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Illegal Camping on USFS Property on Hamlin Lake Marsh

The Hamlin Lake Preservation Society is concerned about the damage being done to Hamlin Lake by illegal camping in the Hamlin Lake Marsh area. This area is NW of Upper Hamlin Lake near Lon N 44deg 5min, Lat W 86deg 23min.

The signage and barriers have been vandalized and removed that prevented camping on areas within close proximity of the shoreline of the Hamlin Marsh. Individuals are now using these areas as camp sites. These campers are on sites that are prohibited in order to protect the shoreline from erosion. Specific locations of these violations are as follows:

1. On Forest Service Road 5540 south of Nurnberg Road 3/10ths of a mile there was a sign that stated "No Camping Beyond This Sign". This sign has been removed by vandals and needs to be replaced. As a result camp sites have been established along the shoreline and need to be removed. North of the the boat launch there is a hillside that is being used by vehicles which is causing erosion into the lake. The two track road going east has had boulders moved to allow vehicles beyond the designated parking area.
2. From Nurnberg Road traveling south on Forest Service Road 8039, 3/10th of a mile, there is a two track road that was barricaded. Barricades have been removed and this two track is providing vehicle access to the shoreline where a camp site needs to be removed.
3. There is a two-track on Forest Service Road 8039, located 9/10th of a mile south of Nurnberg. This road has had barricades removed to allow vehicle access and camping at the shoreline. This campsite needs to be removed.

The Hamlin Lake Preservation Society is concerned about the negative impact this illegal access has on both the shoreline of the Hamlin Marsh and the nutrient loading on the lake. We ask that you put a high priority on

1. Reinstalling the signage and barriers.
2. Enforcing the rules for no camping in the Hamlin Lake Marsh.
3. Removing evidence of camping in this area.

Wayne Andersen, board member and concerned citizen, has additional information and would like to meet with you concerning this problem. Wayne can be contacted; cell 231-843-4618 or e mail; andersenwayne@gmail.com

Thank you for your stewardship of the Huron Manistee National Forest. We look forward to working with you to resolve these issues.

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