of project-level NEPA documents.

V. Objectives:

- a) Maintain high-quality work while increasing volume offered and acres treated.
- b) Increase the pace and scale of forest restoration activities.

VI. Tasks and Timeline:

The stands for which prescriptions are needed, pertinent project-level NEPA documents, and required delivery dates for completed prescriptions, are summarized in Appendix C. Additional information is provided in district folders.

VII. Long Term Benefits:

Maintain or improve healthy forest conditions while providing forest products to local economy.

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The U.S. Forest Service has identified timber sales for which detailed silvicultural prescriptions are needed by December 31, 2022.

Prescriptions will be written using the 2015 Chequamegon-Nicolet Rx Template, incorporating all applicable Forest Plan Standards and Guidelines, as well as any additional requirements set forth in the project-level NEPA document.

Table 1: Summary of **Previous Acres within Prescription Writing Project**

District	Timber Sale	Project	Stands	Acres	Data Needed By	Cost Estimate	GNA Agreement
Medford-Park Falls	Hammerhead	Park Falls Hdws EIS	7	255	6/30/2020	\$48,700	Modification #8
Medford-Park Falls	Spring Creek	Park Falls Hdws EIS	10	419			
Great Divide	Labyrinth	Black Torch EA	7	231			
Great Divide	Lunker	Black Torch EA	22	581			
Great Divide	Midnight Moose	Black Torch EA	18	560			
Great Divide	Haugenss Heroes	Cheq Red Pine EA	6	456			
Medford-Park Falls	Gypsy	Park Falls Hdws EIS	4	193	6/30/2021	\$34,420	Modification #9
Medford-Park Falls	North Lynne	Park Falls Hdws EIS	4	187			
Great Divide	Ember	Black Torch EA	9	253			
Great Divide	Moose Junction	Black Torch EA	19	537			
Great Divide	Witch Hunt	Black Torch EA	13	379			
Totals:		-	119	4,051	-	\$83,120	

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

Table 2: Summary of **Additional Acres**

District	Timber Sale	Project	Stands	Acres	Data Needed By	Cost Estimate	GNA Agreement
Great Divide	Black Fish	Black Torch EA	15	372	12/31/2022	\$18,000	Modification #11
Great Divide	Brunet Aspen	Black Torch EA	16	260			
Great Divide	Swanson Creek	Black Torch EA	9	272			
Totals:		-	40	904	-	\$18,000	

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Update from Modification 8

The U.S. Forest Service has identified timber sales for which detailed silvicultural prescriptions are needed during calendar year 2021. These sales will be marked during FY 2022, either by Forest Service timber markers or by contract timber markers, and offered for sale in 2021 or later. Prescriptions are generally needed by June 30, 2021.

Prescriptions will be written using the 2015 Chequamegon-Nicolet Rx Template, incorporating all applicable Forest Plan Standards and Guidelines, as well as any additional requirements set forth in the project-level NEPA document.

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

DISTRICT	TIMBER SALE	PROJECT	STANDS	ACRES	NEEDED BY
Medford-Park Falls	Gypsy	Park Falls Hdws EIS	4	193	6/30/2021
Medford-Park Falls	North Lynne	Park Falls Hdws EIS	4	187	6/30/2021
Great Divide	Ember	Black Torch EA	9	253	6/30/2021
Great Divide	Moose Junction	Black Torch EA	19	537	6/30/2021
Great Divide	Witch Hunt	Black Torch EA	13	379	6/30/2021
TOTAL			49	1,549	

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The U.S. Forest Service has identified ten timber sales for which detailed silvicultural prescriptions are needed during calendar year 2019. These sales will be marked during FY 2020, either by Forest Service timber markers or by contract timber markers, and offered for sale in 2020 and 2021. Prescriptions for two of the sales are needed by June 30, 2019.

Prescriptions will be written using the 2015 Chequamegon-Nicolet Rx Template, incorporating all applicable Forest Plan Standards and Guidelines, as well as any additional requirements set forth in the project-level NEPA document.

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

DISTRICT	TIMBER SALE	PROJECT	STANDS	ACRES	NEEDED BY
Eagle River-Florence	Cody	Morgan Lake EA	15	341	6/30/2019
Eagle River-Florence	Scrap Iron	Morgan Lake EA	23	336	6/30/2019
Eagle River-Florence	Pudgie	Morgan Lake EA	9	179	12/31/2019
Medford-Park Falls	South Elk	Park Falls Hdws EIS	9	561	12/31/2019
Medford-Park Falls	Elk Tooth	Park Falls Hdws EIS	16	768	12/31/2019
Medford-Park Falls	Flint	Park Falls Hdws EIS	5	492	12/31/2019
Medford-Park Falls	Elk Bone	Park Falls Hdws EIS	8	562	12/31/2019
Great Divide	Phantom	Cheq Red Pine EA	19	560	12/31/2019
Great Divide	Cave Man	Cheq Red Pine EA	7	435	12/31/2019
Washburn	-	Cheq Red Pine EA	21	637	12/31/2019
TOTAL			132	4,871	

Estimated Start: March 2019

Estimated Completion: December 2019