



## **Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest 2019 July Storm Event – August 2, 2019**

Strong winds and rain caused significant damage to portions of the Lakewood-Laona Ranger District on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest on July 19, 2019.

Forest Service personnel began surveying the damage immediately following the storm and have been working to clear debris from recreation sites, roads, and trails on the Forest.

The Forest issued an emergency closure order for roads, trails, dispersed and developed recreation sites in the area of the storm. This order will be updated as often as needed to reflect changes as areas are cleared and reopened for the public to use. Please check the closure order and refer to the map for locations of closed roads and recreation sites at <http://go.usa.gov/xyA8D>.



**Recreation Areas that are open in the damaged area include:** Bass Lake, Barrier Free Fishing, Boot Lake Beach and Boat Landing, Boulder Lake Recreation Area, Nelligan Lake, Mountain Lakes, Waupee Flowage, and Wheeler Lake Beach. A list of recreation areas that remain closed due to storm damage can be found down below.

In addition to recreation sites, all Forest Service motorized and non-motorized (hiking, biking, horseback riding) trails are closed until further notice in Langlade and Oconto counties. Please check the website for additional information at <http://go.usa.gov/xyA8D>.

The Forest Service closure order includes a map showing road closures – **please adhere to all road closures and do not drive your vehicle beyond closure devices or debris.** Please **do not** go around the gates or beyond any barricades, tape, etc. with any type of motorized vehicle or walk-in areas that are closed to look at the damage. It is extremely dangerous as trees may still come down and it is not safe to be anywhere in the area due to the position of already snapped, down and damaged trees. Pictures of some of the damage across the Lakewood-Laona Ranger District in Langlade and Oconto counties can be seen on our website and Facebook page.

Any additional storms in the coming days and weeks may cause further damage to Forest Service roads, trails and recreation areas. The safety of our employees and visitors is our top priority. We are using qualified saw teams as well as heavy equipment to clear fallen debris.

There is an increased risk for additional trees to come down that may have been damaged from the storm. Please use extreme caution and avoid the area if at all possible.

Drivers are advised to practice defensive driving techniques, reduce your speed, drive with your lights on and watch for trees on roadways and other storm debris. In addition, Forest employees are out assessing areas and will be operating saws and heavy equipment as clean-up efforts continue.



For more information on the Flood Event please visit the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF](http://www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF). You may also follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/CNNF002> or like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CNNF002>. You may also contact the Lakewood-Laona Ranger District at 715-276-6333.

**ATV/Snowmobile Trails:**

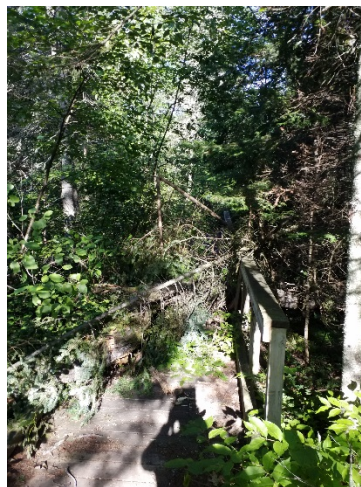
All Forest Service trails are closed until further notice in Langlade and Oconto County.

**Developed Recreation Areas that are Closed:**

- Bagley Rapids Campground
- Boot Lake Campground (Boat Landing and Beach OEPN)
- Carter Lookout
- Cathedral Pines Trailhead
- Chute Pond Overlook Trail
- Green Lake Recreation Area
- Jones Spring Area Trail
- Lakewood CC Ski Trailhead
- Maranatha Trailhead
- Mountain Fire Tower
- Nicolet Nordic Trailhead
- Oconto River Barrier Free
- Popple Ridge Trailhead and Horse Camp
- Quartz Hill Trailhead

**Dispersed Recreation Areas that are Closed:**

- Bear Paw
- Fanny Lake
- Farr Lake
- Hiwanka Lakes
- Hwy T River Sites
- Jesse Lake
- Knowles Dam – North Branch of Oconto River
- Lincoln Lake
- Long Lake
- Old 32 – McCaslin Brook
- Old Grave Road
- Perch Lake
- Spruce Lake
- Trickle Creek
- Wayne King Site
- Wischer Lake



*Before and after clearing the trails at the Oconto Barrier Free Fishing Area on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.*



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