



FS Agreement No. 13-MU-11090700-002
Cooperator Agreement No. _____

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between The
Baraga Conservation District
The Forestland Group, LLC
Gratiot Lake Conservancy
Houghton-Keweenaw Conservation District
Isle Royale National Park
Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Keweenaw Land Trust
Keweenaw National Historical Park
Michigan Department of Natural Resources: Forest Resource Division
Michigan Department of Natural Resources: Craig Lake State Park
Michigan Department of Natural Resources: Fort Wilkins Historic State Park
Michigan Department of Natural Resources: McLain State Park
Michigan Nature Association
MSU Extension, Houghton\Keweenaw County Extension
Michigan Technological University
Molpus Timberlands Management
Plum Creek
The Nature Conservancy
Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation & Development Council
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service
And The
USDA, FOREST SERVICE
OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is hereby made and entered into by and between the Baraga Conservation District, The Forestland Group LLC, Gratiot Lake Conservancy, Houghton-Keweenaw Conservation District, Isle Royale National Park, Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Keweenaw Land Trust, Keweenaw National Historical Park, Michigan Department of Natural Resources: Forest Resource Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources: Craig Lake State Park, Michigan Department of Natural Resources: Fort Wilkins Historic State Park, Michigan Department of Natural Resources: McLain State Park, Michigan Nature Association, MSU Extension: Houghton\Keweenaw County Extension, Michigan Technological University, Molpus Timberlands Management, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Plum Creek, The Nature Conservancy, Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation & Development Council, hereinafter referred to as "Cooperators," and the USDA, Forest Service, Ottawa National Forest, hereinafter referred to as the "U.S. Forest Service."

Background: In March 2011 several organizations met in Houghton, Michigan to discuss



natural and recreational resources and beauty. Non-native invasive species are a serious threat to all of these assets.

KISMA Mission Statement: The Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Area's mission is to facilitate cooperation and education among federal, state, tribal, and local groups and landowners in prevention and management of invasive species across land ownership boundaries within Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw Counties.

For these reasons, it is mutually beneficial for all of the cooperators and the Forest Service to work together to establish the KISMA.

In consideration of the above premises, the parties agree as follows:

III. EACH COOPERATOR SHALL:

A. DEFINITIONS.

- a. **Cooperators:** All the signatories of this MOU except the Forest Service.
 - b. **KISMA Coordinator:** An individual recognized by the Parties and tasked with accomplishing the work of KISMA. The KISMA Coordinator will help lead the implementation of the KISMA annual operating plan and organize KISMA meetings. The Coordinator would typically be an employee or contractor of one of the KISMA members.
 - c. **Parties:** All the signatories of this MOU, including the Forest Service.
- B. Agree to be a member of the **Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Area**, which covers the area depicted on the Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) map in Exhibit A.
 - C. **Share information** among the Parties and provide assistance and expertise regarding invasive species management (e.g. control methods, introduction prevention measures, restoration tools, standardized data collection, etc.) activities on their lands and waters.
 - D. Agree to the formation of a **Steering Committee** to provide direction, expertise, and oversight to identify opportunities for KISMA activities for invasive species management within the KISMA. See Exhibit B for a list of current Steering Committee Representatives.
 - E. **Assist in mapping** current infestations and advising KISMA of new infestations.
 - F. **Provide opportunities** and public education to outside interest groups, private landowners, and the general public for involvement in carrying out invasive species prevention and management planning on lands and waters within the KISMA area.
 - G. Utilize the Houghton-Keweenaw Conservation District as the primary fiscal administrator for grants or financial support received by KISMA.
 - H. **Meet at least once annually** to: review and coordinate invasive species prevention



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C. NON-LIABILITY. The U.S. Forest Service does not assume liability for any third party claims for damages arising out of this agreement.

D. ASSURANCE REGARDING FELONY CONVICTION OR TAX DELINQUENT STATUS FOR CORPORATE ENTITIES. This agreement is subject to the provisions contained in the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012, P.L. No. 112-74, Division E, Section 433 and 434 regarding corporate felony convictions and corporate federal tax delinquencies. Accordingly, by entering into this agreement the Cooperator acknowledges that it: 1) does not have a tax delinquency, meaning that it is not subject to any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, and (2) has not been convicted (or had an officer or agent acting on its behalf convicted) of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law within 24 months preceding the agreement, unless a suspending and debaring official of the United States Department of Agriculture has considered suspension or debarment is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government. If the Cooperator fails to comply with these provisions, the U.S. Forest Service will annul this agreement and may recover any funds the Cooperator has expended in violation of sections 433 and 434.

E. NOTICES. Any communications affecting the operations covered by this agreement given by the U.S. Forest Service or the Cooperator is sufficient only if in writing and delivered in person, mailed, or transmitted electronically by e-mail or fax, as follows:

To the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager, at the address specified in the MOU.

To Cooperator, at Cooperator's address shown in the MOU or such other address designated within the MOU.

Notices are effective when delivered in accordance with this provision, or on the effective date of the notice, whichever is later.

