



News Release Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

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Fire closes Emily Lake Campground, Wabasso Lake landing, Forest Roads 1178 and 514, and Adjacent National Forest Lands

Park Falls, Wis. June 1, 2006 – Wildfire suppression activities will keep Emily Lake Campground, Wabasso Lake Boat Landing and Picnic Area on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest closed until firefighters have completed monitoring an 80-acre wildfire which was contained on May 31, 2006. The forest lands in the fire area north of FR 142, between FR 1178 and FR 514 are closed to public use at this time as well.

This popular recreation area 15 miles west of Minocqua in Vilas County has been closed since a lightning-caused wildfire caused evacuation of campers last Saturday afternoon. “The area will remain closed as long as the firefighters are monitoring the fire activity and mopping up the fire.” said District Ranger Bob Hennes.

The area will be closed at least through the weekend and possibly longer if no significant rain is received. Lightning from a May 28th storm caused at least three fires on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

Nearby District campgrounds at Sailor Lake, Smith Rapids and Twin Lake remain open and accessible by vehicle.

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