

CAVE and MINE CLOSURE

MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST

Under authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551) and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth at 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b)). These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Code of Federal Regulations Title 36, Part 261, Subpart A, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

1. Entering any cave or mine on National Forest System lands within the Mark Twain National Forest, unless the cave or mine is posted open. **(36 CFR 261.53a, b, and d).**

These restrictions are necessary to protect endangered, threatened, and sensitive bat species. This closure will be in effect until May 1, 2021, unless terminated earlier by the Forest Supervisor.

THIS ORDER SUPERCEDES AND RESCINDS FOREST ORDER NO. 05-02, SIGNED APRIL 18, 2005; FOREST ORDER NO. 05-22 SIGNED APRIL 8, 2010; AND FOREST ORDER NO. 05-12 SIGNED FEBRUARY 2, 2012.

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

1. Persons with a permit from the authorized Forest Service Officer specifically authorizing an otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force working in the performance of an official duty.

Violations 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 (6) months, or both. [16 USC § 551, 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571].

Dated this 3 day of MAY, 2016 at Rolla, Missouri

United States Department of Agriculture

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