F. PARTICIPATION IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. This MOU in no way restricts the U.S. Forest Service or the Cooperator(s) from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.



- L. TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING. In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving," any and all text messaging by Federal employees is banned: a) while driving a Government owned vehicle (GOV) or driving a privately owned vehicle (POV) while on official Government business; or b) using any electronic equipment supplied by the Government when driving any vehicle at any time. All cooperators, their employees, volunteers, and contractors are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging when driving company owned, leased or rented vehicles, POVs or GOVs when driving while on official Government business or when performing any work for or on behalf of the Government.
- M. PUBLIC NOTICES. It is the U.S. Forest Service's policy to inform the public as fully as possible of its programs and activities. Cooperators are encouraged to give public notice of the receipt of this agreement and, from time to time, to announce progress and accomplishments. Press releases or other public notices should include a statement substantially as follows:

"The Ottawa National Forest of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, supports cooperative work in the Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Area (KISMA). The partnership will help KISMA carry out its mission of non-native invasive plant education, detection, and eradication in Houghton, Keweenaw, and Baraga Counties in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan."

Cooperators may call on the U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communication for advice regarding public notices. Cooperators are requested to provide copies of notices or announcements to the U.S. Forest Service Program Manager and to The U.S. Forest Service's Office of Communications as far in advance of release as possible.

- N. U.S. FOREST SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGED IN PUBLICATIONS, AUDIOVISUALS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA. The Cooperators shall acknowledge U.S. Forest Service support in any publications, audiovisuals, and electronic media developed as a result of this MOU.
- O. NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT – PRINTED, ELECTRONIC, OR AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL. Cooperators shall include the following statement, in full, in any printed, audiovisual material, or electronic media for public distribution developed or printed with any Federal funding.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)



V. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as or deemed to be a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.



Memorandum of Understanding for the
Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Area (KISMA).

WARREN C. SWARTZ, President
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Date




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ANTHONY V. SCARDINA, Forest Supervisor
U.S. Forest Service, Ottawa National Forest

Date

The authority and format of this agreement have been reviewed and approved for signature.


CATHY ANSAMI
U.S. Forest Service Grants & Agreements Specialist


Date

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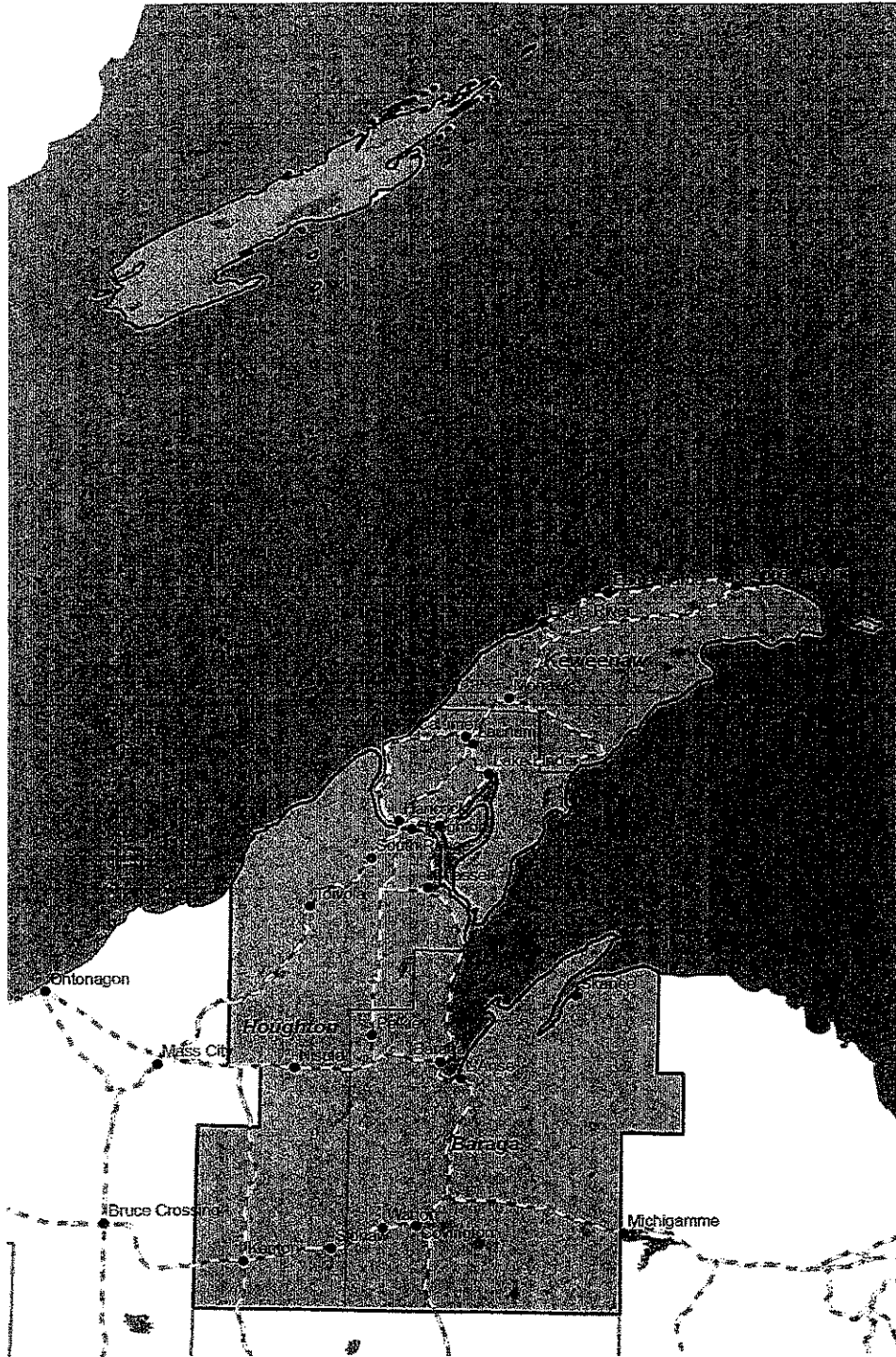
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EXHIBIT A – Map of the Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Area



