

News Release Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

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First Motor Vehicle Use Map Now Available

Rhinelander, WI February 23, 2009- As of February 27 the first annual Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) will be available free of charge at any of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) offices as well as on the web-site at <u>http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/</u>. The map is the product from the implementation of the U.S. Forest Service's national Travel Management Rule.

The MVUM displays the roads and trails designated as open to public motorized travel on the CNNF. The MVUM also displays allowed uses by vehicle class (for example, off-highway vehicles and highway legal vehicles), season of allowed use, and provides information on other travel rules and regulations. Routes not shown on this first MVUM are unavailable for public motorized travel. It will be the public's responsibility to know where they are on the MVUM.

"This first MVUM is the product of over 2 years of gathering public comments. We will continue with our commitment to provide education, out-reach and the opportunity to be part of this annual process." said Forest Supervisor, Jeanne Higgins. To bring a road forward for consideration for the next MVUM to be published in March 2010 comments need to be received by the end of November 2009.

For more information visit http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/.

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