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## Flood damage assessments continue in parts of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

**PARK FALLS, Wis. (June 18, 2018)** – Parts of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest have experienced flooding due to the recent heavy rains. Closed roads include portions of US Highway 2 near Ashland, which leads to the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. The NGLVC is closed until further notice. Road and trail damage is heaviest on the southern end of the Washburn Ranger District and on the northwest part of Great Divide Ranger District.

Damage assessment teams are on the ground now. We will continue to provide the public with updates regarding the status of roads, trails, and campgrounds through news releases and social media posts.

Visitors are urged to stay cautious. Do not drive through water. When in doubt, turn around. Stay alert and drive with caution. Do not go around barricades.

The latest road closure information and other updates, including reports from the Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center (EOC), is available online, here: <http://511wi.gov> (Twitter @511WI) and Ready Wisconsin: <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/> @readywisconsin.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) provides health information related to floods in the guide “Recovering Safely from a Flood: Stay Healthy and Safe.” The guide is available online, here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/flood/index.htm>.

To report flooding, property owners can call 2-1-1.

For more information, visit the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/CNNE](http://www.fs.usda.gov/CNNE) or call the Great Divide Ranger District at 715-634-4821 or Washburn Ranger District at 715-373-2667.

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