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Memorandum

To: Central Files

From: Superintendent, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

Subject: Temporary Closures on Sand and York Islands Due to Management Action (Deer Reduction)

The purpose of this memo is to extend the current closures on Sand and York Islands from May 15 to May 23, 2013. This is needed due to an unusually late spring, greatly delaying access to Sand and York Islands.

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}, and following consultation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, temporary use restrictions, hunting season closures, and area closures will be in effect on Sand and York Islands for the time period indicated below. The purpose of these restrictions is to ensure visitor safety during a NPS management action (deer reduction) that will be taking place on these islands. Bait piles and shooting blinds are being set up in close proximity to public hiking trails or access points.

Time frame:

Sand and York Islands will be closed to all public uses through and including May 23, 2013.

Area to be closed to the public:

York and Sand Islands:

All of York Island and all of Sand Island – except for properties under use and occupancy agreements – will be closed. Signs will be placed at docks and near access points to closed areas.

Julie Van Stappen
Acting Superintendent