

**ORDER OF THE PRAIRIE SUPERVISOR  
CLOSING AN AREA TO ENTRY, TO WIT:**

**MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE**

Under the authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551), and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth at 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B [36 CFR 261.50(a) and or (b)], the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, within the following area located in Will County, Illinois, said area being described below and designated as shown on the map set forth at Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereto:

At the corner of Rt. 53 and Hoff Road, go east for six miles stopping at the Will County Forest Preserve's Wauponsee Glacial Trail. Follow the Wauponsee Glacial Trail southwest for 4.5 miles, stopping at Quigley Road. Follow Quigley Road west onto South Arsenal Road for 4.5 miles. Turn south onto Rt. 53 for .5 mile, then west onto New River Road for 3.5 miles. The boundary then turns north along Des Plaines Conservation Area for 2 miles to Blodgett Road. At Blodgett Road turn northeast following closely to the railroad tracks for 2.75 miles where it intersects with more railroad tracks, from the NW. Turn east for two miles, and then turn south for .5 mile. Follow Diagonal Road back to the point of beginning. An 80 acre land addition to the prairie, named Morgan Woods, is on the NE corner of Hoff Road and Cherry Hill Road, .25 mile x .5 mile.

**1. It is prohibited to go into, enter, use or be upon any area that is closed for the protection of Special Biological Communities except on trails designated for such use or activity. 36 CFR 261.53(b).**

*For the purpose of this order, this restriction includes but is not limited to all bicycles, pets and horses off designated trails, within the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, for the protection of grassland bird nesting, breeding and the protection of native grasses.*

**THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR RESOURCE PROTECTION. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS IN 36 CFR PART 261, SUBPART A. THE PROHIBITIONS WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE PRAIRIE SUPERVISOR.**

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

1. Persons with a 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).

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Dated this 4th day of June 2004, at Wilmington, Illinois.

/s/ Logan Lee  
Logan Lee  
Prairie Supervisor  
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

EXHIBIT A – Midewin NTP Closure Orders

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