Order Number: # 09-13-23-01



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST LAKEWOOD LAONA RANGER DISTRICT EMERGENCY ORDER MOTORIZED TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS/TRAIL CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R § 261.55(b), and to provide for public safety and to ensure the integrity of the ANR Pipeline Company's high pressure natural gas pipeline, the following acts are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands on the Trail 55552, the Pipeline 4x4 Challenge Trail, on the Lakewood-Laona Ranger District of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest described in detail below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A ("Restricted Area"):

1. Entering or using locations in Exhibit A using a motorized vehicle other than a snowmobile. **36 C.F.R.** § **261.55(b)**

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA

The Restricted Area is in Oconto County, Wisconsin and includes the following townships, sections, and ranges:

Township	Range	Sections
31 North	17 East	35, 26, 25 24, 13, 12, and 1
32 North	17 East	36, 25, 24, 13, 12, and 1
33 North	17 East	36, 25, 24, and 13

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. This Emergency Order will be effective on 4/14/2023 at 1 p.m. and shall remain in effect until 4/14/2025.
- 2. A map of the Restricted Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
- 3. A violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571(b)(6), 3581(b)(7)).
- 4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Lakewood Ranger District Office at 715-276-6333, the Laona District Office at 715-674-4481, and at the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest,715-362-1300.

Signed in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, this 5th day of April 2023.

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Chequamegon-Nicolet Forest Supervisor