



ORDER R9-03-20-08

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR  
RESTRICTING OCCUPANCY AND USE, TO WIT:  
CHIPPEWA 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 Chippewa National Forest, Minnesota, due to hazards associated with the COVID-19 virus.

The following are prohibited:

1. **Entering or being upon or in an area described in the order, and as shown on the map attached, as closed for reasons of public health and safety. (36 CFR 261.53(e))**  
Entering the following campgrounds:  
Norway Beach Recreation Area, including the day use area; except the boat access will remain open for public use
2. **Using any area within the Chippewa National Forest by a group larger than 10 (10) people at one time. Groups larger than 10 people must split into smaller groups and recreate at least 200 yards apart. (36 CFR 261.58 (f))**

**The prohibitions of this order shall remain in effect until 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 permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)); and,
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty (36 CFR 261.50(e)(4)).

Activities by Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe citizens and on-reservation tribal residents within the external boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation are exempt from the restrictions in this order but may be subject to restrictions by tribal authorities.

**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 July 2020, at Cass Lake MN.

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**Lee Stewart**  
Acting Forest Supervisor