



ORDER NUMBER: R9-07-20-01

**TEMPORARY ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING PUBLIC USE OF
DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES ON THE OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST**

AREA CLOSURES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

IN RESPONSE TO COVID - 19

OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST – MICHIGAN

Under the authority of the Act of Congress dated June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551) and the Secretary of Agriculture’s regulation 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on Ottawa National Forest lands located within Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Marquette, and Ontonagon Counties within the State of Michigan:

- **Using any area within the Ottawa National Forest by a group larger than ten (10) people at one time. Groups larger than ten people must split into smaller groups and recreate at least 200 yards apart.** 36 CFR 261.58 (f)
- **Entering or occupying a developed campground (Exhibit A)** 36 CFR 261.53 (e)
- [Sylvania Wilderness Backcountry Camp Sites](#)
[Map of developed Campgrounds](#)
- **Entering or occupying any National Forest restroom facility.** 36 CFR 261.53 (e)
- **Camping on National Forest lands.** 36 CFR 261.58 (e)
- **Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, including charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves, and shepherd’s stoves.** 36 CFR 261.52 (a)



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THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN 36 CFR PART 261. THE PROHIBITIONS WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.

Camping – The temporary use of National Forest System lands for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently-fixed structure.

Developed Campground – An area which has been developed or improved for the purpose of overnight occupancy. Such area requires a fee for use.

Group – Any collection, assemblage, cluster, or aggregation of persons.

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

1. Persons entering campgrounds on foot for the purpose of exercise and/or accessing hiking trails. Providing they maintain recommended CDC guidance regarding Social Distancing. (at least 6 feet apart).
2. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer or official, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force, while in the performance of an official duty.
4. Persons using pressurized liquid or gas devices (stoves, grills or lanterns) with shut-off valves in an area at least three feet from any flammable materials.

Under authority of Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571, violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of up to \$5000 and/or imprisonment for up to six months.

Executed in Ironwood, Michigan this 17 day of April, 2020.



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Ottawa National Forest



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Exhibit A – List of Effected Sites by District

| Site | Type | Ranger District |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| BLACK RIVER HARBOR CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Bessemer |
| BOBCAT LAKE CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Bessemer |
| HENRY LAKE CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Bessemer |
| LANGFORD LAKE CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Bessemer |
| MOOSEHEAD LAKE CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Bessemer |
| POMEROY LAKE CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Bessemer |
| GOLDEN LAKE CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Iron River |
| LAKE OTTAWA CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Iron River |
| PAINT RIVER FORKS | CAMPGROUND | Iron River |
| LAKE STE. KATHRYN CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Kenton |
| NORWAY LAKE CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Kenton |
| PERCH LAKE CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Kenton |
| SPARROW RAPIDS CG | CAMPGROUND | Kenton |
| STURGEON RIVER | CAMPGROUND | Kenton |
| BOB LAKE CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Ontonagon |
| COURTNEY LAKE CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Ontonagon |

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| BURNED DAM | CAMPGROUND | Watersmeet |
| CLARK LAKE - SYLVANIA CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Watersmeet |
| IMP LAKE CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Watersmeet |
| MARION LAKE CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Watersmeet |
| ROBBINS POND CAMP | CAMPGROUND | Watersmeet |
| Lake Ottawa Pavilion | Day use Bldg. | Iron River |
| Black River Harbor Pavilion | Day use Bldg. | Bessemer |
| Clark Lake Pavilion | Day use Bldg. | Watersmeet |
| MARION LAKE GROUP CAMP | GROUP CAMPGROUND | Watersmeet |
| Camp Nesbit | Group Camp Complex | Kenton |
| Sylvania Back country campsites | Wilderness Camp sites | Watersmeet |
| OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST VISITOR CENTER | INTERPRETIVE VISITOR CENTER | Watersmeet |



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ENFORCEMENT PLAN

**OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST
MICHIGAN**

NATIONAL FOREST OCCUPANCY AND USE REGULATIONS

Scope

Under authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, as amended (16 U.S.C. 551), and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth at 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B CFR 261.50(b), the acts and omissions contained within this Temporary Closure Order are prohibited on National Forest System lands in the Ottawa National Forest (Michigan), said area being described and designated as shown on the maps set forth at Exhibits A, which is attached and hyperlink provided hereto and made a part hereto:

Posting

The Order will be posted in the Forest Supervisor's office in Ironwood, Michigan, Ontonagon Ranger District in Ontonagon, Michigan, Kenton Ranger District in Kenton, Michigan, and Watersmeet/Iron River Ranger District in Watersmeet, Michigan as required in 36 CFR 261.51. Signs explaining the prohibition will be posted at National Forest Service Developed Recreation sites on the Ottawa National Forest.

Coordination with Other Agencies

The Forest Service will notify Michigan DNR Law division about the prohibition when it goes into effect and advise them of the appropriate response to violations if there is a request to assist the Forest Service. The Forest Service will also notify state, county and tribal law enforcement partners of this prohibition and ask that they report to FS Law Enforcement officials upon seeing activities that are prohibited by this order.

As Cooperative Law Enforcement agreements are approved, additional patrols may be requested to supplement FS LE patrol efforts.

Patrol Activities

District employees along with Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers and Forest Protection Officers will patrol the restricted area with the appropriate PPE and performing mission critical work. They will ensure that posting of the Order is adequate, maintained, and observe any violation.

Enforcement Strategies

Emphasis will be placed on informing the public of the restriction with the intent of preventing violations. Forest PAO will use all forms of media available to share this message to include social media platforms. Posted signs explaining the prohibition will be posted at National Forest Service Developed Recreation sites and other effected sites on the Ottawa National Forest.

Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers will contact any persons found in violation of the prohibition listed in the Order using required PPE. Other employees will make visitor information contacts and will notify Law Enforcement of any violations they observe.

Violators will be advised of the new restrictions and educated on our consistency with the Michigan State “stay at home” order. Initially the emphasis will be on education and Warning Notices will generally be issued.

Attachments: Copy of Order Map (hyperlinked) Other