ORDER NO. 08-04-06-15-414

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST

Emergency Closure Order For Public Safety

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50 (a), it is hereby ordered that the prohibition hereinafter set forth applies to the area of National Forest Systems Land from Oliver Hollow Road following the Appalachian Trail North. The eastern boundary of the closure area is to the shores of Watauga Lake to the shared boundary with TVA land to Wilbur Lake and continuing along the Wilbur Lake edge to Wilbur Dam. The western boundary of the closure area includes the corridor from the Appalachian Trail to the ridge of Iron Mountain from Oliver Hollow Road to Wilber Dam shown on the attached map.

1. Recreating or lingering in the closure area (716.8 acres). **36 C.F.R. Section 261.53 (e)**

The above-prohibited act is set forth in Title 36 C.F.R. Section 261.53.

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50 (e), the following persons or areas are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, issued by the District Ranger.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Only individuals hiking on the Appalachian Trail. No preparation or consumption of food or overnight stays allowed.

Executed in Cleveland, Tennessee, this 20 day of April, 2016.

Derrick JaSal Morris
Forest Supervisor
Cherokee National Forest

ORDER EXPIRES 120 DAYS FROM DATE OF SIGNATURE
Violation of these prohibitions set forth above is 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. See 16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571.

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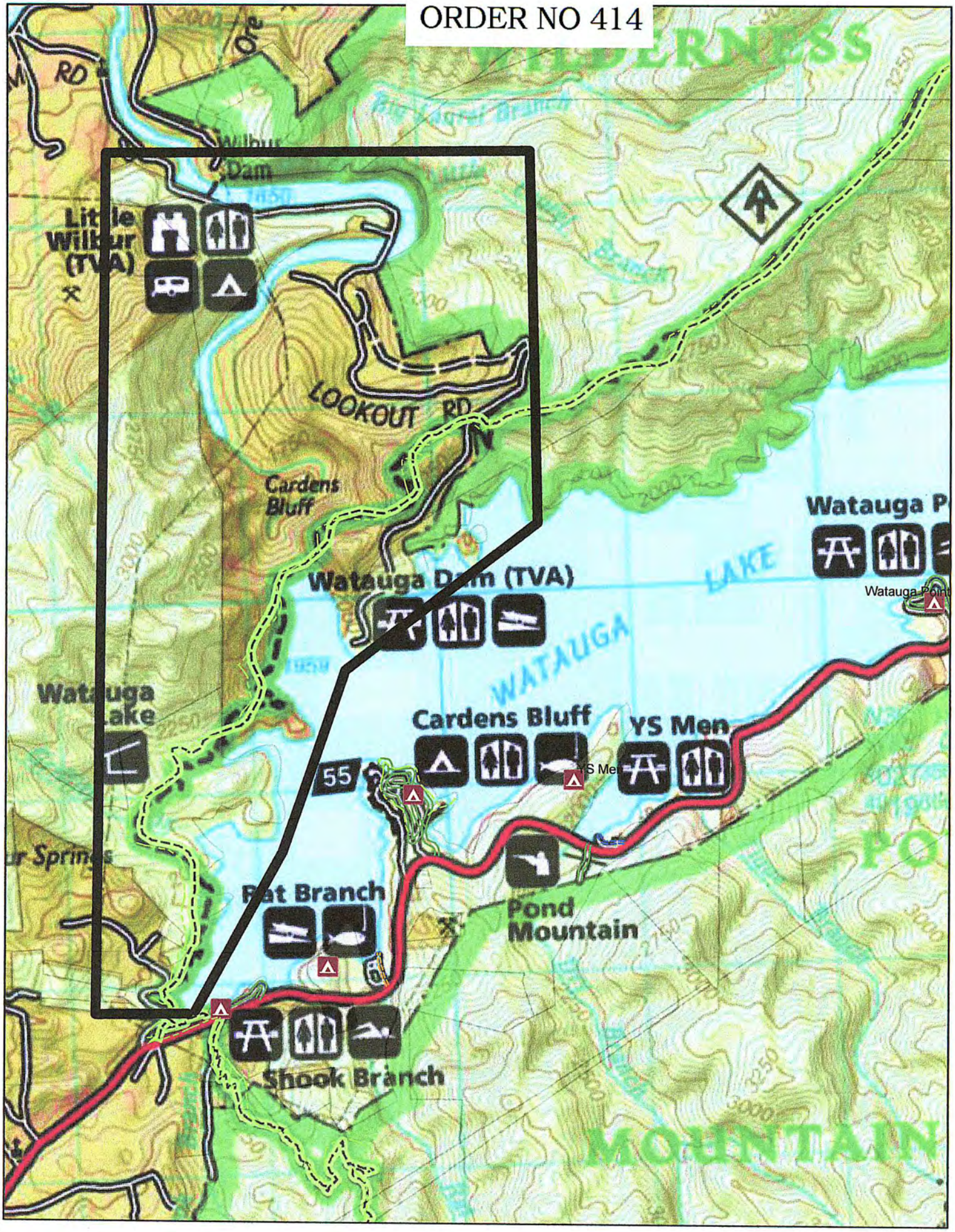
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Wilbur Dam
Little Wilbur (TVA)
LOOKOUT RD
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Watauga Dam (TVA)
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Watauga Lake
Cardens Bluff
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Pond Mountain
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MOUNTAIN

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AREA CLOSED AHEAD

National Forest System lands from Wilbur Dam to Oliver Hollow RD/Hwy 321.

No picnicking, lingering, or overnight camping.

Hiking, only, allowed on the named 4 mile Appalachian Trail section.

BEARS ACTIVE IN THIS AREA.

Help us protect you and the bears.

Please hike through the area without stopping.

Closure Order: National Forest System lands Oliver hollow Rd. to Wilbur Dam;

April 15, 2016- Until Further notice.

Unlawful Removal of This Sign May Result in Injury to Others.