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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TEMPORARY CLOSURE TO AVOID ANY ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON NPS OWNED AND ADMINISTERED LANDS WITHIN PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE

To avoid any conflict and provide for the safety of the park visitors, I am imposing the following temporary closure within the federally owned and administered lands within Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, under authorities vested by Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.5 (a)(1) Effective immediately, the following areas are closed:

Sable Falls Trail

The trail beginning at the top of the stairs north of the parking lot, the stair structure leading to the viewing platforms and the boardwalk and trail leading to the beach at Lake Superior is closed effective immediately on Friday March 16, 2012. Through hikers, either east or west bound on the North Country Trail will not be allowed to hike through on the Sable Falls Trail. . A sign will be provided to warn hikers of the closure at the following locations; Sable Falls trailhead at stairs, the trail access at the beach, and the Woodland Park Trailhead.

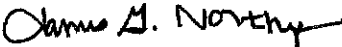
Reason for Closure

Erosion that has occurred over the winter months has destabilized the stair structure. We are currently evaluating the extent of the damage and will perform repairs as soon as possible.

Penalties

The violation of this closure order shall be punished by a fine as provided by law, and shall be adjudged to pay all costs of the proceedings.

I have implemented these restrictions because I have determined that they are the minimum actions necessary to protect visitors and the stair structure accessing the Sable Falls platforms within Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. I regret any inconvenience to park visitors, but solicit your full cooperation.


James G. Northup
Superintendent

March 16, 2012