



ORDER NO. 09-13-22-02

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING TRAIL USE ON THE
CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to the provisions of 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Wisconsin, due to hazards associated with seasonal spring thaw and the need to protect ground resources.

The following are prohibited:

- 1. Using a bicycle, horse, or other pack or saddle animal on National Forest Trails through approximately May 15, 2022.**
- 2. Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System Trails until approximately May 15, 2022.**

The prohibitions of this order shall remain in effect through approximately May 15, 2022 and terminated by the Forest Supervisor.

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

1. Persons with a valid permit in their possession and signed by the District Ranger or Forest Supervisor specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons who are contractors or other authorized personnel.
3. Any Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C., 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Dated this _ day of April 2022, at Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

Paul Strong
Forest Supervisor, Chequamegon-Nicolet
National Forest