



ORDER NO.2008-16

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING CAMPING AND FIRES ON SELECTED TRAILS, TO WIT:
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 on selected trails located on the White Mountain National. Said trails being described as shown on the map(s) set forth in Exhibits A-E, and listed in Attachment 1 which are attached hereto and made a part hereto:

1. Camping, within 200 feet except at designated sites. (36 CFR 261.58(e)).
2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a wood or charcoal fire within 200feet, EXCEPT at designated sites. Portable camp stoves using pressurized liquid or gas, or other manufactured fuels are allowed. (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 THE PROHIBITION WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.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 4th day of May 2009 at Laconia, New Hampshire.

/S/ Thomas G Wagner
Thomas G. Wagner
Forest Supervisor
White Mountain National Forest

Attachment 1

List of 200 Foot Camping and Fire Restricted Trails on the White Mountain National Forest

Champney Falls Trail from Kancamagus Highway to Champney Falls

Cedar Brook Trail from the intersection of Hancock Notch to the Junction of Hancock Loop Trail

Lower Falls Trail

Ammonoosuc Ravine Trail

Falling Waters Trail

Valley Way Trail from its intersection with the Scar Trail to Madison Hut

Wild River Trail from Wild River Campground to a point 1 mile South on the Wild River Trail

Liberty Springs Trail

Old Bridle Path

Franconia Falls Trail

Appalachian Trail Corridor from Summit of Mt Moosilauke to the Connecticut River.

EXHIBIT A

Map of 200 Foot Camping and Fire Restricted Trails

Rationale for Forest specific Trails Camping and Fire Restrictions

Concentrated Visitor use to the Forest and its water bodies has resulted in unacceptable camping and campfire impacts adjacent to the specified trails. This has diluted the recreation experience by increasing the number of encounters with indiscriminate campsites, campers and fire rings that impact the recreational expectations of other visitors. In many instances the concentration of indiscriminate camping and associated campfire rings is causing resource damage. The proliferation of these dispersed campsites, fire rings and human waste disposal issues may increase public health concerns, increase the potential for escaped campfires, and create areas of denuded vegetation, causing soil compaction and erosion. This order is needed to enforce camping and fire restrictions to protect the resources and the public's health and safety.

