



## News Release Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

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### CHEQUAMEGON – NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST ANNOUNCES OPEN HOUSES on Road and Trail Designations

September 19, 2007 - Rhinelander, WI--- Want to know all about the Travel Management Rule? The **Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest** will be hosting five Open Houses across the Forest during October 2007 to present the initial proposal for the Travel Management Rule. The initial proposal is based on comments gathered last winter/spring from the public, local governments, tribes and Forest Service resource specialists.

The Open Houses will include a brief presentation of the Travel Management Rule and the process for determining designated roads and trails as available for motorized use. The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest's initial proposal of designated roads and trails will also be discussed. Forest Service staff will be available after the presentation to answer your questions and receive your written comments. You will have an opportunity to view maps of the current transportation system and the initial proposal. Comments and suggestions regarding designations for motorized vehicle use are welcome. As of early October the maps will also be available at District Offices and on the Forest web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf).

Open Houses are scheduled as follows:

**Presentation: 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.    Open House: 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 4:** Best Western Crandon Inn, Crandon

**Wednesday, October 10:** Phillips High School, Phillips

**Thursday, October 11:** Lincoln Town Hall, Eagle River

**Monday, October 15:** Lakewoods Resort, Cable

**Tuesday, October 16:** Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland

The *Travel Management Rule* requires that the Forest Service designate those roads, trails and areas that are open to motorized vehicle use. If appropriate, class of vehicle and season of use will be designated also. "Open Houses will be held in each Ranger District, providing the public an opportunity to interact with Forest personnel ask questions and learn more about the Travel Management Rule," Forest Supervisor Jeanne Higgins said. The Rule, which moves the Forest to a designated system of roads and trails for Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use, prohibits cross-country travel. "This does not mean that OHVs are not allowed on the Forest," stated Higgins, "In fact, in the right places and managed carefully, OHV recreation is an appropriate use of the National

Forest. The Travel Management Rule provides that OHVs are to be operated on roads and trails that allow for that use.”

For additional information on the Open Houses, please call Joan Marburger, 715-762-5178, or BJ Johnson, 715-362-1335. If you plan on attending an Open House and need special accommodations, please call in advance.

To learn more about the Travel Management Rule, please visit [www.fs.fed/r9/cnnf](http://www.fs.fed/r9/cnnf) or call your local Forest Service office.