**Wisconsin Good Neighbor Authority Agreement**

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources WDNR) signed a Good Neighbor Authority Agreement in September 2015.

In this first project agreement the WDNR is preparing, awarding and administering 25 MMBF of timber sales on the CNNF. The sales are from projects already through the environmental analysis and public involvement process but not yet under preparation by CNNF staff. The sales fall across the Forest in seven counties and include a variety of forest products.

This project enables the CNNF to increase timber sales to more than 100 million board feet (MMBF) this fiscal year. In Fiscal Year 2016, the CNNF plans to sell 85 MMBF and with WDNR assistance through GNA, sell more than 100 MMBF.

This partnership results in socioeconomic stability in rural northern Wisconsin communities by providing additional raw materials to Wisconsin’s important forest products industry, while also creating and sustaining healthy and resilient forest conditions and habitats prescribed in the 2004 CNNF Land Management Plan. A portion of the receipts from the timber sales will reimburse the state for its costs to do the work, with remaining funds available to conduct additional restoration activities on the forest in the future.