



APPLICATION FOR RESEARCH ON THE SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST Non Wilderness

Name of Applicant			
Affiliation <small>(school, college, university, government agency, company)</small>			
Title of Research Project			
Address			
Telephone/Email			
Is this a long-term study and/or do you plan to revisit the sites in the future? Please check one.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
State in detail the objectives of the project, its value, necessity, and relationship to other projects.			
Provide a general outline of the proposed research: Identify the methodology, procedures and equipment to be used and any potential impact on the environment. Please attach a map of the proposed study areas and/or GPS coordinates of the site locations if you know them at this time. As a separate attachment, please also send a geodatabase with this spatial information when you email your completed application. We understand your sites may not be finalized at this time and are subject to change.			
Give the name, date and number of licenses, permits or other authorizations held relating to the project (e.g. bird banding permit, trapping permit, etc.) and those associated contacts.			

Give the names, addresses and qualifications of persons assisting in the project and describe briefly contributions expected of them.

Give the names and addresses of any contributors to your project (grants, advice, scholarships, equipment, or supplies).

If approved, I the applicant, intend to abide by the terms and conditions specified in the attached approval.

Signature of applicant:

Title:

Date:

Signature of Agency/Company/Department Chair, Advisor, etc. if applicable:

Date:

Title:

Approval Section	
Approval Recommended (signature)	Date:
Team Leader (printed name)	
Approval Granted (signature)	Date:
Forest Supervisor, Superior National Forest (printed name)	

Conditions of Approval

If you will be installing/leaving any equipment on USFS property, be aware it is subject to damage. Please label all equipment with your name, organization and/or phone number so we can contact you with any questions.

A brief progress report is requested following the field season. A full final report including the data gathered is requested at the conclusion of this study. Please submit your end of season progress report and database information to Forest Aquatic Biologist, Jason Butcher jason.butcher@usda.gov, Forest Ecologist, Katie Frerker katie.l.frerker@usda.gov, or Forest Wildlife Biologist, Cheron Ferland cheron.ferland@usda.gov, by November 1st following your field season.

The Superior National Forest requires a spatial database which should include an outline of the general research area, as well as a separate feature class for precise locations of any individual plots or sampling sites. The database should be an ArcGIS compatible geodatabase, complete with FGDC metadata. If access to a GIS system is lacking, an Excel spreadsheet with plot numbers and UTM coordinates (in NAD83, Zone 15) shall be an acceptable alternative. Any questions please contact the Forest's GIS Coordinator Eric Gdula at 218-626-4331 or eric.gdula@usda.gov.

Approval to conduct research is granted for one year from the signature date. Researchers must re-apply each year to continue studying on the SNF.

Researchers must comply with all SNF rules and regulations in effect for the general public: i.e. no camping in one location for more than 14 days straight, use of motors only where allowed by law, observe all fire restrictions, do not burn trash, properly store food, etc.

Further conditions of approval may be outlined in your approval letter. All conditions of this approval must be met. If any of the conditions described above or in your approval letter are not met, the researcher and research project are subject to the denial of application.