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## **RAINBOW LAKE WILDERNESS DAMAGED BY STORMS**

**WASHBURN, Wis. (June 24, 2018)** – The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is continuing to make repairs and assess flood damages from last weekend’s storms.

“This weekend Forest Service employees and volunteers have been working on assessing non-motorized trails that were in the impacted areas,” said Brad Turberville, District Ranger on the Washburn Ranger District of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. “The trails in the Rainbow Lake Wilderness, Anderson Grade Lower Lake Trail, and the portion of the North Country Trail in the Wilderness were all damaged and are closed until further notice.”

The Forest has added several non-motorized trails to the closure order to keep the public safe until the water recedes and damage can be fully assessed and repaired.

Yesterday, crews completed repairs to two more ATV Trails that are now open. Trail 31 (Bayfield Trail) is open from the intersection of Trail 35 north to Forest Road 698 and the southern half of Trail 13 (Ridge Top Trail) is now open near the Valhalla Recreation Area.

“Updates will be posted to our website as trail repairs are made and opened,” he added. “If you are traveling in the impacted area or planning a hike please call ahead or check our website for the latest conditions. We want everyone to be safe while visiting their National Forest.”

For more information, visit Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/5852/>; or the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest website: [www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF](http://www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF) or call the Washburn Ranger District at 715-373-2667. You can also follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/CNNF002> or like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CNNF002>.

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