



# Cherokee National Forest

## Wildfire Information

Fire Information:

423-476-9729



**November 7, 2016 - 5 P.M.**

- ◇ Currently in Cherokee National Forest there are 18 wild fires for 830 acres that are within established fire lines. Firefighters are improving containment lines where needed, patrolling and monitoring for hot spots and clearing dead leaves that are falling across fire lines which could easily rekindle.
- ◇ There are approximately 125 firefighters and support personnel assigned to wild fires or positioned for initial response to new fires in Cherokee National Forest.
- ◇ Since March 10, 2016 there have been 72 wild fires that have burned 8,875.6 acres in Cherokee National Forest (Forest) or on adjacent land that posed a threat to the Forest.
- ◇ To date (for 2016) the Chattanooga Air tanker base (jointly managed by the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service) has launched air tankers that have dropped over 142,000 gallons of fire retardant on fires in Tennessee and surrounding states.
- ◇ The Knoxville Mobilization Center has been activated to facilitate firefighters and support personnel coming in from other areas before being assigned to various fires.

### 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:

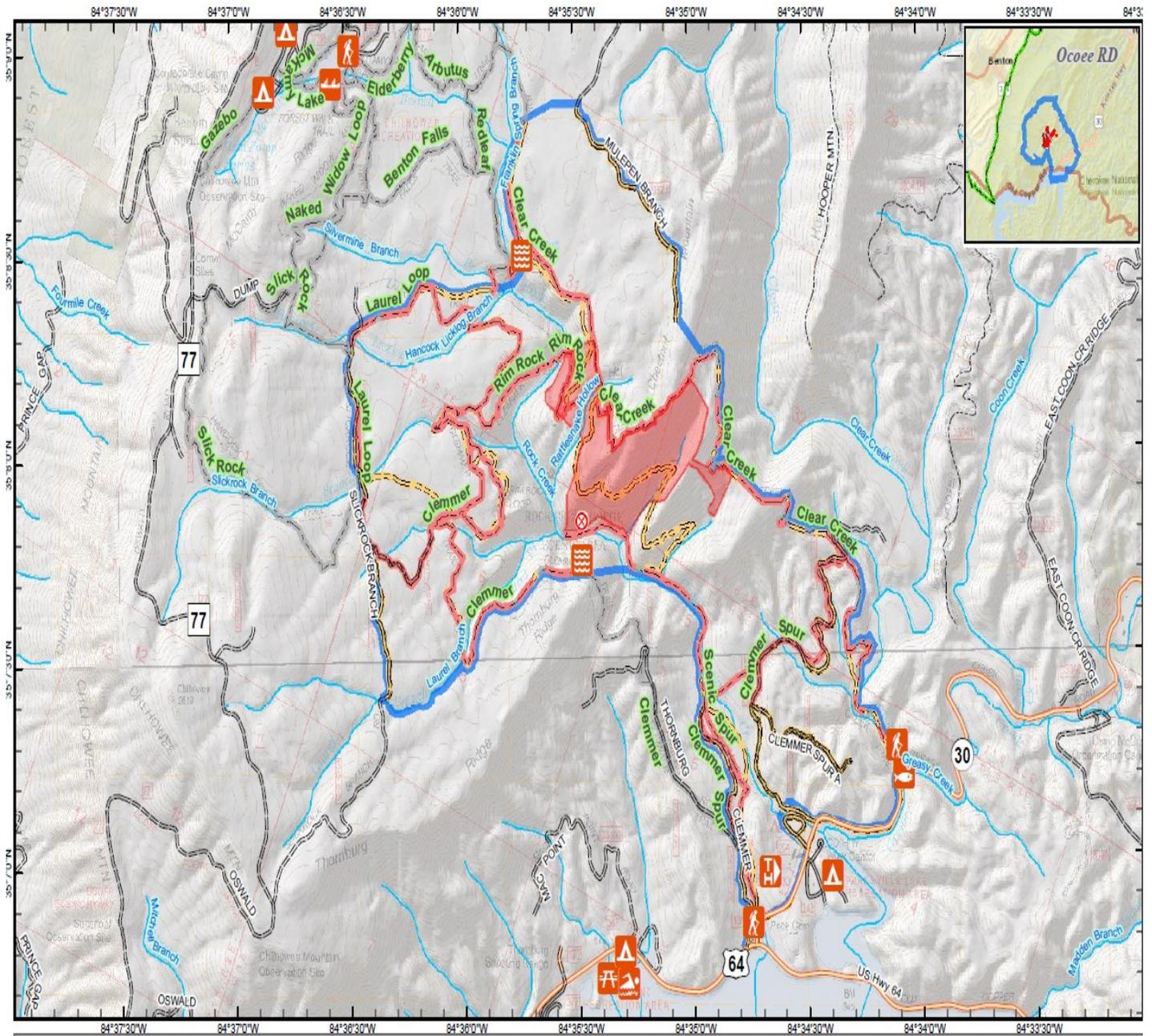
**Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or charcoal fire outside of developed recreation areas is prohibited. The use of portable lanterns, stoves or heating equipment that utilize gas or pressurized liquid fuel is allowed.**

### CLOSURES:

- Area closure for the Rattlesnake Fire remains in place— see attached map.
- Area closure for Wolf Creek Fire remains in place— see attached map. \*The McFarland Road 23 is open to *through traffic*.
- Cohutta Wilderness: The entire Choutta Wilderness, both in Georgia and Tennessee, is closed to public entry due to wild fire activity—see attached map.

