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Emily Lake Campground, Wabasso Lake boat landing, And Forest Roads 1178 and 514 reopen after fire

Park Falls, Wis. June 7, 2006 – On June 7, 2006, District Ranger Bob Hennes announced the reopening of the Emily Lake Campground, Wabasso Lake Boat Landing and adjacent forest roads following the successful containment and control of the Emily Lake Fire. The fire, which began during the Memorial Day Weekend, proved to be a challenging suppression effort as numerous hot spots continued to appear during last week's dry and windy weather. A new small spot fire, of undetermined origin, was found and extinguished on Friday afternoon.



Aerial view of the Emily Lake fire

Throughout the last week, fire fighters used hand held infrared sensors and aerial observers in aircraft to locate these hot spots and put them out. Recent rains have now further reduced the fire danger in the Emily Lake area. "I greatly appreciated the public cooperation in observing the closure in the fire area during the last week," said Ranger Hennes. "The successful suppression of this fire was supported by excellent assistance from the Lac du Flambeau Fire and Police Departments, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Vilas County Sheriff's Department, the Menominee Nation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Ashland, the Blackwell Job Corps Center, and other offices of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest across Northern Wisconsin."