

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

SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST SPICE LAKE FIRE

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 Friday, June 16, 2023.

Restrictions Enacted on Friday, June 16, 2023, remain in effect.

The following are prohibited:

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

BWCAW CAMPSITES, PORTAGES, LAKES AND TRAILS:

- All trails, campsites, portages, rivers and lakes that are within the closure area shown in Exhibit A, including but not limited to Agamok Lake, Ahmakose Lake, Amoeber Lake, Annie Lake, Ashdick Lake, Bonnie Lake, Callico Lake, Cap Lake, Cherry Lake, Clam Lake, Eddy Lake, Ester Lake, Fee Lake, Gijikiki Lake, Hanson Lake, Hoe Lake, Holt Lake, Jasper Lake, Jenny Lake, Kek Ponds, Kekekabic Lake, Kingfisher Lake, Knife Lake (partially closed), Lake of the Clouds, Ledge Lake, Little Knife Lake, Lunar Lake, Mueller Lake, Mueller Lake, Nabek Lake, Ogishkemuncie Lake, Ottertrack Lake, Pickle Lake, Rabbit Lake, Rivaly Lake, Roe Lake, Sagus Lake, Sema Lake, Skindance Lake, South Arm of Knife Lake, Spice Lake, Spoon Lake, Strup Lake, Toe Lake, Topaz Lake, Vee Lake, Wisini Lake.
- All zones of the Pitfall Pristine Management Area (1 through 3), and the Mugwump Pristine Management Area (1 through 5).
- The Kekekabic Trail- the area from the BWCAW boundary west of the Gunflint Trail to the series of portages between Thomas Lake and Ima Lake (see Exhibit A).

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.

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 15 day of June 2023, at Duluth MN.

THOMAS HALL

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