CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST
Rhineland, Wisconsin

Order No. 09-19-19-07
Region/Forest/District:(09/13/03)

FOREST ORDER

Due to the heavy damage sustained to the roads, trails and recreation sites on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest during the July 19, 2019 storm the Forest Service has determined that the affected areas listed in attachment A remain hazardous to the public and are closed until further notice.

Road and Area Closure on National Forest System Lands

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) the following acts are prohibited on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest:

Camping in any recreation site on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest listed in Attachment A and shown on the attached map. (36 CFR 261.58(e))

Use of a motorized vehicle on any Forest Service Road or within any of the recreation sites on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest listed in Attachment A and/or shown on the attached map. (36 CFR 261.54(a))

Entering or using any of the recreation sites or a portion thereof on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest listed in Attachment A and shown on the attached map that are not being maintained and are closed for public health and safety reasons. This includes vault toilets, trash containers and fire rings. (36 CFR 261.53(e) and 36 CFR 261.58(b))

Being on any designated trail or a portion thereof on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest listed in Attachment A and/or shown on the attached map that are not being maintained and are closed for public health and safety reasons. (36 CFR 261.55(a))

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

2. Any member or unit of the Wisconsin National Guard operating in conjunction with the US Forest Service or State and Local agencies in road repair work.

The prohibitions will be in effect from the date of this order until specifically withdrawn by termination order of the Forest Supervisor or District Ranger.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.
Executed in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, this 19 day of September 2019.

Paul Strong
Forest Supervisor
Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).
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Roads, Recreation Areas and Trails Closed on National Forest System Lands
Updated December 9, 2020

ATTACHMENT A –

Recreation Areas:

Developed Recreation Areas that are Closed:
Jones Springs/Fanny Lake Trailhead
Maranatha Trailhead
Mountain Fire Lookout Tower
Popple Ridge Trailhead and Horse Camp

Boat Landings or Carry-in Sites that are Closed:
Mary Lake Boat Carry-In

Trails that are Closed:
Jones Springs Area hiking and cross-country ski trails
Maranatha cross-country ski trail

Dispersed Recreation Areas that are Closed:
Adirondack Shelter along Jones Springs Trail
Archibald Dispersed Campsite
Fanny Lake
Jesse Lake
Spruce Lake

Roads:
Many roads and/or portions of roads are closed to motorized vehicles within Langlade and Oconto counties. There are nearly 105 miles of road segments that are closed due to the storm. Please use caution when driving in the area. For a map of closed or impassable roads, contact Janice McInerney, Public Affairs Officer, at janice.mcinerney@usda.gov.

A general map of forest roads is available at https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/cnnf/maps-pubs.