Exhibit A

Champney Falls and Cedar Brook Trails 200 ft. FPA

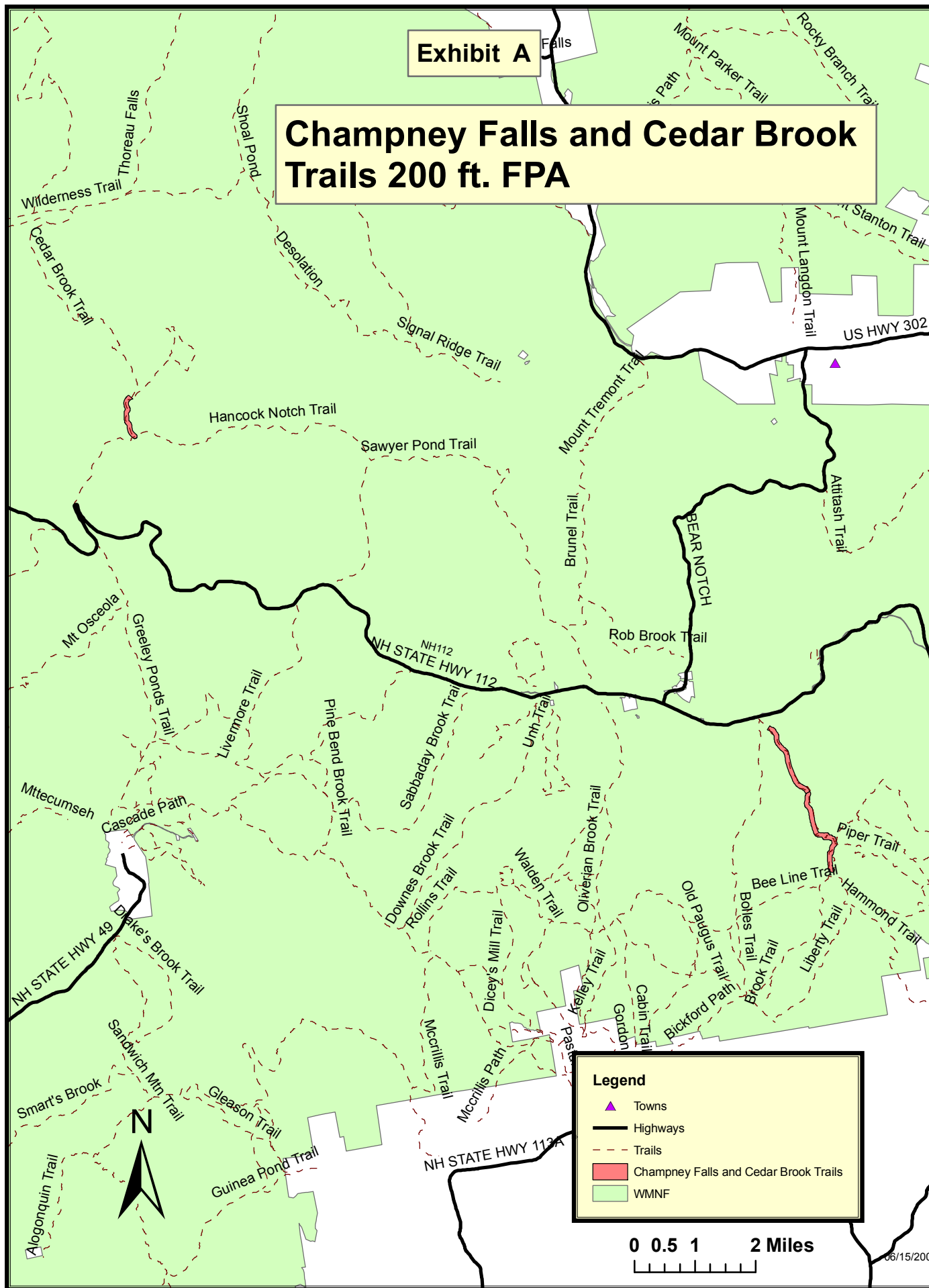


Exhibit A

**AT Trail Mt. Moosilauke to Connecticut River
200 ft. FPA**

