

ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
EMERGENCY PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE
AFFECTING PORTIONS OF THE
SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

Under authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, 16 USC 551, and pursuant to the Secretary of the Agriculture's Regulations set forth at 39 CFR 261.50(a) and 261.50(b), and 261.50(f), the following acts or omissions are prohibited on portions of Superior National Forest System lands, roads, and trails, Lake County, Minnesota. These restrictions go into effect at noon on Thursday, September 13, 2012.

1. BWCAW CAMPSITE CLOSURE: It is prohibited to be upon BWCAW campsites and areas which are posted closed and included in the closure area. 36 CFR 261.53(e) Special Closures, Public Health or Safety.
2. AFFECTED AREA: The following campsites, portages, and areas of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness are closed (see Appendix A for a map of the Emerald Fire closure area).

Emerald Fire Lake closures: From the US/Canadian border heading south along the section lines of T 65 N, R 7 W, sections 21 and 28, including all campsites on islands and peninsulas on adjacent lands, the following lakes, portages, and campsites are closed: from the US/Canadian border on Knife Lake to the east end of Swamp Lake, South Arm of Knife Lake, Little Knife Lake, Amoeber Lake, Topaz Lake, Cherry Lake, Hanson Lake, Clam Lake, Lunar Lake, Lake of the Clouds, Rivalry Lake, Gijikiki Lake, Ester Lake, Ottertrack Lake, Rabbit Lake, Ashdick Lake, Swamp Lake. Portages from South Arm of Knife Lake to Bonnie Lake, South Arm of Knife Lake to Sema Lake, South Arm of Knife Lake to Eddy Lake, Swamp Lake to Saganaga Lake are closed.

Northbound travel from Bonnie Lake, across the Bonnie Lake to South Arm Knife Lake portage, and westbound transit through the South Arm Knife Lake to Knife Lake and out of the closure area is allowed.

3. Closure signs will be used at normal points of access to delineate the closure area.

THESE EMERGENCY RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND SAFETY DUE TO WILDLAND FIRES IN THE VICINITY OF THE AFFECTED LANDS, WATERS, TRAILS, PORTAGES, CANOE ROUTES, AND DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES. THESE RESTRICTIONS WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT AS LONG AS THEY ARE POSTED ON-SITE AND UNTIL RESCINDED.

THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS FOUND AT 36 CFR 261, SUBPART A, THE GENERAL OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTITONS FOUND IN FOREST ORDER NOS. R909-06-01, R909-05-02, R909-04-06. THIS FOREST ORDER RECINGS AND SUPERCEDES ORDER NO. R909-11-19.

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.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area, when authorized and when accompanied by a Forest Officer or official member of the Incident Command Team.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2012 Duluth, Minnesota.

/s/ _____
Brenda Halter
Forest Supervisor
Superior National Forest Service

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. [16 USC § 551, 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.]