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FOREST SERVICE ANNOUNCES REDUCED OPERATING HOURS AT THE MANISTIQUE RANGER DISTRICT OFFICE

District Ranger Dave Silvieus announced today that winter hours for the District Office in Manistique will take effect on Monday, November 10th, 2008. Beginning on Monday, the Manistique District office will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 until 11:30 AM, and from noon until 4:30 PM. The office will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Silvieus anticipates returning to a Monday through Friday schedule at the Manistique office in early May.

"Reductions in funding have resulted in the need to close the Manistique office two days a week during the winter months" said Silvieus. "However, the Rapid River District office will remain open five days a week and the public is welcome to stop by or call that office if they have any questions that need immediate attention on Tuesdays and Thursdays." The Rapid River District office is located one mile east of Rapid River on US Highway 2 and can be reached by calling 474-6442. The Rapid River District hours are also 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM.

If anyone has any questions, they are asked to contact Silvieus at 474-6442 x 123.

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