

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE

Kawishiwi

REPLY TO: 2720 Use on Restricted Lands

April 4, 1977


SUBJECT: Volunteer Service - Dorothy Molter

TO: District Ranger, Kawishiwi R.D.



On Monday, March 28, with Paul Smith, I contacted Dorothy Molter at Knife Lake. Specifically, I wanted to discuss her personal needs for living quarters and storage. On the surface it has appeared that there are three surplus cabins (2 cabins on the large island, one cabin on the middle island). She has maintained these cabins for her friends who come to visit her. I explained that these cabins were government property and could no longer be used for other than her personal needs. Because she has her summer plans made, we agreed that this would be the last summer for this practice and in late summer or early fall we would get together on which cabins would be closed. She now utilizes the east cabin on the large island for winter quarters and the tent cabin on the east island for summer quarters. She wanted one cabin, likely the cabin behind the winter cabin, for additional storage and emergency quarters. The two cabins that she chooses will be emptied of contents and locked. I do not intend to dismantle these cabins and strongly recommend that they remain in place as long as she maintains residence on Knife Lake. I estimate her to be in her seventies and expect that she will remain as long as her health allows.

In past years, a group of Babbitt snowmobilers have annually in the winter hauled her supplies, cut firewood, and put up ice for her. Sometimes 25-30 machines were utilized. This winter with the snowmobile ban and considering her special volunteer status, I gave written authorization to allow the same practice, but restricted the number of machines to that necessary for hauling freight. Next year without the extra cabins in use the quantity of supplies needed will likely be reduced. With a little closer coordination in the future, the resupply should again go smoothly.

  
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