

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

Kawishiwi

REPLY TO: 2720 Use on Restricted Lands

September 23, 1977

SUBJECT: Volunteer Services - Dorothy Molter



TO: District Ranger, Kawishiwi R.D.

Dorothy Molter's property, consisting of three islands, cabins, etc., was purchased by the federal government about 1965. She retained a reserved right to use the property until December 31, 1975. In January 1974, considering the public outcry favoring allowing her to remain, her age, the public services that she had been providing, and her year around residence, she was signed on as a Forest Service Volunteer (PL 92-300, May 18, 1972). The same status was given to Ben Ambrose on Cypress Lake, also because of similar circumstances.

On Wednesday, September 21, accompanied by Toivo Sober, I made a follow-up visit to the March 28 meeting with Miss Molter. The meeting was very cordial, although she was visibly disappointed that she could not continue to maintain the cabins for her relatives and friends' visits. I again asked her if she was dependent on monies received from friends' "donations" for her livelihood. She said that actual return amounted to practically nothing.

Together we agreed on the following action:

1. Close the cabin on the middle island.
 - a. Move contents into storage in the west cabin (west end of big island).
 - b. USFS lock and government property poster.
2. Retain use of west cabin for emergencies .
 - a. Use for storage of bunks, stoves, refrigerators, etc., from the cabins.
 - b. Leave only spartan facilities set up for use in main room and porch.
 - c. Post government property posters.
3. Cabin next to winter cabin will be used for storage of supplies, tools and equipment.

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