

**Changes to BWCAW quotas for the 2012 season
Updated May 1, 2012**

Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness visitors – There are some important changes in the wilderness you need to be aware of. The 2011 Pagami Creek Fire impacted approximately 92,000 acres (less than one-tenth of the wilderness), resulting in several portages and campsites needing rehabilitation before they can be reopened for public use. Forest Service staff evaluated the campsites within the burned area and determined that some need to be closed until they can be rehabilitated. Some campsites have safety hazards such as hazard trees and some have resource concerns such as a high potential for erosion. Forest Service crews and volunteers have been working diligently to reopen portages and campsites. Because this work will take time, several entry points will have reduced quota for the 2012 season. The table below shows the changes to the entry point quotas.

As campsites, portages, and travel routes are cleared of windfall, rehabilitated, and re-established, the quotas will be restored. We expect some quota will be restored by mid May and most quota will be restored by the end of June, however some quota will not be restored for the entire season because of soil and erosion concerns. Please check our web page regularly as changes will be posted as progress is made. The following describes the changes to entry point quotas.

Entry Point	Normal Quota	2012 Quota	Rationale
30 - Lake One	18	14	Quota for the two Lake One entry points will be reduced to 16 until additional campsites have been rehabilitated. A new entry point for Lake One includes camping restrictions. Entry point 30F will include restrictions for no camping on Lakes One, Two, Three, Four, or Hudson at any time.
30F - Lake One Restricted	0	2	
34 – Island River	3	0	Quota will remain 0 until mid May until campsites have been rehabbed. Route is open for day use.
35- Isabella Lake	3	2	Some of the campsites on Isabella Lake have been rehabbed. Quota can be increased to 2.
67 – Bog Lake	2	0	Quota to remain 0 for now. Contact Tofte office for information on camping on the lake as one campsite is open.
75 - Little Isabella River	1	0	Quota to remain 0 because of impacts to campsites. Will increase quota when campsites have been rehabbed.
86 – Pow wow Trail	Unlimited	0	Trail will remain closed until further notice.
84- Snake River	1	1	Quota to remain 1. Add note at recreation.gov that there is limited camping available on the Isabella River.

**Campsites Impacted by Pagami Creek Fire
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In addition to changes in quotas, some lakes will have fewer campsites open for use. Some campsites will remain closed until wilderness crews can address erosion and safety concerns. As described above, Forest Service crews will be opening most campsites early in the 2012 season. However, some campsites may remain closed for several seasons. Please be aware if you are traveling through or plan to camp on the following lakes that you may not find available campsites and will have to travel on the next lake to find an available site.

Lake	Campsites before Pagami	Campsites open as of May 1, 2012
One	12	12
Two	12	12
Three	17	16
Four	16	12
Hudson	12	9
Insula	46	37
Horseshoe	4	0
Brewis	1	0
North Wilder	2	0
South Wilder	2	0
Harbor	2	0
Clearwater	4	4
Gull	5	5
Pietro	4	4
Hudson Pond	1	0
Baskatong	2	0
Bog	4	1
Isabella Lake	11	8
Isabella River	8	2
Island River	3	0
Kawasachong	4	2
Quadga	4	1
Rice	2	0