

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR  
DESIGNATING SPECIAL CLOSURES  
ON GRAND ISLAND NATIONAL RECREATION AREA  
OF THE HIAWATHA NATIONAL FOREST**

Under the authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551), and the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations 36 CFR 261.50(a) and or (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the Hiawatha National Forest.

1. **Camping in or within 100 feet of the Research Natural Area. 36 CFR 261.53(b)**
2. **Collecting, gathering or removing firewood from the Research Natural Area. 36 CFR 261.53 (b)**
3. **Possession of a metal detecting device. 36 CFR 261.53(c)**
4. **Rock Climbing or rappelling. 36 CFR 261.53(c)**
5. **Placing camping equipment greater than fifteen (15) feet from the numbered post of a designated campsite. 36 CFR 261.53(b)**
6. **Operating a snowmobile or bicycle on the southeast knob of the island, otherwise known as the "thumb" area. 36 CFR 261.53(b)**

**Definitions for the purpose of this order:**

**Research Natural Area** is located at the far north end of Grand Island, extending east along the shoreline from North Point, one half mile, and about one quarter mile inland. Signs are posted at the intersection of the east/west-hiking trail and at the boundaries. The signs state "Day use only behind this sign".

**Thumb Area** is described as the southeast portion of Grand Island, which is separated from the main part of the island by a narrow piece of upland conifer and wetlands. The boundaries of the thumb are Trout Point, Wick Point, Muskrat Point and the steep slope on the east side of the Tombolo.

**Tombolo Area** is described as the narrow piece of upland conifer and wetlands between Murray Bay and Trout Bay. The boundaries of the Tombolo are Trout Bay, the steep slope on the west edge of the Thumb, Murray Bay and a line heading north from Murray Bay beach to the Trout Bay Overlook Cut Across Trail.

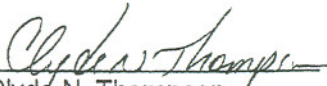
**Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e) the following persons will be exempt from the order:**

1. Any Federal, State, or Local officers, or members of an organized rescue or firefighting force, engaged in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a valid permit in their possession signed by the District Ranger or Forest Supervisor specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

3. Individuals identified as exempt in other agreements or (MOU's) Memorandum of Understanding.

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 and imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both under the authority of Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2000, at Escanaba, Michigan.

  
Clyde N. Thompson  
Forest Supervisor  
Hiawatha National Forest

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Dashed line indicates  
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