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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Boundary Establishment for Sturgeon National Wild and Scenic River; Hiawatha National Forest; Delta County, MI

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the USDA Forest Service, Washington Office, is transmitting the final boundary of the Sturgeon National Wild and Scenic River to Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information may be obtained by contacting Jim Ozenberger, Recreation Program Manager, Hiawatha National Forest, 900 US 2 St. Ignace, MI 49781 Telephone 906-643-7900 x 157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sturgeon Wild and Scenic River boundary is available for review at the following offices: USDA Forest Service, Office of the Chief, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20024; USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region, Suite 800, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, 53202 and; Hiawatha National Forest, 2727 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba, MI 49829. A detailed legal description is available upon request.

The Michigan Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Pub. L. 102-249) of March 3, 1991, designated the Sturgeon River, Michigan, as a National Wild and Scenic River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. As specified by law, the boundary will not be effective until ninety days after Congress receives the transmittal.

Dated: February 8, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Request for Applications: The Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, State and Private Forestry, Cooperative Forestry staff, requests applications for the Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (Community Forest Program or CFP). This is a competitive grant program whereby local governments, qualified nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes are eligible to apply for grants to establish community forests through fee simple acquisition of private forest land. The purpose of the program is to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses and provide community benefits such as sustainable forest management, environmental benefits including clean air, water, and wildlife habitat; benefits from forest-based educational programs; benefits from serving as models of effective forest stewardship; and recreational benefits secured with public access.

Eligible lands for grants funded under this program are private forest that is at least five acres in size, suitable to sustain natural vegetation, and at least 75 percent forested. The lands must also be threatened by conversion to non-forest uses, must not be held in trust by the United States on behalf of any Indian tribe or allotment lands, and if acquired by an eligible entity, must provide defined community benefits under CFP and allow public access.

DATES: Application deadline is May 15, 2012 for submitting applications to the State Forester or equivalent official of the Indian tribe and June 14, 2012 for State Forester or equivalent official of the Indian tribe submitting the applications to the Forest Service.

ADDRESSES: All local governments' and qualified nonprofit organizations' applications must be submitted to the State Forester of the State where the property is located. All Indian tribal applications must be submitted to the equivalent official of the Indian tribe. The Forest Service encourages

applicants to contact and work with their State Forester or equivalent official of the Indian tribe when developing their proposal. The State Forester's contact information may be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/cfp.shtml>.

All applicants must also send an email to communityforest@fs.fed.us to confirm an application has been submitted for funding consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding the grant application or administrative regulations, contact Kathryn Conant, Program Manager, 202-401-4072, kconant@fs.fed.us or Maya Solomon, Program Coordinator, 202-205-1376, mayasolomon@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

CFDA number 10.689: To address the goals of Section 7A of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2103d), the Forest Service is requesting proposals for community forest projects that protect forest land that has been identified as a national, regional, or local priority for protection and to assist communities in acquiring forestland that will provide public recreation, environmental and economic benefits, and forest-based educational programs.

Detailed information regarding what to include in the application, definitions of terms, eligibility, and necessary prerequisites for consideration can be found in the final program rule, published October 20, 2011 (76 FR 65121-65133), which is available at www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/cfp.shtml and at www.grants.gov (Opportunity number CFP-FS-1002011).

Grant Application Requirements

1. Eligibility Information

a. **Eligible Applicants.** A local governmental entity, Indian Tribe (including Alaska Native Corporations), or a qualified nonprofit organization that is qualified to acquire and manage land, as defined at § 230.2 of the final rule. Individuals are not eligible to receive funds through this program.