

WE NEED YOU TO HELP SAVE WILD CAT FALLS

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The Forest Service Regional Forester, Chuck Myers, has denied the most recent appeals asking him to oppose the Delich Land Exchange, and, in doing so, has ignored the wishes of well over 1000 people who signed a petition to save Wild Cat Falls in the Ottawa National Forest of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

This area in the Ottawa National Forest has very unique features, including old growth forest (cedar and hemlock), Scott and Howe Creek, geological features with rock outcroppings, and Wild Cat Falls. These lands will be traded away to an individual with development plans, and in return the Forest Service will acquire a heavily cut over parcel with no timber value and little or no features that would attract the public.

A partnership of conservation interests has engaged an attorney who specializes in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to file a complaint in Federal District Court to halt this exchange. A local conservation group, Northwood Alliance, has agreed to handle the fundraising and expenses involved in this endeavor. Northwood Alliance is a 501c(3) charitable organization whose mission is the conservation of unique lands and public values. Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to the Northwood Alliance.

Contributions may be sent to:

Northwood Alliance Inc.
6063 Baker Lake Rd.
Conover, WI 54519

Make the check out to Northwood Alliance and write on the memo line "Wild Cat Falls fund"

If you prefer, contributions may also be made on-line at:

<http://www.northwoodalliance.org/#Donate>

Just click on the "Donate Now through Network For Good" button. Be sure to indicate the special use "Wild Cat Falls" on the donation page.

Thank you for your continued support.

May The Forest Be With You,

Rod Sharka