



ORDER NO. 09-13-20-04

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING OCCUPANCY AND USE, TO WIT:
CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to the provisions of 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Wisconsin, due to hazards associated with the COVID-19 virus and dangerous fire conditions following the July 2019 blowdown.

The following are prohibited:

- 1. Entering or being upon or in an area described in Attachment A of this order, and shown on attached map, as closed for reasons of public health and safety. (36 CFR 261.53(e))**
- 2. Using any area within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest by a group larger than 10 (10) people at one time. Groups larger than 10 people must split into smaller groups and recreate at least 200 yards apart. (36 CFR 261.58 (f))**
- 3. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire in areas described in Attachment A and shown on attached map. (36 CFR 261.52(a))**

The prohibitions of this order shall remain in effect until terminated by the Forest Supervisor.

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

1. Persons with permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)); and,
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty (36 CFR 261.50(e)(4)).

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C., 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Dated this 21 day of May 2020, at Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Strong', written over a horizontal line.

Paul Strong
Forest Supervisor

CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST
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ATTACHMENT A – July 2, 2020

Entering or being upon or in an area listed below is prohibited until further notice:

- Developed Campgrounds:
 - Picnic Point Campground
 - Smith Rapids Recreation Area
- Mountain Fire Tower
- Forest Lodge and associated areas
- Boat Landings (these landings are located within a closed campground and will remain closed)
 - Picnic Point Boat Landing

