

**ORDER NO. 21-89**

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

MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST WILDERNESSES  
CHEAT-POTOMAC RANGER DISTRICT  
GAULEY RANGER DISTRICT  
GREENBRIER RANGER DISTRICT  
MARLINTON-WHITE SULPHUR RANGER DISTRICT  
MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST – WEST VIRGINIA

Under the 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 Regulations set forth at 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b)), the following acts and omissions are prohibited in the Cranberry Wilderness Area, located in Pocahontas and Webster Counties; Dolly Sods Wilderness, located in Randolph and Tucker Counties; Laurel Fork North and South Wildernesses located in Pocahontas and Randolph Counties; and Otter Creek Wilderness, located in Randolph and Tucker Counties. The said areas being described and designated as shown on the map set forth as Exhibits A, B, C, and D, which are attached hereto and made a part hereto:

The following are prohibited:

1. Entering or being in the area for the purpose of gathering firewood for home use or gathering forest products for commercial use. (36CFR 261.57 (a));
2. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies without a permit. (36 CFR 261.57(f));
3. Recreation use within the wilderness by more than ten (10) users in any group/party at the same time. (36 CFR 261.58(f));
4. Possessing or using a wagon, cart, or other vehicle. (36CFR 261.57(h));
5. Disposing of debris, garbage, or other waste within a National Forest Wilderness except in the burnable waste which is disposed of by fire. (36 CFR 261.57(g));

**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 THE PROHIBITIONS WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.**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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