



WILDFIRE NOTICE

Bankhead National Forest

Sipsey Wilderness “Big Tree” Fire Oct. 19, 2015 – 5 p.m.

A wildfire has temporarily closed selected trails because of a wildland fire that is currently located in the Sipsey Wilderness, Bankhead National Forest in Lawrence County. To protect the public and natural resources from the threat of wildfires a fire restriction will be in effect for the Sipsey Wilderness Area beginning Oct. 19. A closure order will be posted.

Until further notice the following five trails will remain closed and marked with yellow and black flagging: 204 Bee Branch, 206 Thompson Creek, 208 Northwest Road Trail from 223 junction to Hagood Bridge, 209 Sipsey River and 224 Bunyan Hill Wagon Trail/Road.

Open trails are 200 Borden, 201 Rippey, 202 Randolph, 203 Lookout, 207 Braziel, 208 Thompson to Gum Pond, 210 Mitchell Ridge and 223 Gum Pond.

The Forest Service is asking wilderness visitors to limit parking at Braziel Creek and Borden Creek trailheads. Also hikers and hunters in the Black Warrior Management Area should use caution and check Forest Service bulletin boards, website, Facebook and Twitter for safety messages and latest updates. Contact the Forest Service District Office at 205-489-5111. The safety of the public and wildland firefighters is our number one priority.

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