

Let's get to know our neighbors

Good Neighbor Authority in Wisconsin

Goal for today

1. Update Cooperating Forester Meeting on GNA agreements with CNNF and why is this happening
2. Inform Cooperating Foresters of implementation progress
3. Provide information on how Consultants can participate in GNA work

Agenda

- Background on GNA
- Work to date with CNNF
- Upcoming tasks
- Implementation options
 - Establishing process for getting the work done
 - Where the work is and how to get it done
 - How can consultants contribute to GNA

Background on GNA

- 2014 Farm Bill and the 2014 FY federal Appropriations Act authorizes FS to enter into cooperative agreements with States to *perform watershed restoration and forest management services on National Forest System lands without cumbersome contracting mechanisms and requirements to use federal processes and procedures.*
- States act as agents for the FS
 - Can do the work ourselves, sub-contract, or sub-award to counties
- Timber sale revenue will pay for the work we do
- A portion of the income generated must be returned to the FS to fund specific FS accounts (e.g. reforestation, local aids)
- Terminology: template agreements, supplemental project agreement (SPA), scope of work

Why?

- increase the level of accomplishment, most notably timber sales, on the national forests
- goal is to supplement and add to the accomplishments of the CNNF, not replace the work they are currently doing
- Sale set up, administration and regeneration post-sale work on Federal Forest by State, County and Private Forestry Consultants
- 10 year agreement with the Forest Service for GNA work

What are we interested in?

- NEPA approved timber sales
 - 350 mmbf are NEPA approved on the CNNF
- Able to use excess cost timber receipts for other restoration activities
 - E.g., wildlife habitat, invasive species work
- Can use funds on state and private lands
- General idea:
 - Develop scope of work that has a list of projects for 10 years. As revenue comes in, use it to fund the next item on the list.

GNA Agreements

- Final agreements detail how work will be done. Using State of WI methods
- Two issues:
 - Roads – Congress defined what type of road work can be done. No reconstruction of roads on GNA sales
 - Program income – This is the stumpage money that will pay for the program. Some portion will be paid back to the Forest Service and Townships where the sales located

Work to date with CNNF

- Developed timber sale contract and financial plan and operating procedures
- Stand silvicultural prescription writing
- Developed DNR staffing assignments and County Assistance agreements
- Fieldwork begun on many sale areas.
- Developed Contracts format for consultant assistance
- Website developed for sale info and advertisement
- Bid opening of first 8 sales for 1300 acres. More bid openings planned for July and October

Developed implementation options

- Understanding workload and resources available
- WDNR leaders developed options based on type of work, amount of sales in their area, with the help of WDNR staff, contracting of fieldwork and agreements of interested of county forestry departments
- Operations Leader, Business Leader and National Forest Liaison positions developed to lead the program

