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# **Tribal Camping And Length of Stay Use Report**

**Chequamegon-Nicolet, Ottawa  
Hiawatha and Huron-Manistee  
National Forests**



# **Campground Fee and Length of Stay Waiver Use Report**

*Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding  
Tribal-USDA Forest Service Relations on National Forest Lands  
Within the Territories Ceded in Treaties of 1836, 1837, and 1842*

## **Introduction**

The Forest Service has an MOU with nine Ojibwa Tribes that allows fee waivers for camping at Forest Service campgrounds. The waiver applies to tribal members exercising treaty rights in the ceded territory areas of 1836, 1837 and 1842. The Forest Service also agreed to waive length of stay restrictions at some campgrounds. MOU Section VI. C. 9. outlines this provision, and appendices to the MOU address implementation and self regulation. Each year the campground list is updated by the MOU parties and published hard copy and on the web.

Either the Forest Service or a campground concessionaire, through a special-use permit, operates National Forest campgrounds. Concession permits in place at the time of MOU approval in 1999 did not provide for a fee waiver for tribal use. Since that time, as permits expired, a provision to honor the MOU campground fee waiver was built into the updated concession prospectus's and permits. Currently all concession operated campgrounds on the Ottawa, Hiawatha and Chequamegon-Nicolet are now fee exempt.

## **Procedures for Tribal Members Using Fee-Exempt Sites**

*Outlined in the MOU Implementation Plan 2. b.*

In order to use any campsite within a fee exempt campground, a tribal member must:

1. Obtain and follow the instructions of the Tribe's Conservation Department, or its designee, as to what forms, documents or information are necessary;
2. Follow the camping registration procedures and complete the paperwork generally used at the particular site in question; and
3. Instead of paying a fee, provide the document(s) or information required by the Tribe's Conservation Department, or its designee, to the campsite compliance personnel and/or place the required document(s) or information in and/or on a campsite fee envelope.
4. Camp only at a site for which he or she has registered.

## **Tribal Campground Use Data Gathering**

Based on the above procedure, yearly information on tribal free use is gathered in September from Forest Service recreation staff and campground concessionaires. The information is used to update this report and reflects what tribal members indicated on their permits for the number of nights stay at the respective campground.

Included in this report on the following page is an informational handout the Forest Service provides internally to staff for their awareness of the fee waiver provision and procedure.

# Filling Out Forest Service Campground Fee Envelopes For Tribal Use



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## Recreation Fee Permit

Detach this permit stub from envelope and display on vehicle dashboard this side up. If camping, attach permit to campsite post ensuring it is clearly visible.

**Permit  
Stub**

<p><b>VALID ONLY AT THIS SITE FOR THE DAY(S) PAID BEGINNING:</b></p>	<p><b>Purchase Date:</b> <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Date of registration</span></p>	<p><b>No. of Days Paid:</b> <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Specify number of days registered for site.</span></p>
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IMPORTANT: DETACH BELOW.



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## Recreation Fee Envelope

TO VALIDATE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

**U.S. currency and checks drawn on U.S. banks accepted. Please do not fold bills or checks. Make checks payable to USDA Forest Service.**

**Envelope**

1. Amount Enclosed	2. No. of Day(s) Paid	3. Time and Date Purchased
4. Vehicle License No.	5. State	6. Home Zip Code
7. Selected Camp Unit No.	8. No. In Party	
9. Other Charges	10. Golden Age or Golden Access Passport No.	11. Planned Departure Date

Reference FSM 2330

After completing, detach permit stub and deposit envelope into box provided.

