

## May 18<sup>th</sup> Hike at Wildcat Falls

Northwoods Alliance (NWA) and Partners in Forestry are hosting the second hike in the series highlighting the development of a “Wildcat Falls Community Forest” on May 18, 2019.

We will begin with an early morning birding hike starting at 8 a.m. Central time, followed by an ephemeral-wildflower hike. Those interested can participate in and enjoy one or both hikes. Hikes are guided and free of charge, but we recommend registering at [cmsnwa@yahoo.com](mailto:cmsnwa@yahoo.com) or calling 715-479-8528 for directions and any fresh details including changes due to inclement weather. Hikers are asked to bring water, snacks if desired between hikes, bug spray and wear appropriate shoes/boots and raingear. Some parts of the hike may be a bit strenuous.

The Wildcat Falls property is in the process of being established as a community forest with help from several conservation partners.

The Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (CFP) of the USFS offers a unique opportunity for communities to acquire and conserve forests that provide public access and recreational opportunities, protect vital water supplies and wildlife habitat, serve as demonstration sites for forest landowners, and provide economic benefits from timber and non-timber forest products. CFP is also for the protection and preservation of natural habitat of fish, wildlife, plants, forests and important historical lands. Northwoods Alliance is applying for a CFP grant which could contribute up to 50% of the project value as a match to acquire and establish a community forest. The CFP grant program provides financial assistance to tribal entities, local governments, and qualified conservation non-profit organizations such as Northwoods Alliance, Inc.

We are in the process of raising the contributing 50% community funding match and donations are always welcomed. NWA is a 501(c)3 non profit and a 509(a)2 public charity. All donations are dedicated to land conservation.

Join us in detailing the benefits of a Wildcat Falls Community Forest.

See [www.partnersinforesstry](http://www.partnersinforesstry) or [www.northwoodalliance.org](http://www.northwoodalliance.org) or call 715-479-8528