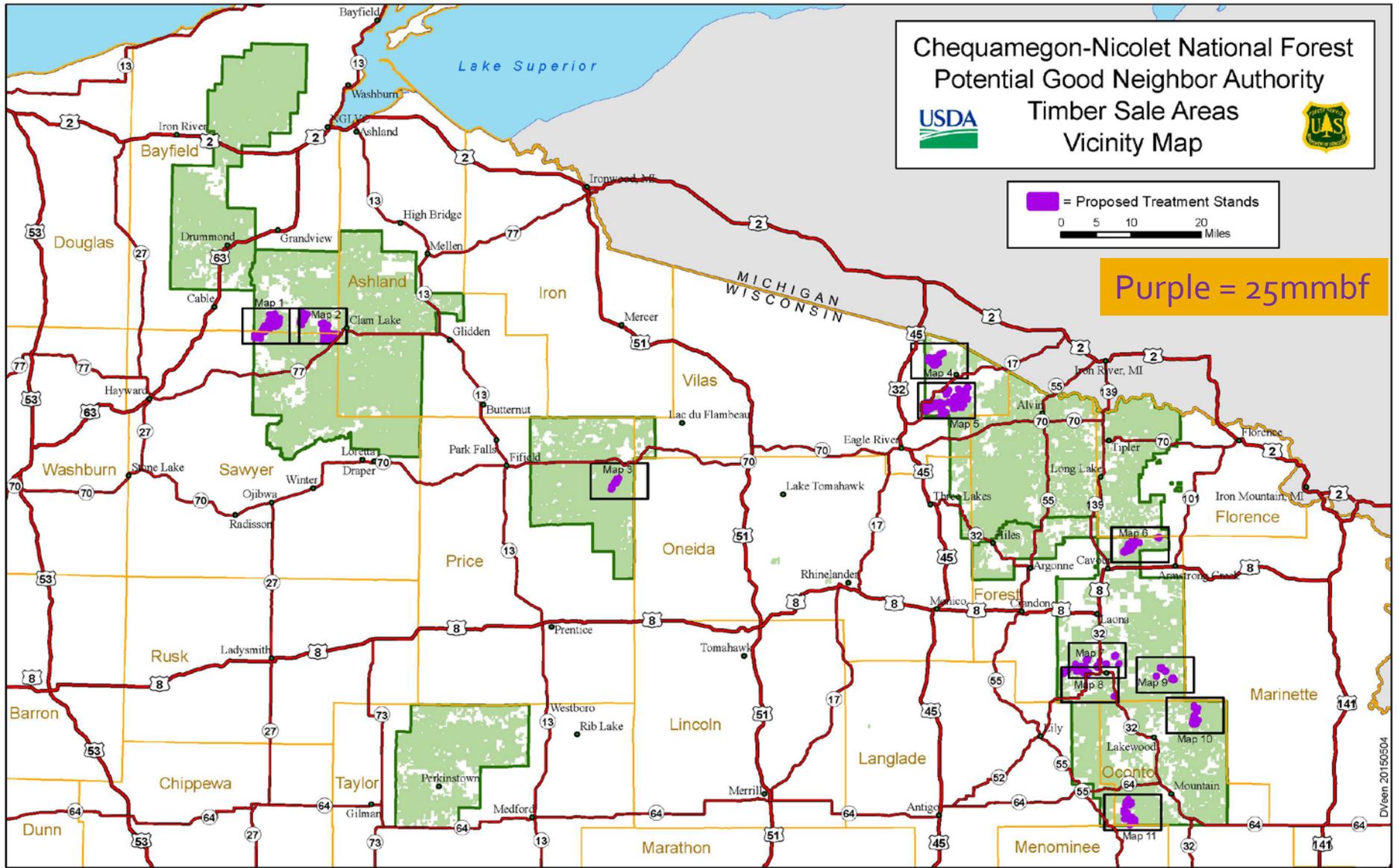
Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Potential Good Neighbor Authority Timber Sale Areas Vicinity Map



Purple = Proposed Treatment Stands

0 5 10 20 Miles

Purple = 25mmbf



Summary of GNA Workload Needed in FY16

- Eagle River District, 1802 acres with 7700 MBF
- Great Divide District, 2692 acres, 11800 MBF
- Lakewood/Laona District, 1690 acres, 5800 MBF
- Medford/Park Falls District, 127 acres, 500 MBF
- Workload for first year in GNA Project = 25.8MMBF or 6311 acres