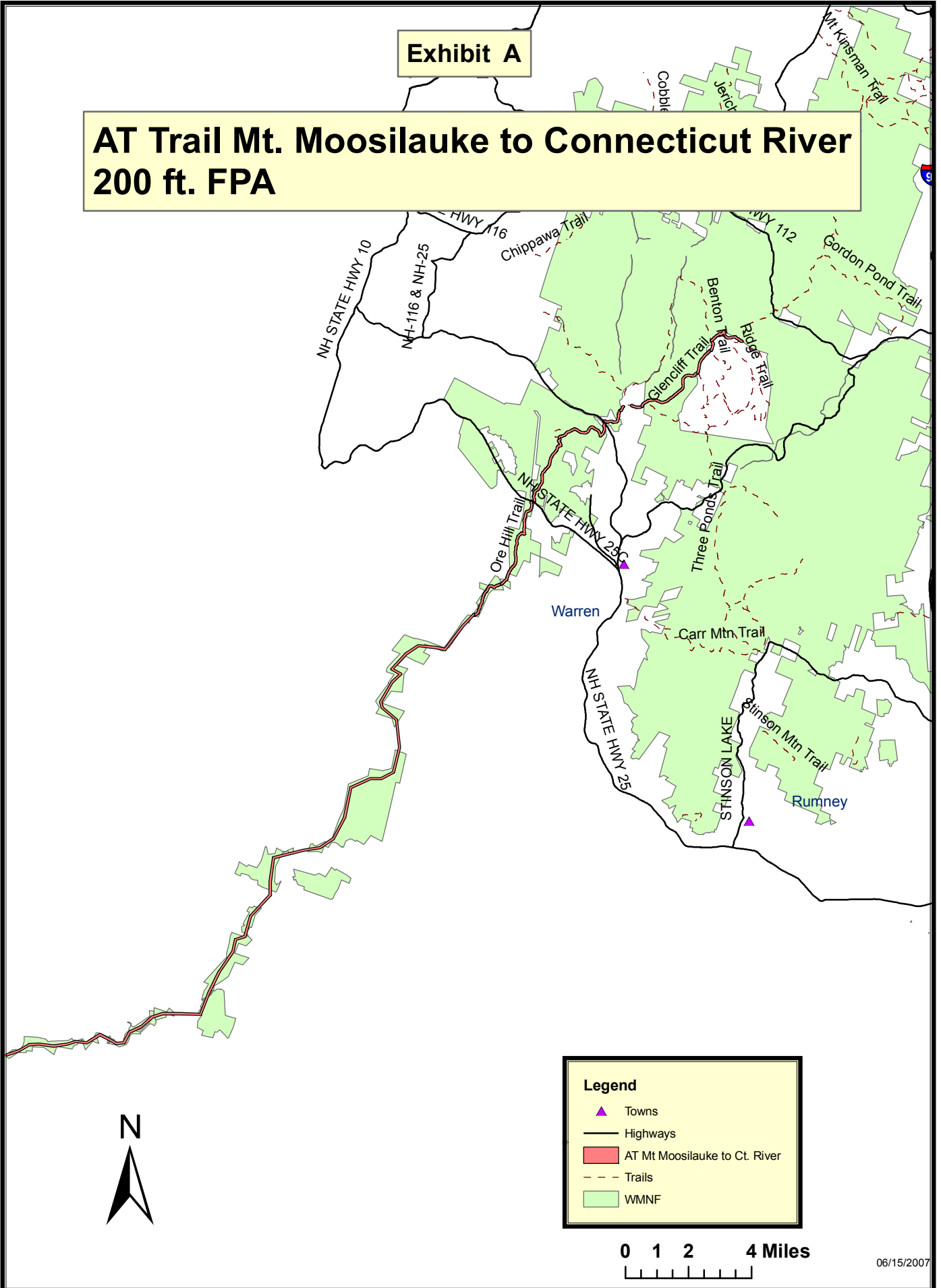


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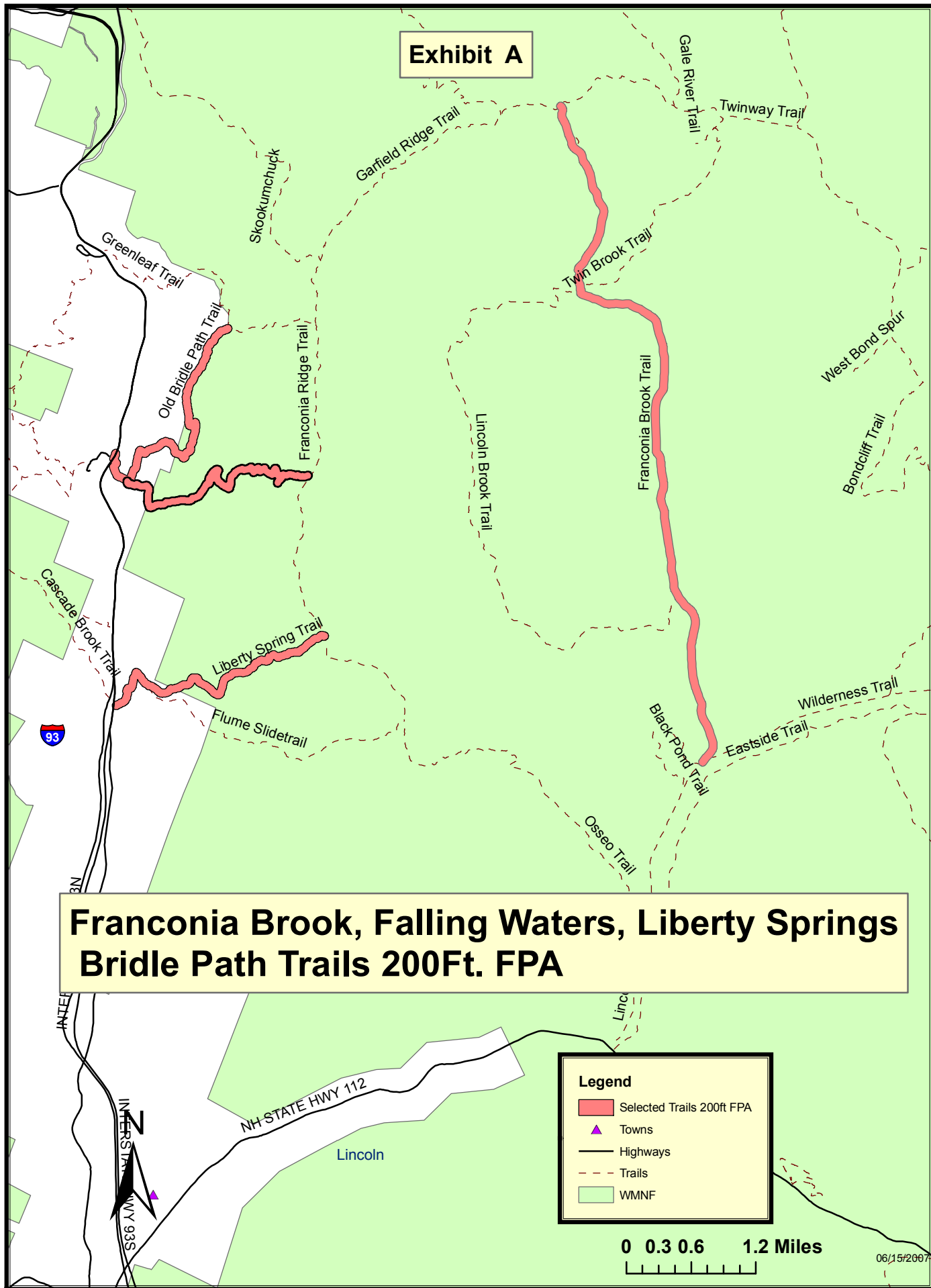


