

6100.1350 DISPERSED CAMPING.

Subpart 1. **Dispersed camping.** Dispersed camping is permitted on forest lands. A person who dispersed camps may not:

- A. dig or trench around tents or other camping shelters;
- B. camp on forest lands that are posted or designated to prohibit camping;
- C. collect firewood, unless it is dead and laying on the ground. Wood collected and used for campfires may not be removed from state land;
- D. camp on forest lands within one mile of a fee campground without paying a fee, unless in a designated remote campsite;
- E. construct permanent camping structures; or
- F. place wood, nails, screws, or other fasteners in a living tree at a campsite.

Subp. 2. **Waste disposal.**

A. Areas used for dispersed camping must be kept in a neat, clean, sanitary condition. All litter must be removed from the site and disposed of according to state law.

B. Disposal of human wastes in areas used for dispersed camping where no latrine or holding tank is available shall be accomplished by burying wastes in the immediate vicinity, at least 150 feet from a water body, in a manner that does not endanger a water supply, pollute a surface water, create a nuisance, or otherwise constitute a hazard to the public health and safety.

C. No person shall discharge sewage on the ground from a camping vehicle or trailer in areas used for dispersed camping. Holding tanks or other containers must be used and properly emptied at a trailer sanitation station or other suitable facility, except that liquid wastes from cooking and washing may be disposed of on the surface of the ground in a manner that does not endanger a water supply, pollute a surface water, create a nuisance, or otherwise constitute a hazard to the public health and safety.

Subp. 3. **Occupancy limited.** Dispersed camping on forest lands shall be limited to a total period of 14 days in any one section, township, and range from the first Saturday in May to the second Sunday in September, or 21 days the rest of the year. If a camp location is changed during a calendar year, the new camp shall be established at least 15 miles from the previous camp.

Subp. 4. **Occupation; abandonment.** Dispersed camps set up on forest lands must be occupied by a responsible person of the camping party during the time the equipment is left on state land. A tent or other camping structure unoccupied for more than 14 days shall be removed by a forest officer, stored for 30 days to allow the owner time to claim it, and then

deemed abandoned and transferred to the custody of the commissioner of administration for disposal in accordance with state law.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.045; 84.03; 85.052; 85.053; 85.20; 86A.05; 86A.06; 89.031; 89.19 to 89.21; 89.71*

History: *24 SR 208*

Published Electronically: *June 11, 2008*