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Dear Volunteers:

As you all are aware, guidance regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19 is evolving on a daily basis, and we at the National Park Service, along with our partners at the Ice Age Trail Alliance, are striving to keep you informed on updates as we receive them.

Attached is a copy of Governor Evers' Emergency Order #12, effective at 8:00 AM on March 25, 2020. In adherence to this newest guidance for all Wisconsin residents, the National Park Service and Ice Age Trail Alliance are directing all Ice Age National Scenic Trail volunteers to cease all volunteer activities that cannot be performed within the guidelines of Emergency Order #12.

In short, do not continue performing your volunteer activities, including outdoor volunteer services, until further notice.

The only exception to this would be volunteer services that can be accomplished individually, at home, that conforms to Emergency Order #12 guidance for all Wisconsin citizens. Such activities may include working on your chapter newsletter, self-study of Trail Safe! video training, or any other stay-at-home volunteer activity within Emergency Order #12 guidance. The Ice Age National Scenic Trail is open for public use. Please do not post closure signs along the Trail. If that status changes, we will notify you. However, volunteer work on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail is stopped at this time in conformance with Emergency Order #12.

We understand that this is a difficult circumstance for everyone. Many of you find a respite to the challenges we all face by volunteering your services on the Trail. Please continue to care for yourselves and loved ones as best you can, and within official guidance intended to protect us all. We will update all volunteers when there is any change from this new protocol. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

Sincerely,

Daniel Watson
Acting Superintendent

