ORDER NO. 08-04-00-12-362

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Wide Closure

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts or omissions are prohibited on all lands, which comprise the Cherokee National Forest, shown on the attached map.

USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON AND OFF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS

1. Possession or use of a vehicle off of National Forest System Roads. **36 CFR 261.56**
2. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine on National Forest lands, without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either: (1) Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Standard 5100-1a; or (2) appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a). **36 CFR 261.52j**
3. Operating or using a motor vehicle that emits a noise in excess of: eighty-six (86) decibels at fifty (50) feet at a speed of thirty five (35) miles per hour or less; ninety (90) decibels at fifty feet (50), at speeds exceeding thirty miles (35) per hour. **36 CFR 261.53e**
4. Operating a vehicle in violation of state law. **36 CFR 261.54d**
5. Operating a motor vehicle on a National Forest System Road carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the rights or safety of other persons, or in a manner or at a speed that would endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property. **36 CFR 261.54f**
6. Driving or being in control of any automobile or other motor driven vehicle on a National Forest System Road while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. **36 CFR 261.54d**
7. Unauthorized commercial use of any National Forest System Road. **36 CFR261.54c**
8. Being on a closed road. **36 CFR 261.54e**
9. Operating an OHV on a National Forest System Road. **36 CFR 261.54e**
10. Operating a motor vehicle on a non-designated trail. **36 CFR 261.55b**

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.

Executed in Cleveland, Tennessee, this 18 day of May, 2012.

H. Thomas Speaks

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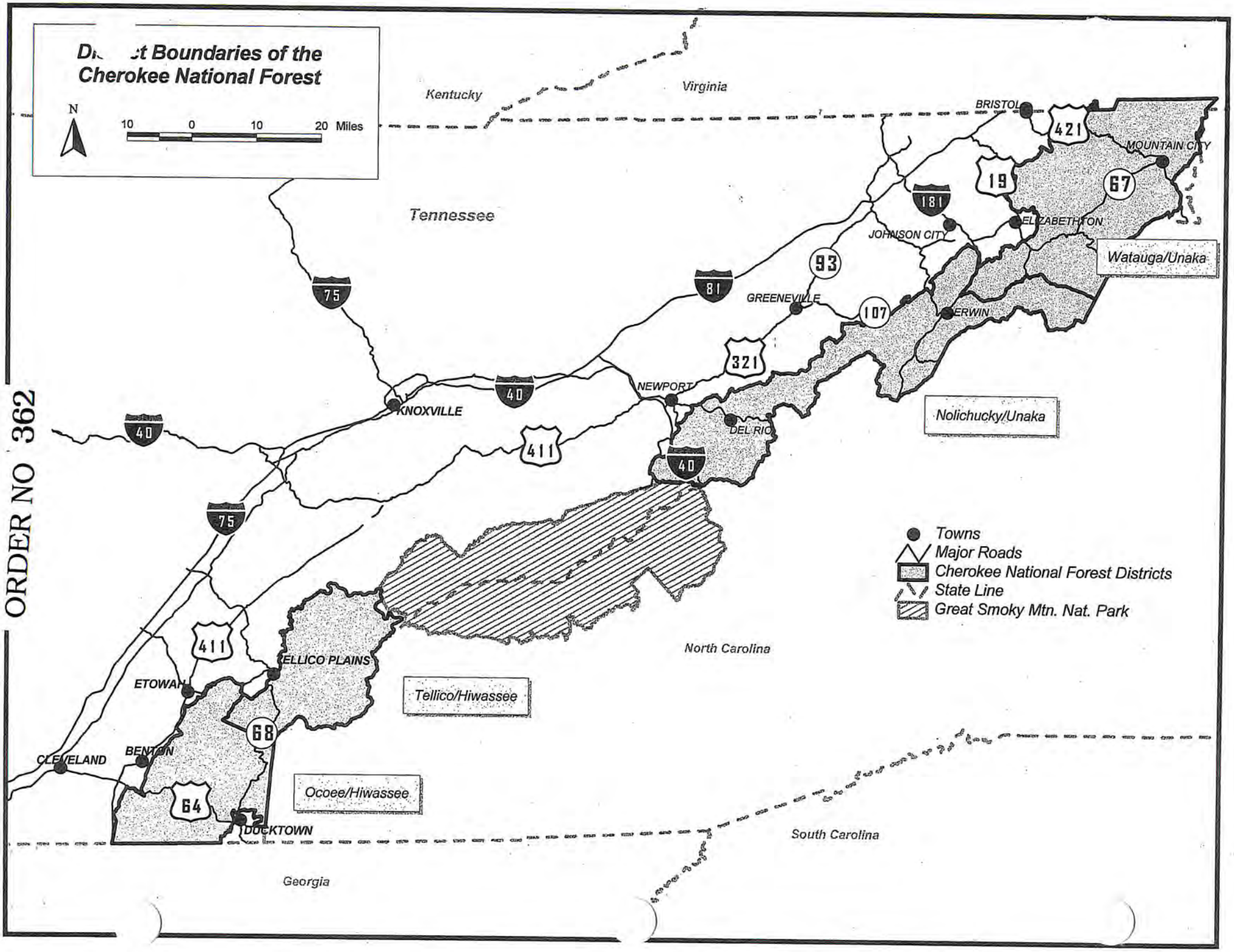
ORDER EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM DATE OF SIGNATURE.
Violation of these prohibitions set forth above is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual and $10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. See 16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571.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Towns
Major Roads
Cherokee National Forest Districts
State Line
Great Smoky Mtn. Nat. Park

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