The purpose of this document is to describe our shared understanding of the process for how GNA program revenue will used in Wisconsin. It is meant to be a living document and updated through the lifetime of the agreement.

DESIRED OUTCOMES FOR USE OF PROGRAM REVENUE

(These outcomes may change over the life of the agreement as budgets and resources for both the national forest and state evolve. They are not in priority order nor may all of them be achieved.)

- Accomplish land management actions implementing the CNNF Land Management Plan
- Ensure sustainability of overall GNA program
- Add value to a variety of forest programs
- Work in partnership to accomplish projects that benefit the landscape
- Leverage resources (financial and personnel) for greater accomplishment of watershed restoration and habitat improvement

SIDEBOARDS FOR USE OF PROGRAM REVENUE

(The sideboards are meant to identify boundaries to how program revenue may be used. The desire is to remain as flexible as possible in how program revenue is used within these sideboards.)

- CNNF will operate within federal authorities (2018 Farm Bill et. al). If authorities change, we'll reevaluate this process and possible projects.
- Authorized Activities: Only authorized forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services are allowed under this SPA which includes activities to treat insect and disease infected trees; activities to reduce hazardous fuels; and any other activities to restore or improve forest, rangeland, and watershed health, including fish, and wildlife habit.
- Services not allowed under this SPA includes construction, reconstruction, repair, or restoration of paved or permanent roads or parking areas and construction, alteration, repair, or replacement of public buildings or works; as well as projects in wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, and lands where removal of vegetation is prohibited or restricted. Temporary roads necessary to complete restoration or improvement work are allowed.
- Per 2018 Farm Bill, projects using revenue generated by a GNA agreement cannot be used off Federal lands.
- Final decisions on project selection will be by DNR and CNNF.
- Program Revenue is subject to federal financial assistance regulations. The State Agency must be aware of the terms and conditions, in particular matching and reporting requirements of any other Federal Grants received. These "other" grants may have conditions preventing the

combination of Program Revenue with them. The State must make this determination in their review.

DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM REVENUE PROJECTS

CNNF criteria to identify projects (not in priority order):

- Consistent with the CNNF Land Management Plan.
- Environmental reviews for the project are complete, not-needed or are not expected to be a significant workload.
- Reinvestment projects to sustain the long term timber outputs associated with the agreement. (examples: Forest Inventory, Biological/Botanical Inventory, Cultural Resource Survey). A target gross percentage each year may be directed for these reinvestments.
- Addresses shortfalls in projected outputs as noted in CNNF Monitoring and Evaluation reports or other assessments of forest plan accomplishment. Prioritize projects to meet most critical areas.
- Projects for which appropriated funding or partner funding is unlikely to be sufficient to accomplish it.
- Offset other expenses of the forest that can be substituted program revenue funds.

DNR criteria to determine which projects to work on (not in priority order)

- Projects where DNR already has expertise and ability to perform the activity efficiently
- Project helps advance a partner or state project
- Easy to implement (i.e. efficient use of time/energy) for the cost
- Able to leverage other funds

Decision making on selection of final projects

1. CNNF and DNR will develop a list of potential projects. List is informed by partner input. Based on criteria used by each agency, compare what projects rank highly for both agencies and select however many can be accomplished based on current timing, financial ability, and personnel capacity at time of implementation. Staff develop draft list and final decision by CNNF Forest Supervisor and Chief State Forester.
2. Maintain list of projects to select from when needed and that can evolve over time.

IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM REVENUE PROJECTS

- Regularly, DNR and CNNF will discuss possible projects. Selected projects will be added to Supplemental Project Agreement modification for the year.
- Depending on the project, and with input from CNNF, DNR will determine if it is best for a) DNR staff to implement, b) bid to consultants, c) use grant process.
- DNR and CNNF will develop a procedure for reviewing/auditing projects and reporting accomplishments.

COMMUNICATION OF PROGRAM REVENUE PROJECT PROCESS & PLANS

Roles:

- DNR & CNNF: final decision on which projects will be implemented. A GNA Forestry Community Workshop was held to share information on GNA, GNA program revenue projects and to gather project ideas.
- Forestry community (i.e., stakeholders and partners): provide DNR and CNNF with project ideas. Ideas should align with criteria identified in this process, have a rough outline of how it might be accomplished and identify a lead person for the stakeholder and within USFS/WDNR for communications.
- Partner (contractor, county, or organization that implements project): provide input into project they are working on or have capacity to work on, process improvement in how to work with DNR/CNNF on projects, reporting of accomplishments.

1. DNR and CNNF inform Council on Forestry (annually) regarding program revenue project process and forestry community involvement.
2. DNR and CNNF share program of work for Program Revenue Projects annually with distribution lists such as Council on Forestry and via DNR web.
3. DNR solicitation for bids, contracts, and grant opportunities will be advertised similar to other DNR business and CNNF will further publicize these opportunities through its website, social media, press releases and other outlets, as appropriate.
4. Communicate final outcomes of projects back through Council on Forestry and other venues to share accomplishments.