

ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR RESTRICTING CAMPING AND FIRES, TO WIT: WATER BODIES

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 near the Water Bodies located on the Saco Ranger District, Carroll County New Hampshire and the Pemigewasset Ranger District, White Mountain National Forest. Said areas being described and designated in Attachment 1 and shown on the maps set forth in Exhibits A-F, which are attached hereto and made a part hereto:

- 1. Camping, within ¼ Mile except at designated sites, (36 CFR 261.58(e)).
- 2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a wood or charcoal fire, within ¼ mile, 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 THE PROHIBITION WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.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
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Forest Supervisor
White Mountain National Forest

Attachment 1

Camping and Fire Restrictions within $^{1}\!\!/\!_{4}$ Mile of Water Bodies on the White Mountain National Forest

Long Pond
East Pond
Kiah Pond
Dianna's Baths
Thoreau Falls
Big and Little Sawyer Ponds except at designated sites,
Sabbaday Falls
Champney Falls

EXHIBIT A

Map of 1/4 Mile Camping and Fire Restricted Bodies of Water on WMNF

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Rationale for Specific Water Bodies 1/4 mile Camping and Fire Restrictions

Visitor use to the forest and its water-bodies has resulted in indiscriminate camping and campfire building near several select bodies of water on the Forest. The attraction of campers to these popular water bodies has impacted the recreation experience of other visitors by concentrating use in these areas. The proliferation of dispersed campsites, fire rings, and human waste in proximity to these water bodies may result in public health concerns, potential for escaped campfires, and created 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











