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Hunters reminded of motorized vehicle policies on the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF

Park Falls and Rhinelander, WI – August 24, 2006 – Forest Service officials want to remind hunters that there are new rules regarding the use of motorized vehicles on the Forest.

"We welcome the return of hunters to enjoy the fall hunting season, and just want to remind them that there are existing rules in place for where they can ride their ATVs and vehicles," said Forest Supervisor Anne Archie.

All Forest Service roads and trails open to ATV use on the Chequamegon side of the Forest are posted with signs. New ATV route maps are available for free at District offices in Medford, Park Falls, Glidden, Hayward, and Washburn.



According to Archie, "All off-road/off-trail use throughout the Forest is no longer allowed. Crosscountry travel was banned two years ago. In addition, riders can't go beyond road closure devices such as gates, rocks or earthen berms."

This includes hunters who traditionally used their ATVs or vehicles to travel cross country into the forest to construct temporary deer blinds or stands. The only way to do this now will be on foot.

A set of Frequently Asked Questions about motorized use, maps, and other information are available on the Forest web site at <u>www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/rec/atv/index.html</u>.

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