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Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

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New recreation fees now in effect on the Chequamegon-Nicolet NF

Park Falls and Rhinelander, Wisc. – May 2, 2007. At an April 25, 2007 meeting of the Eastern Region Recreation Resources Advisory Committee (RRAC), a proposal to increase recreation fees on the Chequamegon-Nicolet was recommended to Regional Forester Randy Moore. The Regional Forester agreed with the RRAC recommendations and approved the fee increases on May 1, 2007. This will affect areas on the Forest including campgrounds and day use sites where fees are currently charged.

The RRAC, developed under guidance in the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004, is responsible for providing advice and recommendations to the Regional Forester concerning recreation fees on National Forests.

Most campground fees increased \$2 to \$3 per night above the previous fee. The new fees will range from \$5 to \$20 per night with an average cost of \$12 per night. Fees at Boulder Lake Campground, located in Langlade County, will be higher because of recent improvements, including flush toilets, showers, and electricity at several campsites. The new fees at Boulder Lake are as follows: Family sites without electricity - \$15, family sites with electricity – \$20, small group sites (accommodating up to 16 people) - \$35, large group sites (accommodating up to 30 people) - \$60.

Day use fee sites, such as trailheads, boat launches, and beaches have increased to \$5.00 per vehicle per day or \$20.00 for an annual vehicle pass. For the \$20 annual vehicle passes, one second pass for the same household can be purchased for \$10.

District recreation personnel are currently in the process of posting the new fees at campgrounds and day use sites, and anticipate having all the new fee amounts posted in the next couple of weeks. The new fees go into effect immediately.

“Recreation fees on the Forest haven’t increased since 1998. The fee increases will allow us to maintain our historic high level of maintenance and service at these sites,” according to Acting Forest Supervisor, Jeanne Higgins, “In addition, fees collected at day use sites have allowed us to make several improvements, including information signage, new toilets, picnic tables, and fire rings.”