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CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST

SHUTTING DOWN RESTROOMS AT RECREATION SITES

Rhinelander, WI – MARCH 26, 2020 -- The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is shutting down restroom facilities at recreation sites across the National Forest, however, trails and roads may be open for use. These closures are to protect the health and safety of employees and members of the public during the COVID-19 outbreak in accordance with guidance from federal and state authorities.

“We are committed to the health and safety of recreational visitors and our staff,” said Paul Strong, Forest Supervisor on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. “We are following the guidelines from our department and the CDC regarding COVID-19, closely monitoring the situation and responding to current conditions.”

The Chequamegon-Nicolet asks the public to please recreate responsibly. Law enforcement and/or search and rescue operations may be limited due to COVID-19 issues. High-risk activities such as rock climbing, etc. or backcountry activities that increase your chance of injury or distress should be avoided. Please remember to pack-out what you pack-in.

Please visit www.fs.fed.us/ivm to discover the full range of activities in your area. We also encourage you to follow public health guidelines regarding social distancing while you recreate in National Forests.

These actions have been taken based on the best available medical advice to limit gatherings of large numbers of people and to promote social distancing. Visitors are encouraged to contact their local forest or ranger district <https://www.fs.usda.gov/cnnf> for the latest office hours and availability.

Visitors to our National Forests are urged to take the precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). For tips from the CDC on preventing illnesses like the coronavirus, go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html>.

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