The North Country Trail Association (NCTA) and National Park Service have a Memorandum of Understanding with U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Region 9, detailing the collaborative management of the trail. Additionally, the NCTA has a Stewardship Agreement with the USFS, and Challenge Cost-Share agreements with both the USFS Regional Office and individual forests. These agreements fund various projects, including volunteer training, bridges, boardwalks, signage, and trail construction and maintenance. In 2024, the NCTA Field Grants program funded more than \$10,000 for projects on USFS lands.

# 1 Sheyenne National Grasslands

NCNST Miles: 31.5 Volunteer Hours: 459

# 2 Chippewa National Forest

NCNST Miles: 60.4 Volunteer Hours: 540

# **3** Superior National Forest

NCNST Miles: 120.5 Volunteer Hours: 1,180\*

# 4 Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

NCNST Miles: 61.7 Volunteer Hours: 555

#### **5** Ottawa National Forest

NCNST Miles: 100.1 Volunteer Hours: 1,503

### 6 Hiawatha National Forest

NCNST Miles: 95.8 Volunteer Hours: 1,247

## 7 Huron-Manistee National Forest

NCNST Miles: 119.5 Volunteer Hours: 1,980 TOTAL MILES IN FOREST HOURS IN FOREST 14,057

8 Wayne National Forest

NCNST Miles: 55.8 Volunteer Hours: 165\*

# 9 Allegheny National Forest

NCNST Miles: 91.6 Volunteer Hours: 6,428

# 10 Green Mountain-Finger Lakes National Forest

NCNST Miles: 38.4

Volunteer Hours: N/A, tracked by Affiliates

# 2024 Highlight

NCTA and a
Conservative Anabaptist
Service Program crew
built 3,800 ft. of puncheon
in Hiawatha National
Forest in less than
four weeks.

# 2024 Highlight

New sign at Green Mountain National Forest headquarters, highlighting the nexus of the North Country, Long, and Appalachian Trails.

# 2024 Highlight

Crew leadership and skills training events for Superior, Chequamegon-Nicolet, and Chippewa National Forest volunteers with 75+ participants.

# 2024 Highlight

The NCTA, Buckeye Trail Association, and youth corps partners built 7 miles of new trail in Wayne National Forest, resulting in 8,000+ service hours.

\*Does not include hours from Superior Hiking Trail Association and Buckeye Trail Association volunteers.