



ORDER NO.2008-12

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR  
RESTRICTING THE USE OF ALCOHOL, TO WIT:  
ALL LANDS AND WATER WITHIN THE WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL  
FOREST NEW HAMPSHIRE and MAINE**

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 as 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b)), the following acts and omissions are prohibited within the White Mountain National Forest located in Carroll, Coos and Grafton Counties of New Hampshire, and Oxford County, Maine, said areas being described and designated as shown on the map set forth at Exhibit A which is attached hereto and made a part hereto:

1. Possessing a beverage which is defined as an alcoholic beverage by State Laws of New Hampshire and Maine by persons under 21 years of age. (36 CFR 261.58(bb))

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 THE PROHIBITION WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.**

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

1. Persons with 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 any 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., 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).**

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009 at Laconia, New Hampshire.

*/S/ Thomas G Wagner*  
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White Mountain National Forest

## **Attachment 1**

### **Rationale for restricting possession of Alcohol on all lands and water within the WMNF by persons less than 21 years of Age.**

The possession and consumption of alcohol by persons less than 21 years of age is prohibited in the State of New Hampshire by NH Revised Statute Section 179:10. Possession and consumption of alcohol by minors on the White Mountain National Forest puts the consuming minor as well as other s visiting or traveling in the area at risk for injury. The resulting impaired judgment and limit to physical abilities while under the influence of alcohol can have disastrous consequences while individuals are engaged in activities such as driving, swimming, or climbing. Large gatherings of youth consuming alcohol can also result in significant resource impacts in the form of litter and sometimes extensive property damage. Even the simple act of walking in the woods is made more dangerous when an individual is impaired by alcohol. Establishment of this order provides a tool for Forest Service officers to directly address incidents of under age possession of alcohol without having to refer the cases to State and local officials.

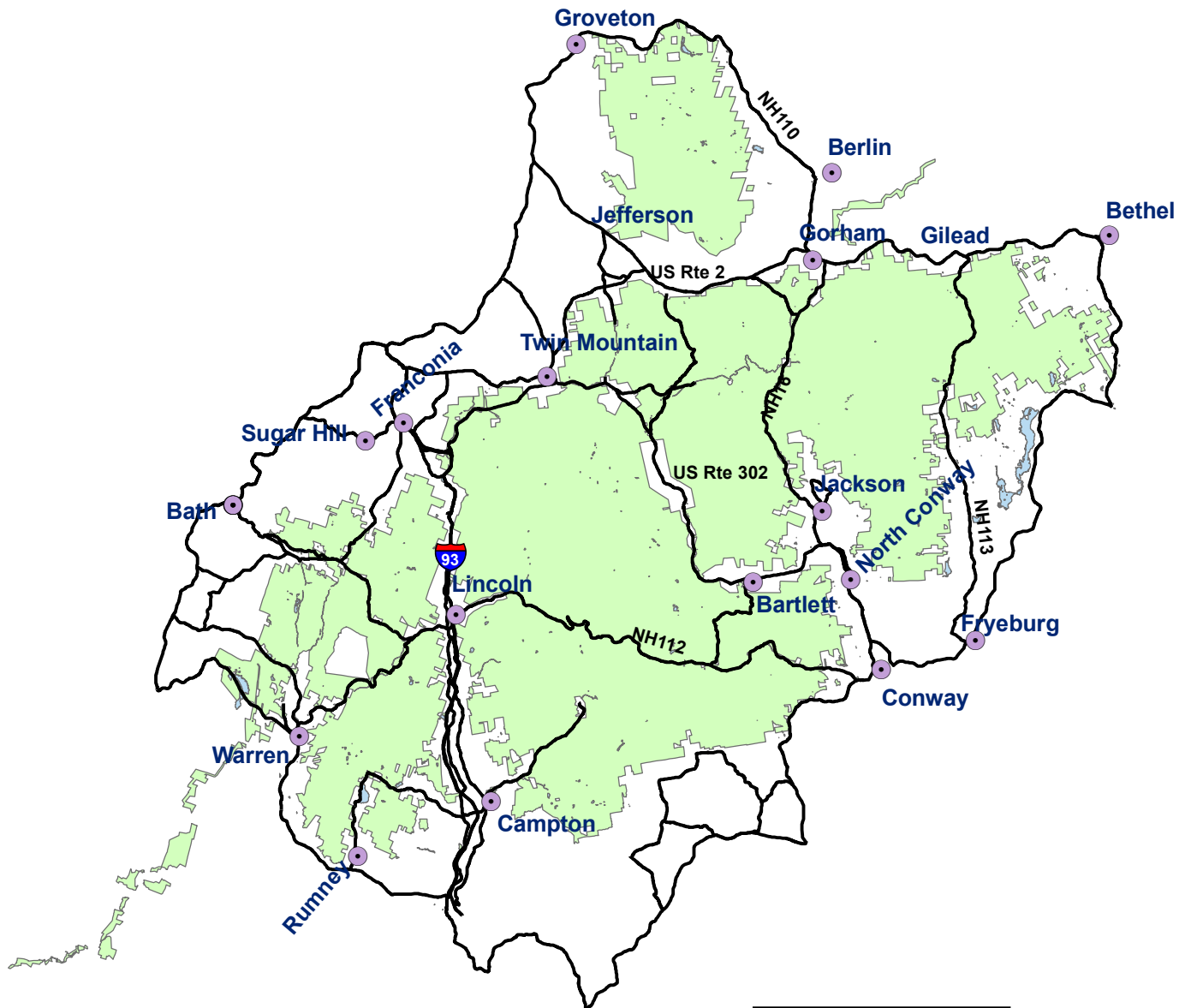
## **EXHIBIT A**

### **MAP OF ALCOHOL PROHIBITION ON THE WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST**

Exhibit A

# White Mountain NF Alcohol Prohibition

Applies to All White Mountain National Forest Lands



## Legend

- Towns
- Highways
- Waterbodies
- White Mountain NF