

# GREAT LAKES INDIAN FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION

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## • MEMBER TRIBES •

### MICHIGAN

Bay Mills Community  
Keweenaw Bay Community  
Lac Vieux Desert Band

### WISCONSIN

Bad River Band  
Lac Courte Oreilles Band  
Lac du Flambeau Band

### MINNESOTA

Fond du Lac Band  
Mille Lacs Band

Red Cliff Band  
St. Croix Chippewa  
Sokaogon Chippewa

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Tribal – USDA Forest Service MOU Meeting Participants  
**From:** Alexandra Wrobel, Forest Ecologist  
**Date:** October 3, 2018  
**Re:** Summary – Timber Harvest Framework Agreement

Tribes interested in harvesting live trees to be used as firewood or other traditional uses must follow the process outlined in Appendix C of the MOU known as the “Tribal Timber Harvest Framework Agreement.” Interest has primarily been to provide fuelwood for tribal communities during times of high propane costs and extreme winter temperatures.

In recent years tribes have discovered that the amount of manpower and resources needed to harvest large amounts of timber are outside of the capacity for hand-felling operations. This opened the conversation about tribes contracting logging companies to harvest their fuelwood lots as they would any other timber sale.

Operating plans are developed with the tribe, GLIFWC and with the District Ranger from the district where the harvest will take place in order to detail the terms of the harvest. These operating plans incorporate language of mechanized equipment and how the tribe may contract to a logging entity to complete their timber harvest. In 2018, a team comprised of representatives from the USFS, GLIFWC and various Tribes met to develop procedural documents in order to assist tribes and USFS District Rangers in successfully navigating Appendix C.

There are currently three active operating plans valid for National Forests within the Ceded Territories, attached is a spreadsheet of each tribal request for which an Operating Plan was developed.

If there are any further questions please contact me at GLIFWC ([awrobel@glifwc.org](mailto:awrobel@glifwc.org) or (715)682-6619 ext. 2125).

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<b>Tribe</b>	<b>National Forest</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Nickname</b>	<b>Harvest Type</b>	<b>Signed</b>	<b>Expiration</b>	<b>Status</b>
Lac du Flambeau	Chequamegon-Nicolet	Medford Park Falls	Fuelwood Lot	Fuelwood - Hand Felling	Nov 2012	2014 Rifle Deer Season	Extended
Lac du Flambeau	Chequamegon-Nicolet	Medford Park Falls	Foulds Creek	Traditional Use - Cedar Trees	Jul 2013	Upon Completion	Complete
Keweenaw Bay	Ottawa	Ontonagon	-	Fuelwood - Hand Felling	Dec 2014	Nov 2017	Partial
Lac du Flambeau	Chequamegon-Nicolet	Medford Park Falls	Fuelwood Lot	Fuelwood - Hand Felling	Sept 2015	Dec 2015	Incomplete
Mole Lake	Chequamegon-Nicolet	Lakewood Laona	Backside Sale	Fuelwood - Mechanized	Oct 2015	Dec 2016	Complete
Lac Courte Oreilles	Chequamegon-Nicolet	Great Divide	Cheq Salvage	Fuelwood - Salvage	Feb 2016	Dec 2016	Incomplete
Bad River	Chequamegon-Nicolet	Great Divide	Morgan Falls Parking	Fuelwood - Salvage	-	Dec 2017	Complete
Lac du Flambeau	Chequamegon-Nicolet	Medford Park Falls	Minocqua Sale	Fuelwood - Mechanized	Jan 2017	Mar 2018	Incomplete
Red Cliff	Chequamegon-Nicolet	Washburn	Pine Lake	Fuelwood - Mechanized	Jul 2017	Aug 2018	Extended
Mole Lake	Chequamegon-Nicolet	Lakewood Laona	Swanson Creek	Fuelwood - Mechanized	Aug 2017	Dec 2018	In Progress
Red Cliff	Chequamegon-Nicolet	Washburn	Pine Lake	Fuelwood - Mechanized	Mar 2018	Mar 2019	In Progress
Red Cliff	Chequamegon-Nicolet	Washburn	Hipsher	Domestic Use - Mechanized	Sept 2018	Upon Completion	In Progress