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VNP reopens campsites as water recedes

VNP STAFF REPORT

The waters within Voyageurs National Park have receded in some areas of the park allowing park staff to repair and clean previously closed campsites and trails. The following areas will reopen starting Monday.
Kabetogama Lake:
■ All campsites
■ Happy Landing (K11) continues to be closed through August 1, 2014 due to eagles nesting
Namakan Lake:

■ All campsites
■ Hammer Bay South closed through the 2014 season due to necessary long term repairs
Sand Point Lake:
■ All campsites
Backcountry:
■ All campsites
■ All day use
■ All trails
The waters on Rainy Lake continue daily to recede. However, water levels are still two to three feet above park docks so campsites with docks remain

closed until further notice. There are more than 130 small and large campsites and houseboat sites open and ready for visitors on Rainy Lake.
Visitors who wish to rebook reservations for campsites or backcountry boat rentals may do so starting Monday at www.recreation.gov.
For updates and or changes to this press release please visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/voya/feesandreservations.



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While not included in the program, others in the community also provided food to deer in Borderland this winter.

More than 1 million pounds of feed provided to deer

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

More than 1 million pounds of deer feed was distributed this winter through the state's emergency winter deer feeding program and conducted by the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association. The program was initiated in response to a high winter severity index. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources approved the program for March-April.
The program is funded by the DNR through a taxpayer-based account funded by a 50-cent charge on deer hunting licenses, which was initiated in 1996. That money was added to in-kind and monetary contributions from MDHA, MDHA chapters, and MDHA volunteers to make the deer feeding effort possible.

A total of 1.056 million pounds of feed, or 528 tons, was purchased and distributed across a total of 12,190 square miles during the six-week initiative. A total of 969 people obtained feed through the program. These volunteers put feed out to 1,123 documented sites across the 13 DNR approved deer permit areas in northeastern MN.
A total of \$200,226 was spent on feed procurement, shipping and handling. Under the terms of the grant, MDHA paid the feed procurement expenses as they were incurred, and requested reimbursement from DNR. DNR reimbursed MDHA for appropriate expenses from the "Emergency Winter Deer Feeding/Wild Cervid Health" account.
Considerable volunteer help was provided to help

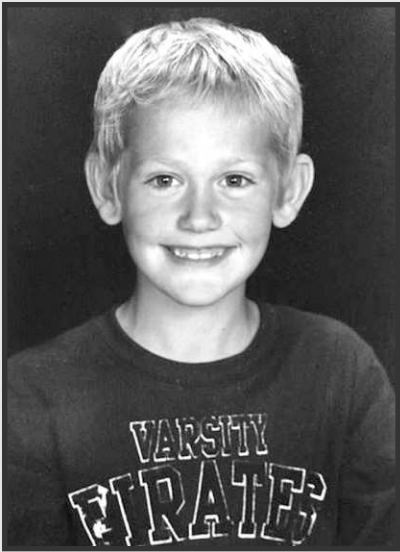
with feed distribution both at the eight distribution locations, and by the volunteer feeders themselves. A minimum of 72 volunteers handed out feed on a weekly basis at the eight distribution points for a total of 288 volunteer hours per week; 1728 total volunteer hours for the six-week duration. Using the DNR's standard volunteer labor rate of \$13 per hour, the total in-kind volunteer labor amount provided by MDHA is \$22,464. A total of 885 hours of MDHA staff time was used to support the feeding program. The cost of this staff time was \$32,990, including fringe benefits.
For more information and to see the complete report go to:
<http://mndeerhunters.com/en/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Deer-Feeding-Final-Report.pdf>

CONSERVATION OFFICER WEEKLY REPORT

07-14-2014
District 5 — Eveleth area
■ CO Darrin Kittelson (International Falls) reports checking fishing activity on the Rainy River, Lake Kabetogama, and Ash River. A young Merlin hawk was transferred to the Raptor Center in St. Paul. ATV enforcement and an Invasive Species Road check rounded out the week's work activities. Enforcement action was taken included operate ATV on road right of way, no ATV Safety Certificate, and transport unidentifiable fish.
■ CO Troy Fondie (Orr) reports angling and boating activities were monitored. Public access sites were checked along with driving forest roads. Fishing remains poor with little activity noted during the week.
■ CO Brad Schultz (Cook) reports attending a work detail in a vacant station. Area lakes were patrolled for fishing and boating activity. Calls relating to the blueberry crop, about when they will be ready to pick, and how many there will be were received.
■ CO Don Bozovsky (Hibbing) worked anglers, boaters, invasive species enforcement, state park enforcement, and a hunting complaint on Lake Vermilion. The officer also worked an invasive species enforcement check point in Tower with other District Officers. Enforcement action for the week was taken on a number of boating, PWC, ATV and invasive species violations.
■ CO Matt Frericks (Virginia) worked a road check point for aquatic invasive species in Tower with other

COs. Enforcement action was taken for transporting aquatic plants and failure to remove drain plugs. CO Frericks checked high numbers of anglers and boaters over a busy weekend. Numerous citations were issued for operating unregistered watercraft and failure to display watercraft registration decals. On one particular lake, some parents who didn't take into account the weather allowed their two 8 year olds and 12 year old children to take an unregistered canoe onto a lake in windy conditions. The increasing winds easily blew the inexperienced paddlers to the opposite shoreline where CO Frericks met them. The kids were brought back to their parents who were advised to be a little more selective as to when they allow their kids to go out onto the lake. As the wind picked up more people were seen on ATVs. Violations such as operating unregistered ATVs and no ATV safety certificate were common.
■ CO Mark Fredin (Aurora) received a report of a small fishing boat wash up on rocks on the Pike River with fishing equipment inside the boat. Boat registration was expired and incorrect markings made locating the owner difficult, but he was later located and stated the boat floated away from his shoreline from high water. He was advised to correct the registration and in the future to notify law enforcement under these circumstances because it was unknown if someone was in the river requiring a recovery. A District AIS detail was worked in the

Tower station. Calls were returned concerning a bear coming into camping area and a wolf coming close to a residence.
■ International Falls #2 — vacant.
■ Ray — vacant.
■ Tower — vacant.
District 1 — Baudette area
■ CO Ben Huener (Roseau) checked angling activity and monitored area ATV and OHM activity. An AIS Check Station was worked in the Baudette area. Assistance was provided at the Warroad Port of Entry on an over limit violation. CO Huener assisted Ontario Conservation Officers with follow up on illegal fishing activity.
■ CO Jeremy Woinarowicz (Thief River Falls) attended a meeting for field training officers and monitored area angling activity. A commercial bait dealer was checked finding multiple violations for no angling license, no watercraft registration, no bait dealer placard on vehicle, and possession of small amount of marijuana. Other violations for the week included allow illegal operation of ATV by juvenile and operate unregistered ATV.
■ CO Demosthenes Regas (Blackduck) reports monitored angling, boating activity and AIS compliance on Upper Red Lake and special regulation lakes throughout the week. Time was spent investigating reports of leech trap thefts and monitoring commercial leech trapping activity. CO Regas patrolled area trails and forest roads for ATV, OHM and ORV activity. An AIS Check Station was worked in Lake of the Woods County.



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(South Koochiching/Rainy River)
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 363 shall begin on July 29, 2014, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 12, 2014.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. At that election, three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, 8560 Highway 11, Birchdale MN or 11731 Highway 1, Northome MN. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 12, 2014.

Dated: July 11, 2014

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