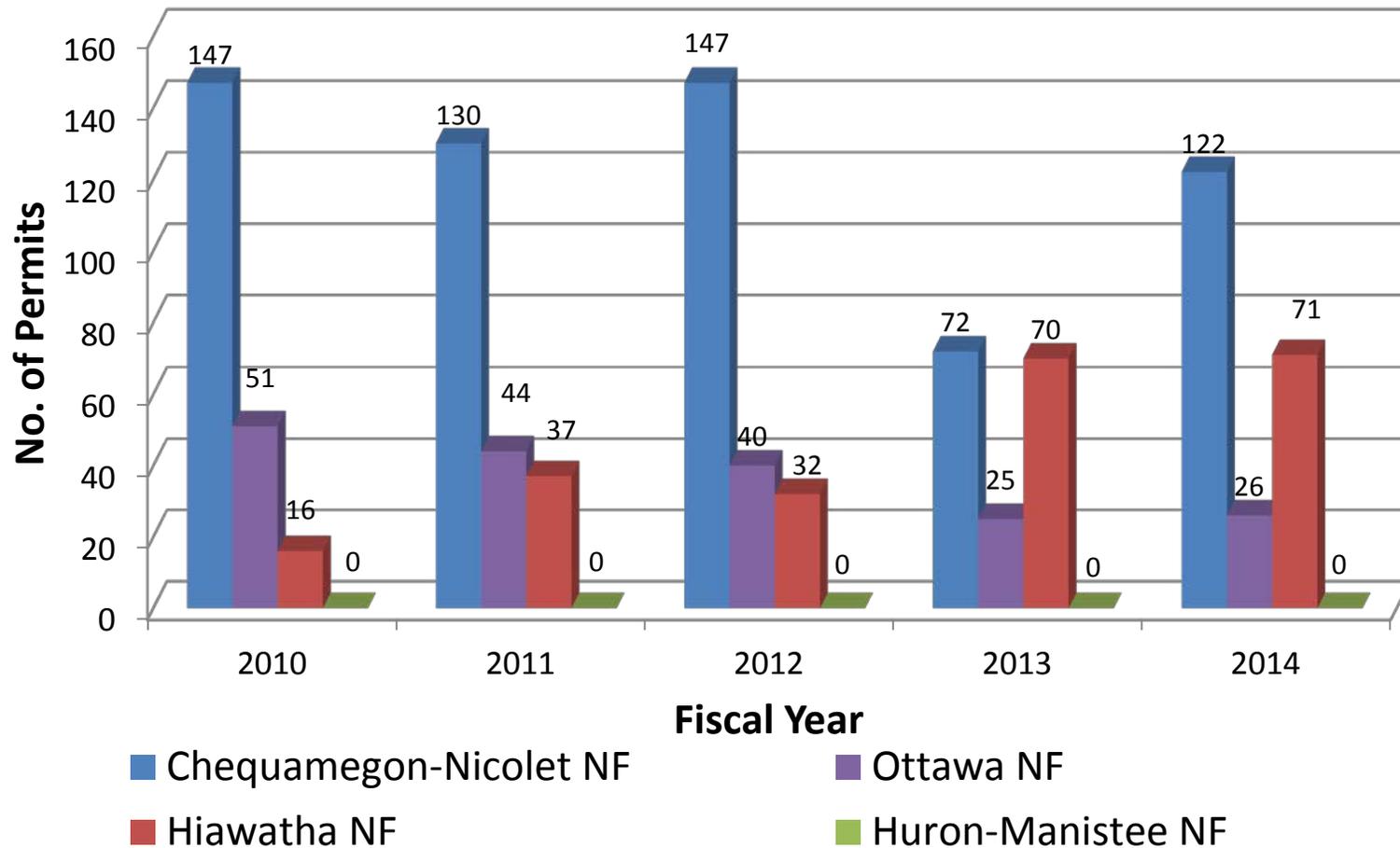
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Please fill in the requested information on the fee envelope to register.  
Tear off the envelope stub and attach to site post.

Please review the campground's posted rules and enjoy your visit!

## Campground Fee & Length of Stay Waiver Use Summary -- FY 2010 thru FY 2014



CAMPGROUND FEE AND LENGTH OF STAY WAIVER USE REPORT

**CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NF**

FY	No. of Permits	No. of Nights	Average Night/Permits
2001	50	186	3.7
2002	47	148	3.1
2003	57	291	5.1
2004	88	377	4.3
2005	95	457	4.8
2006	114	430	3.8
2007	62	284	4.6
2008	183	904	4.9
2009	168	993	5.9
2010	147	799	5.4
2011	130	847	6.5
2012	147	710	4.8
2013	72	430	6.0
2014	122	666	5.5

**HIAWATHA NATIONAL FOREST**

FY	No. of Permits	No. of Nights	Average Night/Permits
2001	11	55	5.0
2002	3	10	3.3
2003	3	15	5.0
2004	0	0	0.0
2005	3	12	4.0
2006	43	232	5.4
2007	29	163	5.6
2008	15	88	5.9
2009	22	126	5.7
2010	16	78	4.9
2011	37	172	4.6
2012	32	425	13.0
2013	70	679	9.7
2014	71	423	5.9

