



Fire Update

** November 1, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.*

This update provides information regarding wild fires currently being managed in the Ocoee Ranger District.

RATTLESNAKE HOLLOW FIRE: The Rattlesnake Hollow Fire is currently contained within established fire control lines. The control area is approximately 200 acres. The fire perimeter is being patrolled and fire-fighters are checking for hot spots. The fire was detected on October 23, 2016 and is located in the Rock Creek Gorge on the southeast side of Chilhowee Mountain in Polk County. No structures or facilities are threatened. The cause of the fire is unknown.

WOLF CREEK FIRE: The Wolf Creek Fire was detected on October 29, 2016 and is located off McFarland Road (County RD 23—NFSR 23) in Polk County approximately 2 miles NW from Turtletown. Cause of the fire is under investigation. The fire has burned approximately 321 acres. Because of steep terrain, extremely dry conditions, and thick vegetation firefighters are working to keep the fire within a control perimeter of approximately 400 acres using natural features, roads and firelines.

Resources currently assigned to the Wolf Creek Fire: 1 Helicopter; 4 Fire Engines; 1 Dozer; 2 Crews; 1 Air Attack aircraft (observation); 31 Firefighters and support personnel.

RESTRICTIONS:

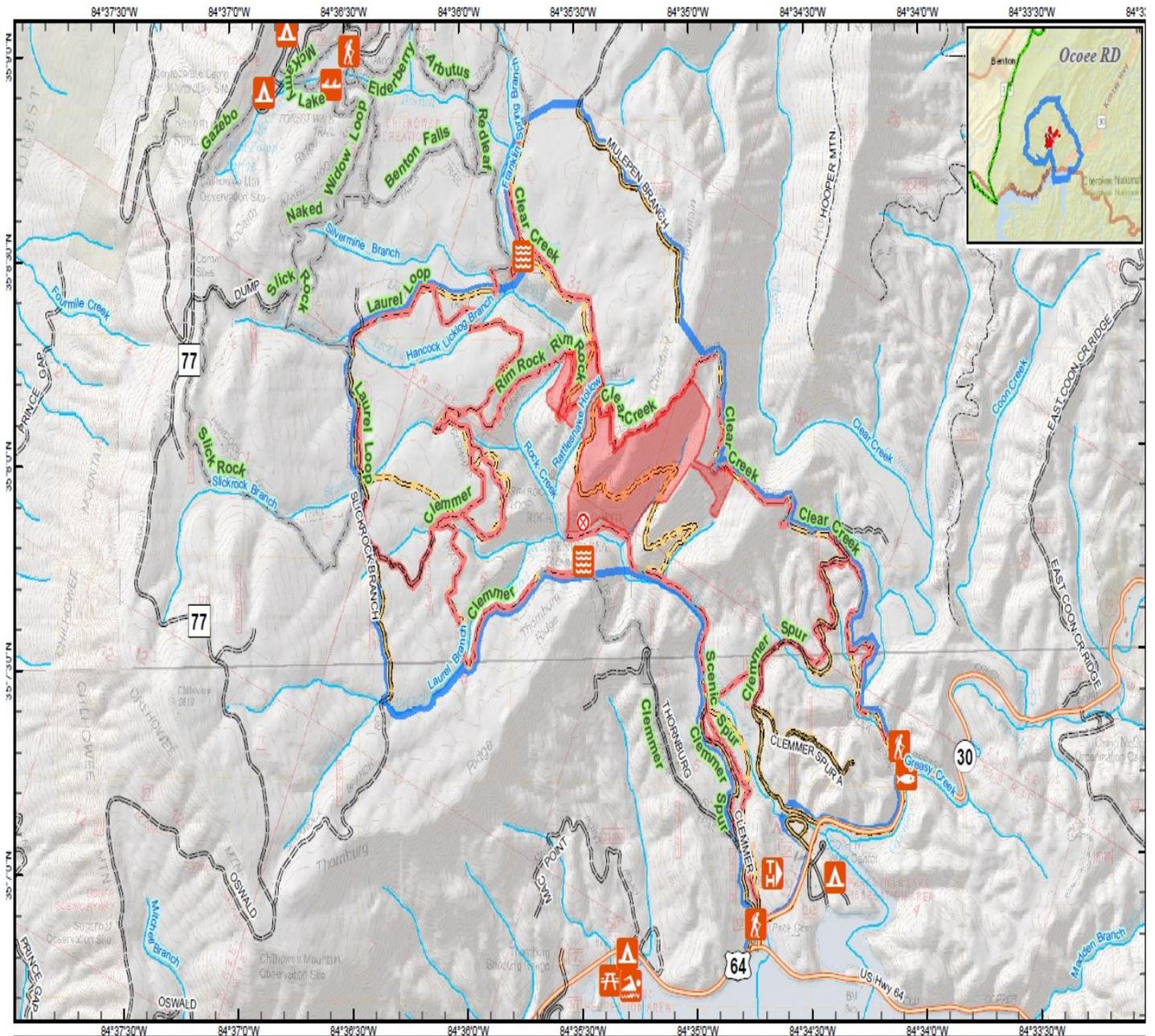
- Effective October 29, 2016 the following fire restrictions are in place for the entire Cherokee National Forest until terminated by the U.S. Forest Service:
Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or charcoal fire outside of developed recreation areas is prohibited. The use of portable lanterns, stoves or heating equipment that utilize gas or pressurized liquid fuel is allowed.

CLOSURES:

- Area closure for the Rattlesnake Fire remains in place—see attached map.
- Area closure for Wolf Creek Fire was issued today—see attached map.

