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Memorandum

To: Central Files

From: Superintendent, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

Subject: Modification of Manitou Island Closure

In accordance with regulations and delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Part 1, Section 1.5(a) (1-3), the current **Manitou Island** temporary visitor use restrictions and area closures have been modified. All previous Day Use Restrictions have been lifted. The Overnight Visitor Use restrictions are still in effect. The purpose of maintaining the Overnight Use Restriction is to ensure visitor safety while performing management action activities (black bear deterrence). These management actions will continue to be taking place on Manitou Island. The visitor use overnight restrictions are necessary to minimize bear-human incidents. The purpose of this closure and associated restrictions is to guard against personal injury and property damage due to increased black bear activity.

Time frame: August 15, 2008 until closure signs are removed by National Park Staff (may be adjusted or extended due to unanticipated incidents and events).

Area to be closed to the public:

Manitou Island

All of **Manitou Island** will be temporarily closed to all overnight visitor use. All locations on **Manitou Island** are closed to all overnight use including docks, beaches, campsite, and backcountry locations. This closure could be lifted in the very near future or extended into the fall.

Robert J. Krumenaker
Superintendent