

REVIEW FOR EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES
 2004 Lakewood/Laona Timber Stand Improvement
 Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest



Project Description: Perform timber stand improvement activities (hand release) at 18 sites on the Lakewood/Laona Ranger District.

Applicable Category of Exclusion: FSH 1909.15 31.2, #6: *Timber stand and/or wildlife habitat improvement activities which do not include the use of herbicides or do not require more than one mile of low standard road construction.*

The following resource specialists have reviewed this proposal for “significant and adverse impacts” to the following extraordinary circumstances:

Extraordinary Circumstance	Specialist Signature/Date	Review Results
Federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat	<i>Tom Moris /s/</i> 3/23/04	Bald Eagle nest near 2 of the sites. However, no adverse impacts with the following design feature at those locations: No activity between Feb. 15- to August 1 in Comp 256, Stand 2 and Comp 257, Stand 65.
Species proposed for Federal listing or proposed critical habitat	<i>Tom Moris /s/</i> 3/23/04	None present
Forest Service sensitive species	<i>Steve Janke /s/</i> 3/23/04	None present
Flood plains, wetlands, or municipal watersheds	<i>Dale Higgins /s/</i> 3/23/04	None present. There would be no impact even if present.
Congressionally designated areas such as wilderness, wilderness study areas or national recreation areas.	<i>Darrell Richards /s/</i> 3/24/04	None present
Inventoried roadless areas	<i>Darrell Richards /s/</i> 3/24/04	None present
Research Natural Areas	<i>Steve Janke /s/</i> 3/23/04	None present
American Indian and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites	<i>Kim Schoenebeck /s/</i> 3/22/04	No sites present
Archeological sites, or historic properties or areas	<i>Kim Schoenebeck /s/</i> 3/22/04	No sites present

Finding: I have considered the above review and find (check one):

- No extraordinary circumstances described in FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30, section 30.3{2}(a thru g) are present in the affected area.
- Extraordinary circumstances described in FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30, section 30.3{2}(a thru g) are present in the affected area. However the proposed action would have no significant and adverse effects on these circumstances.
- There is potential for adverse impacts to an above circumstance. This proposal requires further NEPA documentation in an EA or EIS.

<i>/s/ Darrell Richards for</i> JOEL H. SKJERVEN District Ranger	March 26, 2004 Date
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