



ORDER NO. 09-21-16-15

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING OCCUPANCY AND USE, TO WIT:
MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST,
CHEAT/POTOMAC RANGER DISTRICT, WEST VIRGINIA**

Under the authority of the Act of Congress dated June 4, 1897, as amended (16 U.S.C. 551), and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth as 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b)), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the Monongahela National Forest located within Grant, Randolph, and Tucker Counties, West Virginia. Said areas being described and designated as shown on the map set forth as Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereto:

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. (36 CFR 261.52(a).)**
 - a. Exception: Use of gas-powered grills or backpacking stoves.**

The aforementioned prohibitions are effective on national forest land within an area bounded by:

- Dolly Sods Wilderness boundary and property line between national forest land and the Timberline Ski Resort on the west;
- Dolly Sods Wilderness boundary on the north;
- The escarpment (rock cliffs) east of Forest Road (FR) 75 on the east;
- 300 feet south of FR 19 on the south.

The following areas, in their entirety, are included in this Closure Order:

- Dolly Sods Wilderness

The following areas, in their entirety, are excluded in this Closure Order:

- Red Creek Campground
- Dolly Sods Picnic Area

THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO PROTECT NATIONAL FOREST PROPERTY/RESOURCES. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN 36 CFR PART 261. THIS ORDER WILL TERMINATE 120 DAYS FROM THE SIGNED DATE OF THE ORDER OR, PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION DATE WHEN WITHDRAWN BY A TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.

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

1. Persons with permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)); and,

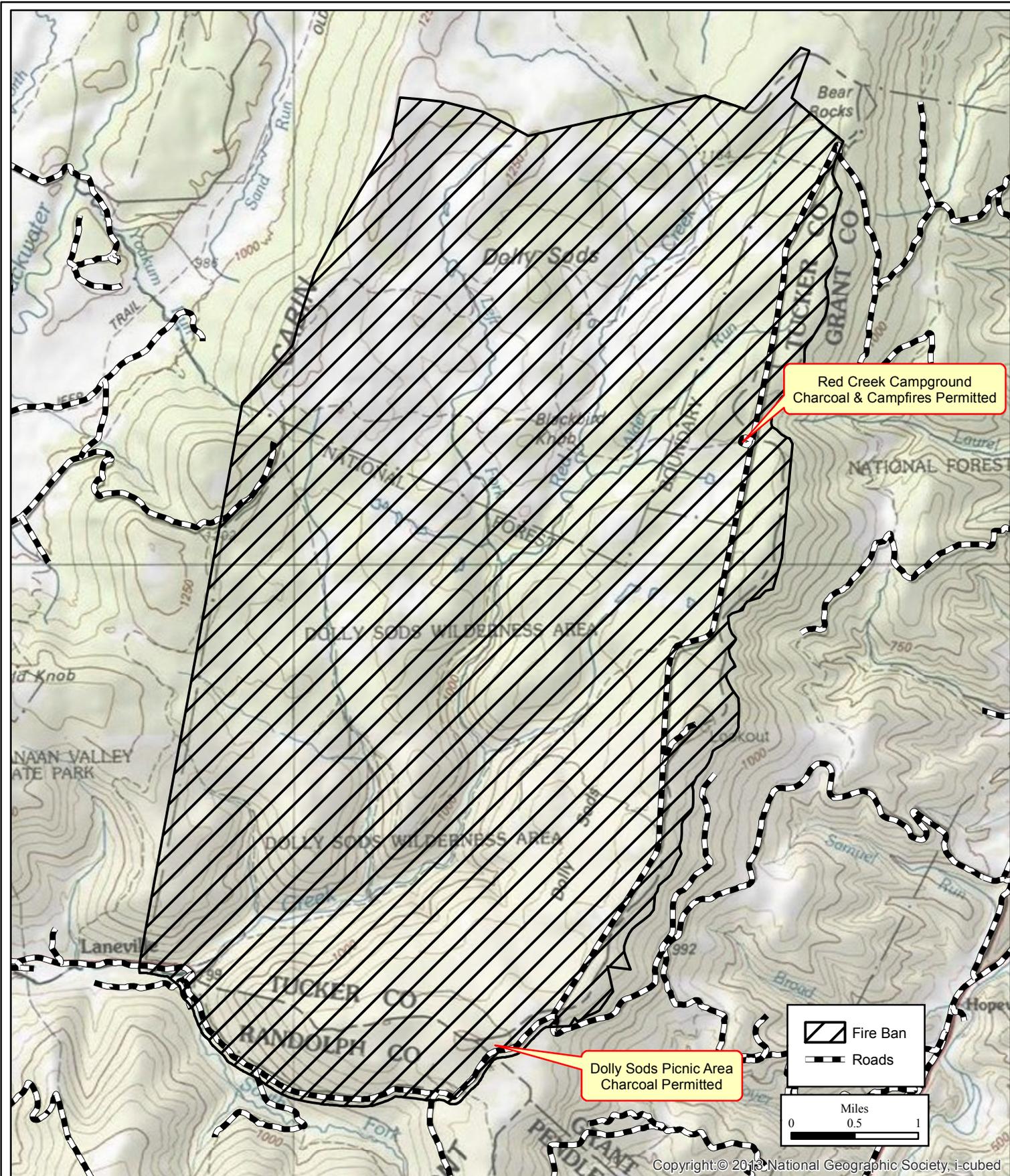
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty (36 CFR 261.50(e)(4)).

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C., 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Dated this 5 day of October 2016, at Elkins, West Virginia.



Clyde Thompson
Forest Supervisor
Monongahela National Forest



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Dolly Sods Fire Ban Exhibit A, Order No. 09-21-16-15 Monongahela National Forest

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Blackwater Falls,
Blackbird Knob,
Hopeville
Quadrangles

