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Dear Forest Stakeholder,

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) is pleased to present the Forest Proposal for the 2010 Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) Update. This proposal represents both the results of our public engagement and our evaluation of public suggestions for roads to add to or remove from the 2009 MVUM. Our proposal also includes internal Forest Service suggestions to add or remove roads as well as map corrections. The internal suggestions and corrections would cause a change to the roads and trails displayed on the 2009 MVUM. I would like to point out that our proposal includes only those roads that are a change from the 2009 version of the MVUM. The description of this proposal is included in the enclosed document.

Since the January publication of the 2009 MVUM, we have continually asked the public for suggestions on roads to add to or remove from that map. We asked the public:

- To submit their suggestions by specific road number;
- To indicate whether highway legal vehicles and/or wheeled vehicles 50" wide or less were desired or whether no public motorized use was desired; and
- To include a rationale for their request.

The Forest Proposal represents all comments received through September 4, 2009.

The next step in our process is providing you with a 30-day comment period to review our proposal as well as to provide you with the opportunity to continue submitting your suggestions for roads to add to or remove from the 2009 MVUM. Please be assured that any road suggestions received after September 4 and through the formal comment period will be considered and the evaluation results will be included in my decision. In particular, we are asking for your comments on the following:

1. The enclosed 2010 MVUM Update Forest Proposal.
2. The proposal for motorized access to dispersed campsites as described on page 2 of the enclosed document.
3. Suggestions for roads to add to or remove from the 2009 MVUM. You may use the enclosed Road Request Form to submit your road suggestions.

The enclosed Forest Proposal contains a list of roads included in our proposal. Maps of our proposal can be viewed or printed on the CNNF internet website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/MVUM/index.html>. For hard copies of the maps, you may contact our project leader, Joan Marburger (see the end of this letter for Joan's contact information). When requesting hard copies of the maps, please specify the District you are interested in reviewing.

The purpose of the 2010 Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) Update, which encompasses the entire Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF), is only to designate which roads and trails will be available for public motor vehicle use, and therefore included on the MVUM. The outcome of this project is a designated network of roads and trails available for public motor vehicle use on the CNNF. This project would be in concert with the goals and objectives outlined in the 2004 CNNF Land and Resource Management Plan. This project complies with the Travel Management Rule.



How to Comment and Timeframe

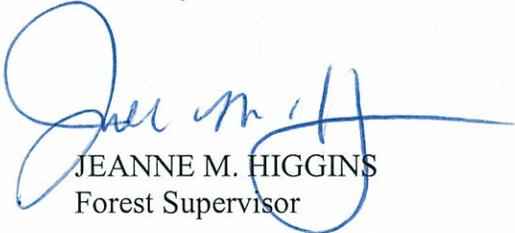
This 30-day comment period has certain requirements associated with it. This 30-day comment period provides you an opportunity to comment on our proposal prior to my decision. Only those who provide comments during this comment period will be eligible to appeal my decision (36 CFR 215). The requirements describing how to submit your comments and the timeframes you must follow are:

- Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of Legal Notice in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis (planned publication date is the week of November 2, 2009). Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations at 36 CFR 215 prohibit extending the length of the comment period.
- Written comments must be submitted to: Responsible Official Jeanne Higgins, Forest Supervisor, Attn: 2010 MVUM Update, 1170 4th Avenue S, Park Falls, WI 54552; or FAX 715-762-5179. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- Verbal comments must be provided during normal business hours via telephone or in person. See attachment for list of individuals accepting comments, how/where to contact them and their normal business hours.
- Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to "comments-eastern-chequamegon-nicolet@fs.fed.us". Please include "2010 MVUM Update" in the subject line. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for appeal eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.
- It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the 30-day comment period. Only those who submit timely comments will have eligibility to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR 215. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 215.6.

Although the above requirements may seem daunting, they are essential in helping me receive your comments and suggestions early enough so I can effectively consider them when I make my decision. If you feel the 2010 MVUM Update Forest Proposal already meets your motorized access needs, you may find there is no further need to participate in this step of the process. If this is the case, thank you for your continued participation in our process.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Joan Marburger via phone at 715-762-5178.

Sincerely,



JEANNE M. HIGGINS
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures

Individuals accepting verbal comments for the CNNF 2010 MVUM Update Forest Proposal

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