UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE Angelina National Forest

FOREST ORDER

NO. 08-13-01-21-148

Stephen F. Austin Experimental Forest

Pursuant to Title 16 U.S.C. § 551 and Title 36 C.F.R. § 261.50, the following acts are prohibited on the Stephen F. Austin Experimental Forest on the Angelina National Forest in Nacogdoches County Texas. 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. It is prohibited to go into or be upon any <u>area</u> which is closed for the protection of scientific experiments or investigations. This prohibition does not apply to the Stephen F. Austin (SFA) Experimental Forest Interpretive Trail System as shown on the attached map. [Ref. § 261.53(d)]

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:
 - (1) grazing and livestock use, 36 C.F.R. Part 222 (§§ 222.1 222.76);
 - (2) timber and special forest products use, 36 C.F.R. Part 223 (§§ 223.1 223.305); or
 - (3) 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.

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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 2nd day of March 2023.

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.