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Dear Interested Party:

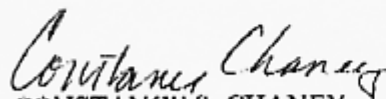
The purpose of this letter is to bring a specific authorization in the BWCAW Act (PL 95-495) regarding snowmobile use from East Bay of Crane Lake to Little Vermilion Lake to your attention. While nothing has changed since the legislation was enacted in 1978, it appears that there is some misunderstanding that this trail may also be open to other types of motorized vehicles. We've notice considerable damage from late winter and early spring ATV use.

The law prohibits all motorized and mechanized uses in the BWCAW unless there is a specific exemption. In the case of this trail, only snowmobiles are allowed. The law does not allow for other motor vehicles, including ATV's.

We ask for your help in making sure winter trail users have the correct understanding of what the law allows. Our intent is to prevent violations rather than issue citations. To help with this effort we will sign the trail as "Open to Snowmobile Traffic Only" this winter. If you have any questions, please contact me at the number listed above.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


CONSTANCE S. CHANEY
District Ranger