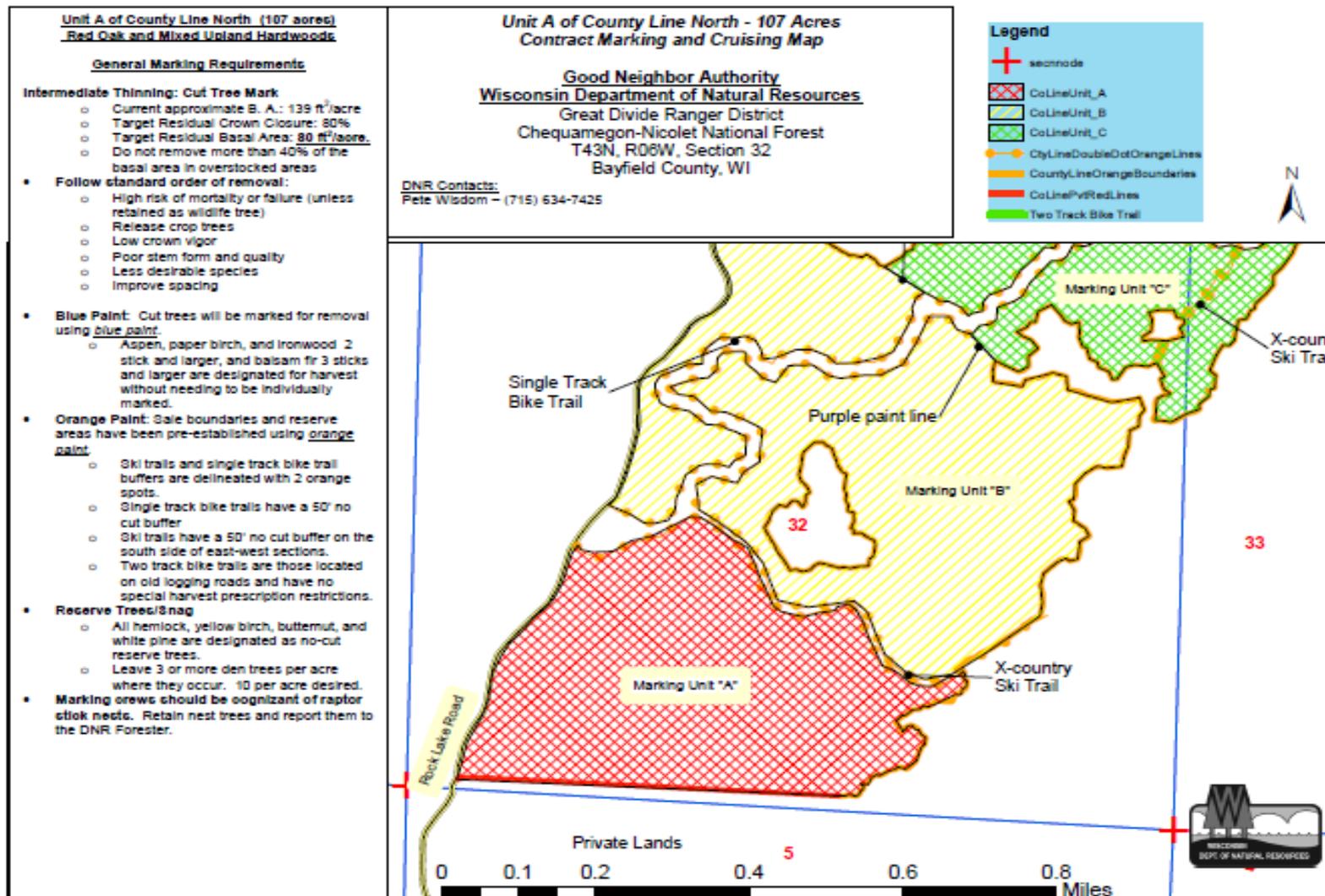
Upcoming tasks

- The State is contracting areas of work out to private forestry consultants
- The department is sub-awarding work to interested counties that have county forestry programs
- The department is working with the CNNF in April 2016 to develop a scope of work for FY 2017. We are planning on roughly 5-6,000 acres of projects from the CNNF. It is anticipated that work will be spread out to all Districts of the CNNF and more Contractors and Counties can be involved.
- New areas of CNNF work will be handed over to the State every year. This is a new program for everyone, we are working through it

GNA Request for Bids Contract Marking and Cruising by Email

- Hello,
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- The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is requesting bids from consulting foresters for contract marking and cruising of 5 separate units totaling approximately 567 acres. This bidding is part of the USFS/WDNR Good Neighbor Authority agreement. The units are located in southern Bayfield County on the Great Divide Ranger District of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.
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- If interested, please submit your lump sum bids per marking and cruising unit with your qualifications to Pete Wisdom **no later than 1:30 pm, March 15th 2016.** Bids shall be submitted by mail as a sealed bid. The bid sheet should be sealed in an envelope with the marking unit name on the outside of the envelope. Please note that this is a request for bid on a lump sum per sale. The deadline for completion of the marking and cruising work is **September 15, 2016.**
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- Please reference the attached cover letter for further explanation, as well as other attachments including maps, bid sheets, and a number of other important documents related to this bidding and contracting project. One piece of information that is not included in the attachments is a general description of the marking units' understories. While I encourage you to physically view the units before bidding, I thought it may pique your interest if you were informed that in general, the understory in the marking units are quite open with good visibility, providing opportunities for leaf-on marking during the summer months.
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- If you have any questions or concerns about the terms and conditions of this bid or work items please feel free to contact me. My contact information is provided below.