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1. Shawn P. Hagan, Senior Director of Forest Operations – Great Lakes Region. Forestland Group. 33687 Lake Gerald Road, Toivola MI 49965. 906-288-3380.
2. Bonnie Hay. Gratiot Lake Conservancy. P.O. Box 310, Mohawk, MI 49950. 906-337-5476.
3. Mark Klemp. Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District. 240 Pewabic St., Laurium, MI 49913. 906-337-3338.
4. Janet Marr. Coordinator, Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Area. 600 E Lakeshore Dr., Suite #204. Houghton, MI 49931. (906) 337-5529.
5. Danielle Miller. The Nature Conservancy. 101 South Front Street, Suite 105, Marquette, MI 49855. (906) 225-0399
6. Evelyn Ravindran. Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources. 14359 Pequaming Road, L'Anse MI 49946. 906-524-5757 x11.
7. Dr. Dana Richter. Michigan Technological University. 1400 Townsend Drive or 45304 Superior Rd., Houghton, MI 49931. 906-487-2396.
8. Mark Romanski, Wildlife Biologist. National Park Service, Isle Royale National Park. 800 East Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, MI 49931. 906-482-0984.
9. Darcy Rutkowski, UPRC&D Council. 129 W Baraga Avenue, Suite F, Marquette, MI 49855 906-225-0215
10. Ian Shackelford, Botanist. US Forest Service (Ottawa NF). E 6248 US 2, Ironwood, MI 49938. 906-932-1330 x331.
11. Robert Strittmatter, Park Supervisor. Michigan DNR: Fort Wilkins Historic State Park. 15223 US Highway 41, Copper Harbor MI 49918. (906) 289-4215.
12. Dave Tormohlen. Plum Creek. 15800 Mead Road, L'Anse, MI 49946. 906-524-2040 x23

Other Key Contacts

1. Doug Barry, Park Supervisor. Michigan DNR: Craig Lake State Park. 851 County Road AKE, Champion MI 49841. (906) 339-4461.
2. Adrienne Bozic. Michigan Nature Association. 326 E Grand River. Williamston, MI 48895. 517-655-5655, 906-273-0387.
3. Kristine Bradoff. Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association. 800 East Lakeshore Drive, Houghton MI 49931. (906) 482-7860.
4. Steve Delong, Landscape Architect. Keweenaw National Historical Park. 25970 Red Jacket Road, Calumet, MI 49913. 906-483-3022.
5. Dave Fehringer, Assistant Regional Director of Forest Operations. Forestland Group. 33687 Lake Gerald Road, Toivola, MI 49965. 906-288-3380.
6. Phyllis Green. Isle Royale National Park. 4012 Portage Cove, Houghton, MI 49931. 906-370-0993, 906-487-7140.



7. Sue Haralson, Administrator. Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District. 600 E Lakeshore Dr., Suite #204. Houghton, MI 49931. 906-482-0214.
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9. Robert Larson. Baraga Conservation District. 17735 2nd Sand Beach Rd, L'Anse MI 49946. 906-524-6918.
10. Donald Mankee. Michigan DNR, Forest Resource Division. Baraga Operations Service Center, 427 US-41 North. Baraga, MI 49908. 906-353-6651.
11. Valerie Martin, Park Ranger. Isle Royale National Park. Houghton, MI. 906 337-4994, 482-0984.
12. Evan McDonald, Executive Director. Keweenaw Land Trust. PO Box 750, Houghton, MI 49931. 906-482-0820.
13. Gina Nicholas, . Houghton-Keweenaw Conservation District. Houghton, MI 49931. 906-370-7248.
14. Mike Schira. Extension Educator. Michigan State University Extension – Houghton\Keweenaw County Extension. 1500 Birch St., Hancock, MI 49930.
15. Marilyn Shy, Area Biologist. USDA-NRCS. 780 Commerce Dr., Suite C, Marquette, MI 49855. (906)226-8871, ext. 124.
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