

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
National Forests & Grasslands in Texas**

FOREST ORDER

NO. 08-13-00-21-145

Wilderness Order for Angelina National Forest; Sabine National Forest; Davy Crockett National Forest; and Sam Houston National Forest

Pursuant to Title 16 U.S.C. § 551 and Title 36 C.F.R. § 261.50, the following acts are prohibited on the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas to protect Wilderness areas. The following proclaimed National Forests/Wilderness Areas are included in this Forest Order: Sam Houston National Forest/Little Lake Creek Wilderness; Davy Crockett National Forest/Big Slough Wilderness; Sabine National Forest/Indian Mounds Wilderness; Angelina National Forest/Turkey Hill Wilderness and Upland Island Wilderness. This Forest Order is effective from the date signed by the Forest Supervisor until December 31, 2024, or until terminated by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

Prohibitions. The following acts are prohibited:

- a. Storing or leaving unattended any equipment, personal property or supplies for more than 24 hours. [Ref. § 261.57(f)]
- b. Possessing or using a wagon, cart or other vehicle within the boundaries of a designated wilderness area. [Ref. § 261.57(h)]


Exemptions. Pursuant to 36 C.F.R § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of their official duty.
3. Persons with a Forest Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order, Form FS-7700-48, specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
4. Persons engaged in any of the following activities which have been authorized in writing by a permit, contract, or agreement:
 - a. grazing and livestock use, 36 C.F.R. Part 222 (§§ 222.1 – 222.76);
 - b. timber and special forest products use, 36 C.F.R. Part 223 (§§ 223.1 – 223.305); or
 - c. mineral use, 36 C.F.R. Part 228 (36 C.F.R. §§ 228.1 – 228.116).

5. Owners or lessees of land, to the extent necessary to access their land.
6. Residents, to the extent necessary to access their residences.
7. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above but may use National Forest System roads to the extent necessary to carry out their business, trade, or occupation.

Executed in Lufkin, Texas, this 22nd day of September 2022

BY:



Kimpton Cooper
Forest Supervisor
National Forests & Grasslands in Texas

Violations of these prohibitions set forth above are punishable by fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than (6) six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.