**2020 LCCMR Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description**

**Dr. Alexis Grinde, Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Minnesota Duluth**

**Key Qualifications**

Dr. Grinde is a Wildlife Ecologist and Research Lab Manager at the Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Minnesota Duluth. She has over 15 years of research experience focusing on conservation ecology.

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. Integrated Biological Sciences.** University of Minnesota, Duluth. **Thesis:** Spatio-temporal Ecology of Forest Birds. **Adviser:** Dr. Gerald Niemi.

**M.S. Biology.** University of North Dakota. **Thesis:** Ecological effects of wild pigs in California’s oak woodlands. **Adviser:** Dr. Rick Swietzer.

**B.S. Biology.** Bemidji State University. **Thesis:** The Effects of Rainfall on Number of Nest Initiation Attempts by Nene in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. **Adviser:** Dr. Elizabeth Rave.

**RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Research Program Manager and Wildlife Ecologist.** Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Minnesota Duluth.Manages 5 full-time research scientists and multiple research projects and contracts focusing on developing management strategies for habitats and wildlife**.** Her research focuses on conservation ecology including studying the large-scale impacts of environmental change on wildlife, biodiversity, and ecosystem functions. Applications of her research include informing forest management decisions in relation to changing land use patterns and providing recommendations for conservation plans for species of conservation concern.

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