The McFarland Road 23 is open to *through traffic*. **Caution** - use extreme care when approaching the fire perimeter along McFarland Road, there will be smoke and fire crews and equipment in the area. **Do not stop near the fire.**



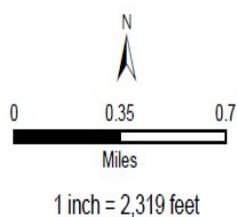


Rattlesnake Hollow Fire Closure Map

TN-CNF-000247
 Closure Order: 08-04-03-16-416

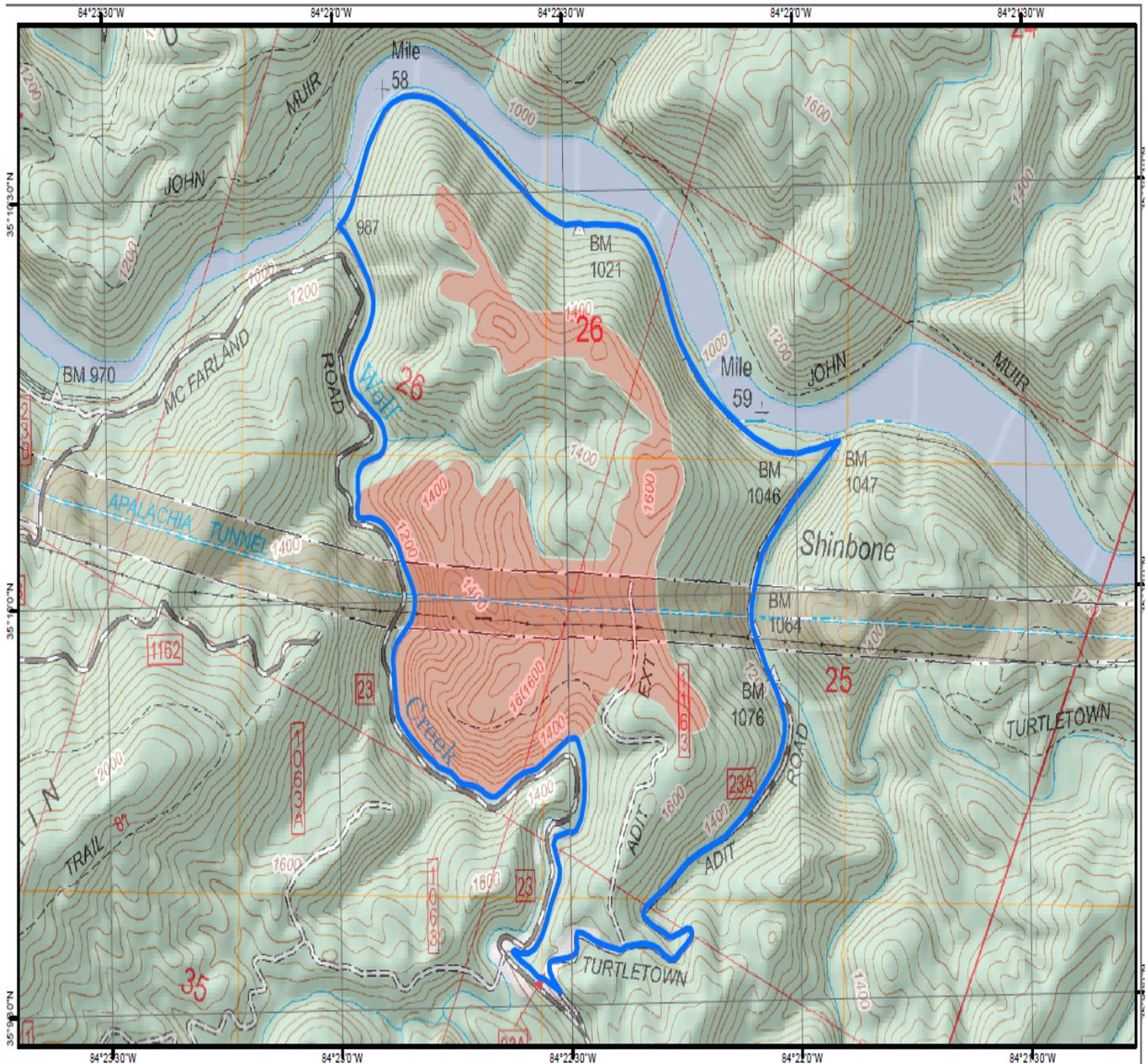
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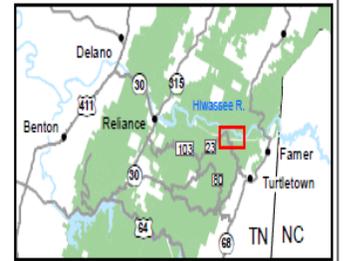
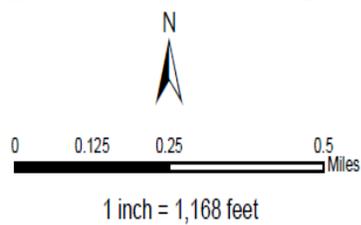
U.S. Forest Service—Cherokee National Forest
Rattlesnake Hollow Fire Area Closure - blue line
 All roads and campgrounds in the area are open.



Wolf Creek Fire Closure Map

Closure Order: 08-04-03-17-418
 Effective: 11/01/2016

-  Closure Area
 -  Fire Perimeter - 157 acres
 -  Forest Service
- GIS Acres:
 157 at 10/30/2016, 2000



U.S. Forest Service—Cherokee National Forest
Wolf Creek Fire Area Closure - blue line
 McFarland Road 23 is open to through traffic.