



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
U.S. FOREST SERVICE  
SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST - KAWISHIWI RANGER DISTRICT/ BWCAW**

***EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER***

***09-09-25-06***

**RESTRICTING OCCUPANCY AND USE, TO WIT:**

**PROHIBITIONS**

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) in Lake County, Northeastern Minnesota. These restrictions go into effect at 17:01 p.m. CT on Tuesday, May 27. The following are prohibited:

**It is prohibited to enter the area depicted in Exhibit B map and more specifically described in Exhibit A pursuant to 36 CFR 261.53(e). This includes all trails in the area defined and which are posted closed as specifically described in Exhibit A pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 261.55(a) - Being on the Trail.**

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**

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

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)).

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be effective on May 27, 2025, at 12:01 pm CT, and shall remain in effect until rescinded.
2. A list of identified locations and a map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A & B.
3. Any 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 (6) months, or both (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581 (b)(7)).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Superior National Forest Supervisor's Office located in Duluth, telephone number 218-626-4300.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Signed in Duluth, Minnesota, this 27th day of May 2025.

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Superior National Forest