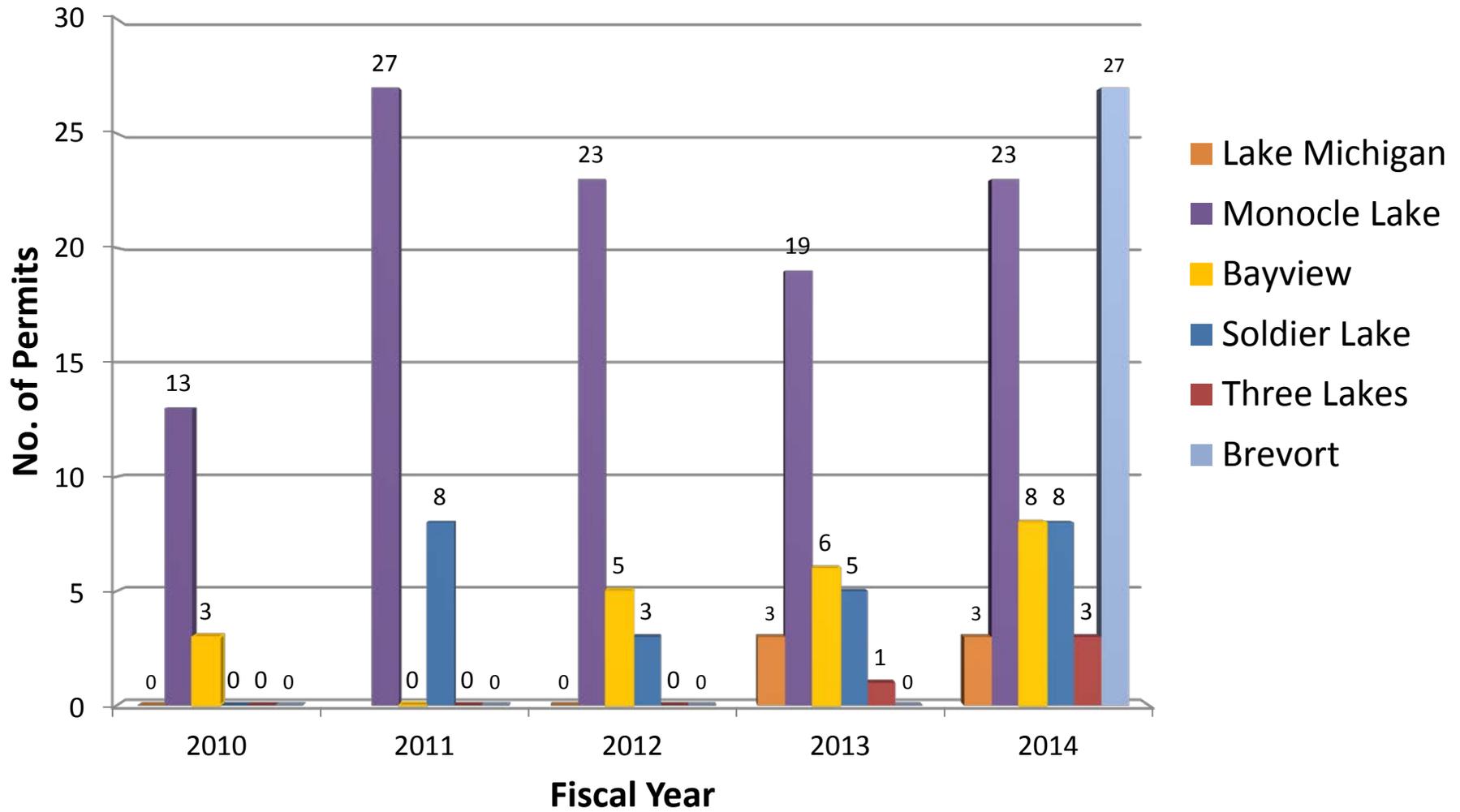
**HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FOREST**

FY	No. of Permits	No. of Nights	Average Night/Permits
2001	0	0	0
2002	0	0	0
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2004	0	0	0
2005	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0
2008	0	0	0
2009	0	0	0
2010	0	0	0
2011	0	0	0
2012	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0

**OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST**

FY	No. of Permits	No. of Nights	Average Night/Permits
2001	26	182	7.0
2002	21	146	7.0
2003	39	228	5.8
2004	24	251	10.5
2005	37	276	7.5
2006	58	578	10
2007	67	610	9.1
2008	41	356	8.7
2009	64	476	7.4
2010	51	421	8.2
2011	44	357	8.0
2012	40	286	7.2
2013	25	207	8.0
2014	26	256	9.8

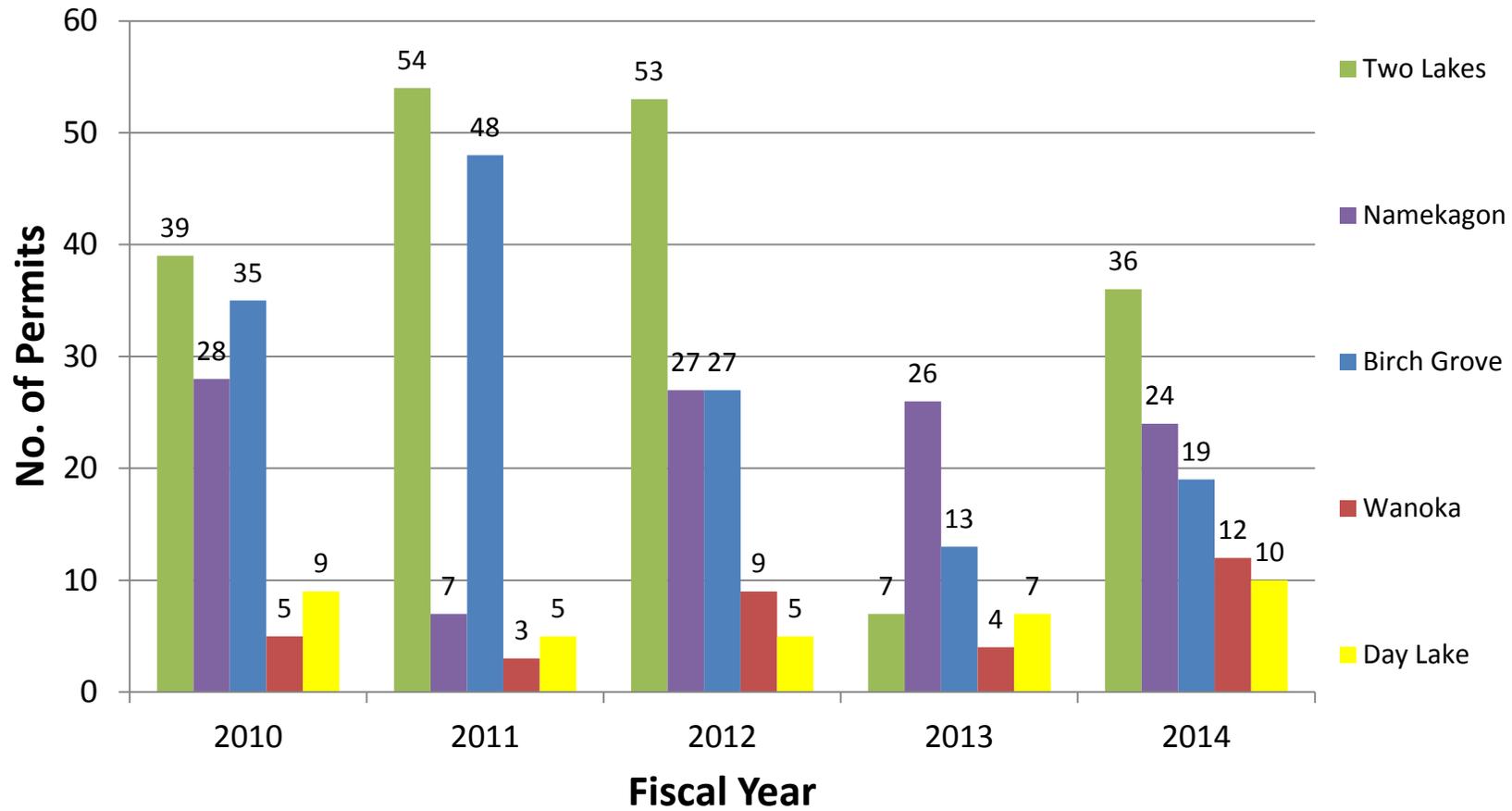
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## Campground Fee & Length of Stay Waiver Use Report

# Chequamegon-Nicolet NF

( Five Highest Use Campgrounds )



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