

ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
CLOSING AN AREA TO ENTRY, TO WIT,

SPRUCE KNOB AREA
CHEAT-POTOMAC RANGER DISTRICT
MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST, WEST VIRGINIA

Under authority of the Act of Congress dated June 4, 1897, as amended (16 U.S.C. 551), and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's regulation set forth at 36 CFR 261, sub Part B (36CFR 261.50 (a) and (b)), the following acts and omissions are prohibited in the Spruce Knob Area located along FR 1 and FR 112, Spruce Knob Lake, Spruce Knob, in Pendleton/Randolph Counties in the state of West Virginia. The said map being described and designated as shown on the map set forth as Exhibit A, Which is attached hereto and made a part hereto:

1. Camping in parking lots at Spruce Knob Lake, Spruce Knob, trail head parking lots and within 300 feet of roads in the Spruce Knob area, extending from the road junction of FR 1 and Route 29, east to a point on the east side of Spruce Mountain as shown on attached map. (36 CFR 261.58(e));
2. Building, maintaining, attending or using an open fire of any kind at Spruce Knob, Spruce Knob Lake Parking lots, trail heads or within 300 feet of Forest Roads 1 and 112 in the vicinity of Spruce Knob area, except at the Spruce Knob Lake Campground and Gatewood Group Campground, as shown on the attached map. (36 CFR 261.52(a)).

THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO PROTECT NATIONAL FOREST PROPERTY. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN 36 CFR PART 261. THE PROHIBITIONS WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.

Pursuant to the provision of 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)); and,
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty (36 CFR 261.50(e)(4)),

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S. C. 3559 and 3571).

Dated this 17th day of December, 2008, at Elkins, West Virginia.

United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service

/s/ Clyde N. Thompson
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