GNA Marking Map 2016



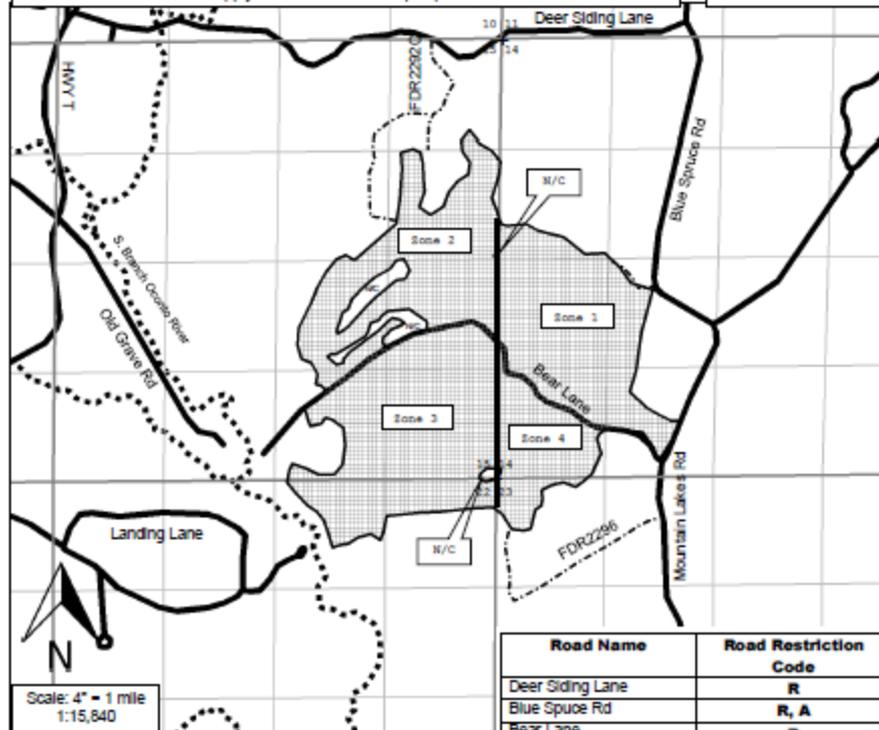
Completed Sale Map, 8002-1-15

Good Neighbor Authority Sale Area Map
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
 Boulder 2 Sale – 8002-1-15
 Lakewood/Laona Ranger District
 Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest
 T31N, R15E, Sec 14,15,22,23
 Oconto County, WI



Comp 4159-9/10 (296 acres): Red Pine Plantation Thinning: Harvest all trees marked with blue paint. Leave all standing snag and den trees that do not pose a safety hazard uncut. Sale bounded by purple paint. Do not harvest trees or operate equipment across purple paint line. Damage to any residual trees will not be tolerated. Utilization will be to at least a 4" top.
 **Sale is divided into zones. Each zone should be completed in its entirety before harvesting may begin in another zone, unless otherwise agreed to by the Seller
 **Road Restrictions apply. See table below and prospectus for restriction definitions.

