



# Attention ATV Users



## New ATV Policy on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

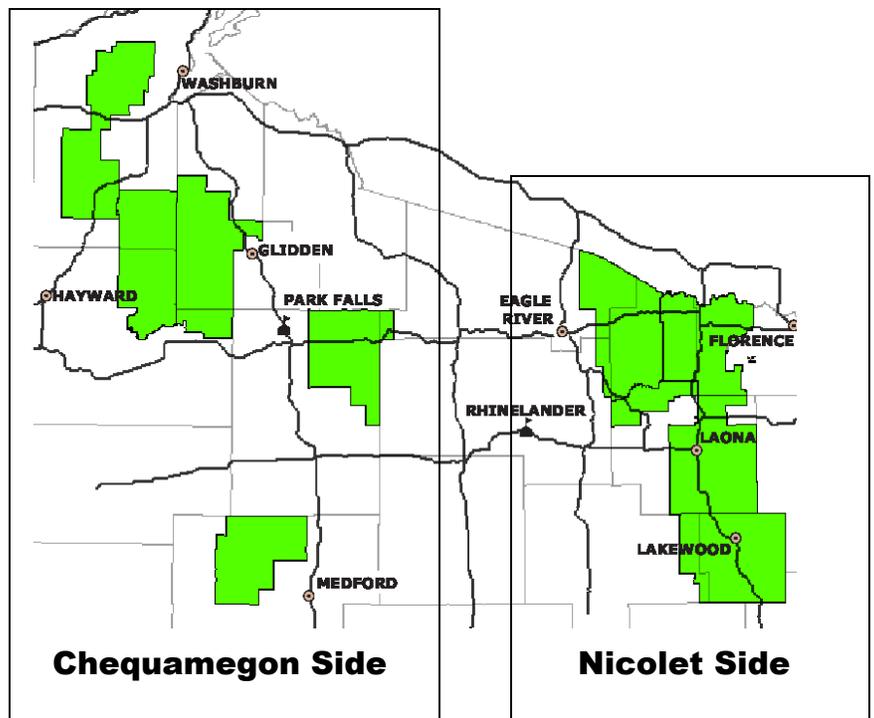
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The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is beginning to implement the revised Forest Plan. As a result, ATV users will find some changes about where they can ride on the Chequamegon side of the Forest.

### Changes in ATV use:

**Off-road and Off-trail use is PROHIBITED.**

**The "Open 26" Area on the Washburn Ranger District is CLOSED.**



**Currently, ATV use on the Chequamegon side is PERMITTED on designated trails and roadways historically open to ATVs. WATCH FOR CHANGES IN THE FUTURE! Roads or trails on the Nicolet side ARE NOT OPEN at this time. KNOW WHERE YOU ARE WHEN YOU'RE RIDING!**



## Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest All-Terrain Vehicle Use Questions and Answers

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest recently revised its Forest Plan. The Plan provides guidance as it relates to the management of the Forest. Part of this guidance includes new direction regarding the use of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs).

### What are the "highlights" related to ATVs in the new Forest Plan?

- A. The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest now has the same ATV policy.
- B. ATV use continues to be permitted on designated trails. 284 Miles of ATV trail currently exist and an additional 185 miles may be developed.
- C. ATV use continues to be permitted on roadways signed open to ATV use.
- D. Off road and off trail use is prohibited across the Forest.
- E. The Open 26 play area near Washburn is closed to prevent further resource damage.

### What is the timing of the closures listed above?

- A. Off road and off trail use is prohibited as of June 14, 2004.
- B. The Open 26 play area is closed as of June 14, 2004.

### Will ATV implementation occur at the same time for the Chequamegon and Nicolet sides (see map, other side) of the Forest?

No. Since both sides of the Forest have different ATV histories (the Chequamegon was mostly open while the Nicolet was closed), the changes will occur at different speeds. First, the Forest will put the immediate Chequamegon side closures in place. Following this, all Chequamegon side open roads will be signed, and the forest will move to consider new trail locations on both sides.

### When will the Chequamegon side roads be signed?

Open roads will be signed in the next 1 to 2 years.

### Can I ride on roads during the 1 to 2 year period before they are signed?

Yes. Roads that are currently open to ride on the Chequamegon side will continue to be open until the entire official signing is in place. No Nicolet side roads will be open until they are signed as open.

### How will the public get involved in helping to locate new trails?

The forest will invite full public participation as we consider possible trail locations. Information and ideas will be solicited at that time through a variety of means.

### Will all of the trails be constructed at once?

Trail construction will occur in a phased process. This will allow the Forest to monitor new trail use to ensure successful implementation before the next new trail construction phase begins.

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