



ORDER NUMBER: R9-10-20-02

**TEMPORARY ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING PUBLIC USE OF
DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES ON THE HIAWATHA NATIONAL FOREST**

AREA CLOSURES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

IN RESPONSE TO COVID – 19

HIAWATHA NATIONAL FOREST-MICHIGAN

Under the authority of the Act of Congress dated June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551) and the Secretary of Agriculture’s regulation 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on Hiawatha National Forest lands located within Delta, Marquette, Alger, Schoolcraft, Chippewa, and Mackinac Counties within the State of Michigan:

Using any area within the Hiawatha National Forest by a group larger than ten (10) people at one time. Groups larger than ten people must split into smaller groups and recreate at least 200 yards apart.	36 CFR 261.58 (f)
Entering or occupying a developed campground (Exhibits A-E) <i>(Note: Persons can enter campgrounds on foot for the sole purpose of exercise and/or accessing hiking trails. Provided they maintain recommended CDC guidance regarding Social Distancing of six feet apart)</i>	36 CFR 261.53 (e)
Entering or occupying any National Forest restroom facility.	36 CFR 261.53 (e)
Camping on National Forest lands.	36 CFR 261.58 (e)
Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire, including charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves, and shepherd’s stoves. <i>(Note: pressurized liquid or gas devices (stoves, grills or lanterns) with shut-off valves in an area at least three feet from any flammable materials are NOT included in this restriction)</i>	36 CFR 261.52 (a)

THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN 36 CFR PART 261. THE PROHIBITIONS WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR



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Campfire or Fire – A fire, not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation, which is used for cooking, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or esthetic purposes.

Camping – The temporary use of National Forest System lands for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently-fixed structure.

Developed Campground – An area which has been developed or improved for the purpose of overnight occupancy. Such area requires a fee for use.

Group – Any collection, assemblage, cluster, or aggregation of persons.

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or official, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force, while in the performance of an official duty.
3. Tribal members exercising their federal treaty rights within the boundaries of their treaty territory (also known as “ceded territory”) with the exception of 36 CFR 261.52(a)

Under authority of Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571, violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of up to \$5000 and/or imprisonment for up to six months.

Executed in Gladstone, Michigan this 20th day of April 2020.



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