

ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
FIREWOOD RESTRICTIONS FOR THE
CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST

Under authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, 16 USC 551, and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth at 36 CFR 261.50(a) and 261.50(b), the following acts or omissions are prohibited on National Forest System lands, roads and trails on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in Ashland, Bayfield, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, Oneida, Florence, Forest, Langlade and Oconto Counties, Wisconsin:

STAGE I RESTRICTIONS

1. It is prohibited to possess, store, or transport any firewood that originates from outside of the state of Wisconsin. Firewood from an approved pest-free firewood vendor is allowed. 36 CFR 261.58(t).

STAGE II RESTRICTIONS

2. It is prohibited to possess, store, or transport any firewood that originates from outside the state of Wisconsin and originates from a distance of greater than 50 miles from the boundaries of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Firewood from an approved pest-free firewood vendor is allowed. 36 CFR 261.58(t).

STAGE III RESTRICTIONS

3. It is prohibited to possess, store, or transport any firewood that does not originate from within the boundaries of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Firewood from an approved pest-free firewood vendor is allowed. 36 CFR 261.58(t).

STAGE I RESTRICTIONS will be implemented immediately upon execution of this order. STAGE II and STAGE III RESTRICTIONS will be implemented when the Forest Supervisor determines that more restrictive measures are necessary to mitigate the threat of Emerald Ash Borer and other non-native invasive pests and she declares, through appropriate public notice, that STAGE II or STAGE III RESTRICTIONS shall be in effect within the area described.

SUPPLEMENTAL DEFINITIONS

FIREWOOD means any part or portion of a tree that has been cut and removed from its original location and is to be used as fuel for heating or cooking in open pit, grill, fireplace or stove.

APPROVED PEST-FREE FIREWOOD VENDOR means those commercial sources of firewood whose product has been authorized for resale, barter or trade by Federal, Tribal, State, or County Governments, and has been approved or certified as being pest free.

THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS FOUND AT 36 CFR PART 261, SUBPART A, AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL TERMINATED OR RESCINDED BY THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.

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Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Dated this 24 day of August, 2006, in Park Falls, Wisconsin.



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Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual, or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. [16 USC § 551, 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571].