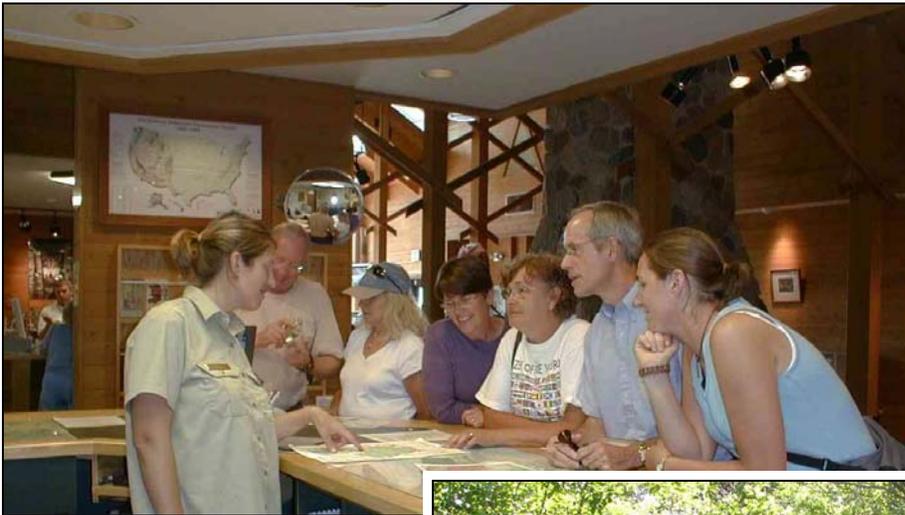


## Superior National Forest Wilderness Program

Over one million acres in size, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) resides in the Superior National Forest, and is one of the most heavily used Wilderness areas in the United States. To help protect and manage this special area, the Superior National Forest hires Wilderness Managers and Technicians who perform a variety of functions including: studying and documenting the environmental effects of land management activities and visitor use within the BWCAW, ensuring that all applicable laws are followed in the management of the BWCAW, securing grants and working with partners, collaborating with other resources within the Forest such as air quality and fire, administering the permit reservation system contract, issuing permits and contacting visitors, performing campsite maintenance such as erosion control and digging latrines, and maintaining trails and portages within the BWCAW to minimize damage to the resource.



*(below) A Superior National Forest employee checks a permit and makes a visitor contact in the Wilderness.*

*(above) A permit issuing station is the first stop for Wilderness visitors. A representative of the Superior National Forest prints a permit for the visitors off the computer and answers questions about the Wilderness and the Superior National Forest.*





*(left) A Forest employee digs a new latrine at a Wilderness campsite. Wilderness crews may camp in the Wilderness for a week or more performing various maintenance functions during the day.*

*(below) Since there are no roads in the Wilderness, employees must travel by watercraft or foot to their work sites.*



*(left) Trails and portages must be maintained to minimize erosion and damage to vegetation.*



*(right) Superior National Forest employees replace a fire grate at a Wilderness campsite.*