Exhibit A

Valley Way and Wild River Trails 200 Ft. FPA

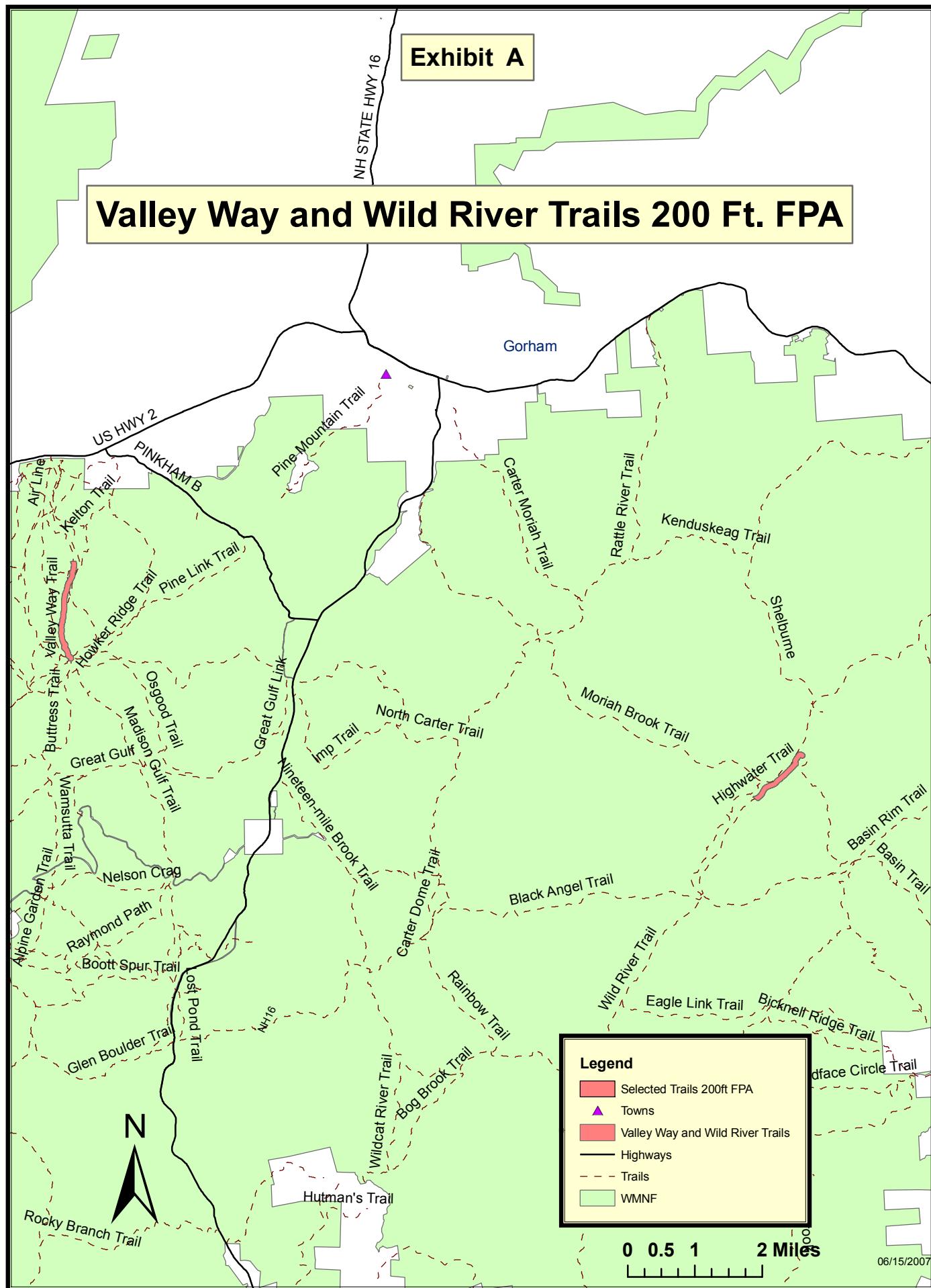


Exhibit B

Lower Falls and Ammonoosuc Ravine Trails 200 Ft FPA

