



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST**

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR RESTRICTING  
OCCUPANCY AND USE, TO WIT:**

**SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST BWCAW FIRE CLOSURE**

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 Superior National Forest, due to hazards on portions of lands within Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) and trails in Cook and Lake Counties, Northeastern Minnesota. These restrictions go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2023.

The following are prohibited:

**It is prohibited to enter the following lakes and portage trails which are posted closed and are listed in Exhibit A and depicted in Exhibit B. 36 CFR 261.53(e) Special Closures, Public Health or Safety.**

These emergency restrictions are necessary for the public's health and safety due to wildland fires in the vicinity of the affected lands, waters, trails, portages, canoe routes, and all recreation sites. These restrictions will remain in effect for as long as they are posted on-site and until terminated by the forest supervisor.

**Exemptions:**

1. *Persons with permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or commission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)).*
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)).*
3. *Persons engaged in a business, trade or occupation in the area, when authorized and when accompanied by a Forest Officer or official member of the Incident Command Team (36 CFR 261.50(e)(5)).*

*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 June 2023, at Duluth, Minnesota.

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**Earlene Jackson**  
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Superior National Forest