- Legend**
- + Section Corner
 - Purple Paint Boundary Line
 - - - USFS Logging Rd
 - Town Roads
 - Section Line
 - Quarter Line
 - N/C No Cut Area
 - River/Stream

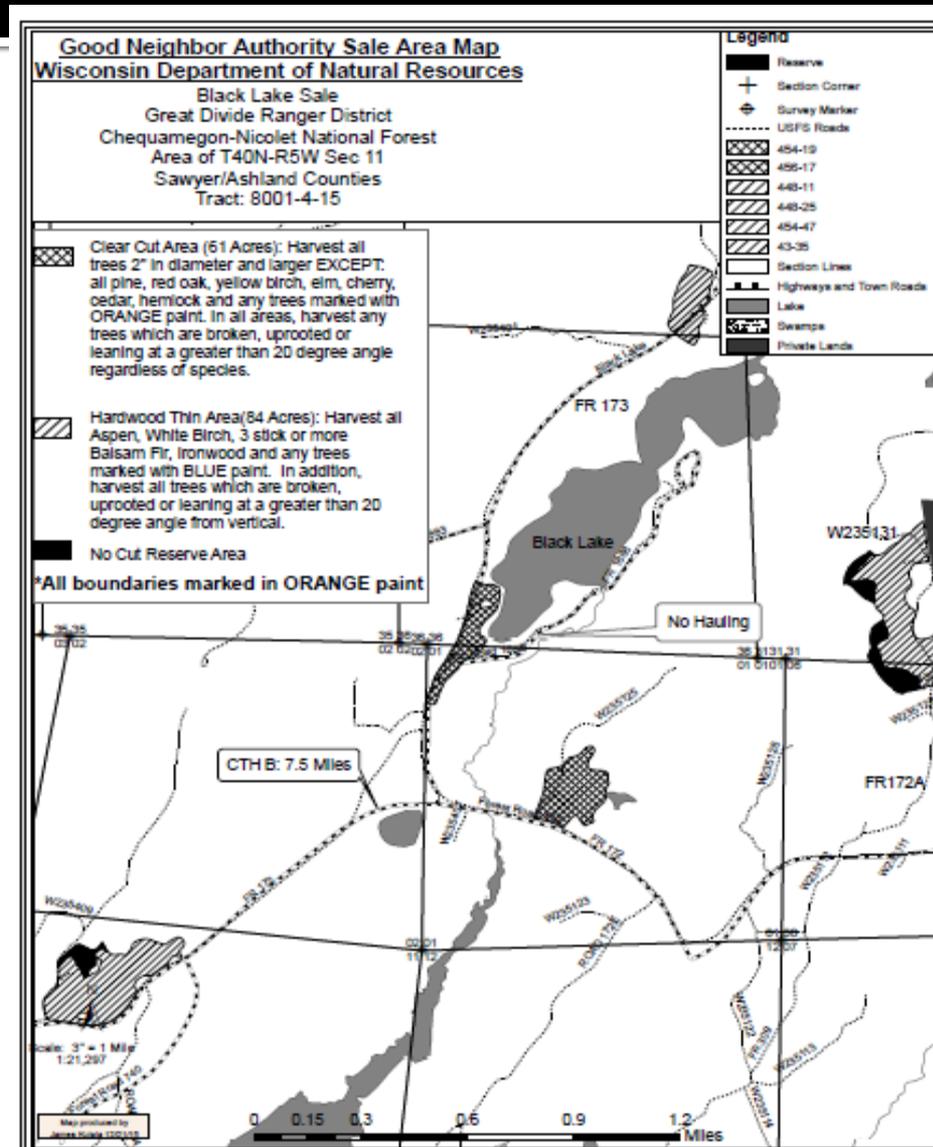


Road Name	Road Restriction Code
Deer Sliding Lane	R
Blue Spruce Rd	R, A
Bear Lane	R
Mountain Lakes Road	R, A
FDR 2292C	R
FDR 2296	R



Map Produced By:
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Completed Sale Map, 8001-4-15



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- Contact GNA NFLs for inclusion on future Contract bid lists
- Rich Lietz, Lakewood, Richard.Lietz@wi.gov
- Tim Friedrich, Eagle River/Phelps, TimothyJ.Friedrich@wi.gov
- Pete Wisdom, Hayward, Peter.Wisdom@wi.gov
- GNA Website on [**dnr.wi.gov**](http://dnr.wi.gov), search GNA
- Questions?
- Jeff Olsen, GNA Operations Leader and NHAL State Forest Forestry Team Leader