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Chequamegon-Nicolet NF completes Travel Management Project Environmental Assessment

Rhineland, WI - July 11, 2008. As part of the Travel Management Project, the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) has prepared an Environmental Assessment that documents the analysis of three alternatives involving site specific designations regarding motorized vehicle use within the boundaries of the Forest. Vehicle classes allowed include: all terrain vehicles (ATVs) and highway legal vehicles. Motorcycles are included in the definition of ATVs.

The outcome of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Travel Management Project will be a designated system of roads and trails available for public motorized vehicle use on the Forest. The purpose of this project is only to determine (designate) which roads and trails will be included on the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM).

“We recognize the high level of interest the public has when it comes to issues of access to National Forest lands. We will continue to involve the public and listen to their input about roads they are interested in seeing added or removed from the designated system. Now is a great time for people to take the opportunity to comment.” said Tony Erba, CNNF Deputy Forest Supervisor.

The Environmental Assessment will be available for public review and comment during a 30-day comment period. The comment period will begin following publication of a legal notice in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Publication of the notice is expected during the week of July 14, 2008.

Comments received during the 30-day comment period will be considered by the Forest Supervisor prior to making a final decision this fall. Implementation will occur in January 2009 with the publication of the MVUM. The MVUM, showing the designated system, will be available on line and at District Offices free of charge.

To view the Environmental Assessment and maps of the alternatives or for more information about the project and how to submit comments: Check the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/rec/tmr/index.html> or call Joan Marburger, 715-762-5178.

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