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Doug Fuller from the [Little Traverse Conservancy](#) has this week's question. We're talking highs and lows here but it's not Mt. Everest or the Mariana Trench we're looking for today.

What State has the lowest land elevation?

See the [answer](#).

Below is the 3/4/09 biweekly update for Huron Pines.

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Thank you!

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2009 Volunteer Schedule

Mark your calendars and get ready to dust off those work boots and waders! We have a number of exciting volunteer opportunities planned for the 2009 field season. From restoring sturgeon spawning habitat with [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) members to adopting your watershed to prevent the spread of [invasive species](#), we've got a lot planned. We have several listed below but be sure to check our [Calendar of Events](#) for the most current information. Look for a postcard at the end of the month with more details.

May 2: Stream Monitoring on the Pine River, Oscoda, MI

May 9: AmeriCorps Sturgeon Site Restoration on the Black River, Onaway, MI

June 10: Phragmites (frag-mahy-teez) Education Day, Tawas City, MI

July 15: Muskegon River Habitat Survey, Roscommon County

July 22: Invasive Species Volunteer Day, Iosco County

August 15: Invasive Species Volunteer Day, Alcona County

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events, please email info@huronpines.org. If you have a group interested in volunteering, we also have opportunities for large groups. Contact Brad Jensen at brad@huronpines.org.

Au Sable Stream Restoration Update- Large Woody Debris

Spring is just around the corner and with the warm weather will come our 11th season of in-stream restoration through the [Large Woody Debris](#) (LWD) project. The project has been popular for many years now and we're glad to be able to offer it. Hopefully, you

have had a chance to witness how the woody structures look and function to provide fish habitat. To learn more about the project and what was completed last year, please read the [Watershed Protection with Large Woody Debris Update](#).

This year, our efforts will focus on placing 2,300 trees along the stretch of the Au Sable River from Grayling to Parmalee Bridge in Oscoda County. We would like to thank the Michigan DNR and the US Forest Service for their support of this project.

We also have a number of other projects on the [Au Sable](#). Read the draft [North Branch Watershed Plan](#). Come visit us at the upcoming Au Sable Expo on April 25. Also, keep an eye out for details on our Au Sable Greenbelt Day on May 20. We will also be launching the [Roscommon Stormwater Study](#).

THIS WEEKEND- Win a Rod Combo at the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo

Don't forget about the upcoming [Midwest Fly Fishing Expo](#) held March 7-8 at the Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center.

While you're there, stop by to register to win a Temple Fork Outfitters Fly Rod and Reel and visit with Huron Pines board and staff. We would like to send a big thanks to Bob Andrus for donating the rod and Andy Partlo, owner of the [Old Au Sable Fly Shop](#), for donating the reel.

Technical Advice through the Resource Advisory Group

To help analyze project ideas and to make sure we get the greatest amount of quality work accomplished, our organization relies on input from our technical committee, the Resource Advisory Group. This committee consists of natural resource professionals from state and federal agencies that review habitat restoration projects submitted to Huron Pines for funding and/or technical assistance. The group has representation from a number of different disciplines, including water quality, fisheries, forestry, engineering, and agriculture.

Read about the group in the [US Fish and Wildlife- Alpena Station Activities](#).

If you have an idea for a project and would like Huron Pines to consider helping, we encourage you to please complete a [Project Proposal Form](#) for our Resource Advisory Group to review. The next meeting is scheduled for May 28 at the Huron Pines office.

Learn more about Renewable Energy March 24