

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
NATIONAL FORESTS IN ALABAMA  
BANKHEAD RANGER DISTRICT  
EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER OF TRAILS  
ORDER NUMBER 08-01-01-16**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (b), and for the protection of health and safety due to the Big Tree Fire, the following trails are closed to the public located on the Bankhead Ranger District and shown on the attached map.

The following trails located on the Bankhead Ranger District are closed to public use set forth in 36 CFR 261.53 (e):

- 204 Bee Branch Trail
- 206 Thompson Creek Trail
- 207 Braziel Trail
- 208 Northwest Road Horse Trail
- 209 Sipsev River Trail
- 210 Mitchell Ridge Trail
- 223 Gum Pond Horse Trail
- 224 Bunyan Hill Horse Trail

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise act or omission
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in performance of any official duty.

Done at Montgomery, Alabama this the 22 day of October, 2015

/s/ Carl J. Petrick

**Carl J. Petrick**  
**Forest Supervisor**  
**National Forests in Alabama**

**ORDER EXPIRES NOVEMBER 30, 2015 OR RECINDED EARLIER**

Violation of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Title 16 USC Section 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
NATIONAL FORESTS IN ALABAMA  
BANKHEAD RANGER DISTRICT  
EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER FIRE RESTRICTIONS  
ORDER NUMBER 08-01-01-16-2**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a), the following fire restrictions apply only to the Sipsey Wilderness Area, located in the Bankhead Ranger District and shown on the attached map.

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire except a fire within a permanent constructed fire grate in a developed campground.**36 CFR 261.52(a)**
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.**36 CFR 261.52(d)**

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in performance of any official duty.
3. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
4. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized in written, posted notice.

Done at Montgomery, Alabama this the 22 day of October, 2015

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# "Big Tree" Sipsey Wilderness Fire Bankhead National Forest Closed and Open Trails (10/22/2015)



Trail Number	Trail Name	Length in Miles	Trail Uses
200	Borden Creek Wild Hiking	2.8	Hike Only
201	Ripsey Wild Hiking Trail	1.9	Hike Only
202	Randolph Wild Hiking Trail	3.3	Hike Only
203	Lookout Wild Hiking Trail	4.1	Hike Only
204	Bunyan Hill Wild Hiking Trail	2.6	Hike Only
206	Thompson Creek Wild Hiking	3.4	Hike Only
207	Braziel Creek Wild Hiking	4.6	Hike Only
208	Northwest Wild Horse/Wagon	7.0	Hike, Horse/Wagon
209	Sipsey Wild Hiking Trail	6.7	Hike Only
210	Mitchell Ridge Trail	7.0	Hike Only
223	Gum Pond Wild Horse/Wagon	1.8	Hike, Horse/Wagon
224	Bunyan Hill Wild Horse/Wagon	4.8	Hike, Horse/Wagon

**Legend**

- National Forest Land
- Sipsey Wilderness
- Campground
- Recreation Sites
- Trailhead
- Hunt Camp
- Big Tree Fire Location
- County Boundaries
- Trails - Closed
- Trails - Open
- Highway/County Roads
- Forest Service Roads
- Rivers/Creeks