NOTE: Smoke from wild fires in east Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia is being experienced throughout the area.



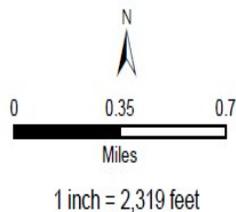


# Rattlesnake Hollow Fire Closure Map

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

Effective 10/25/2016

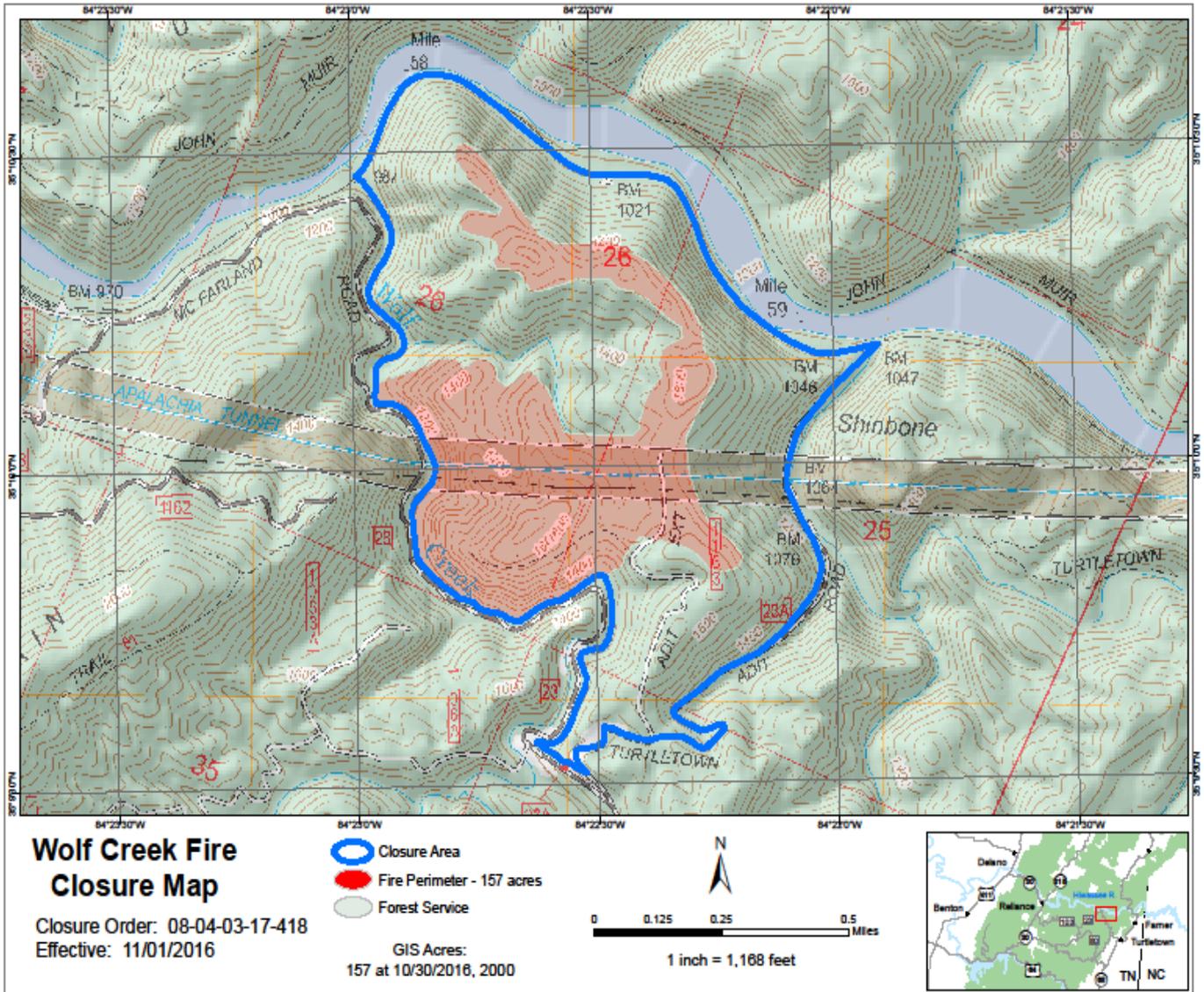
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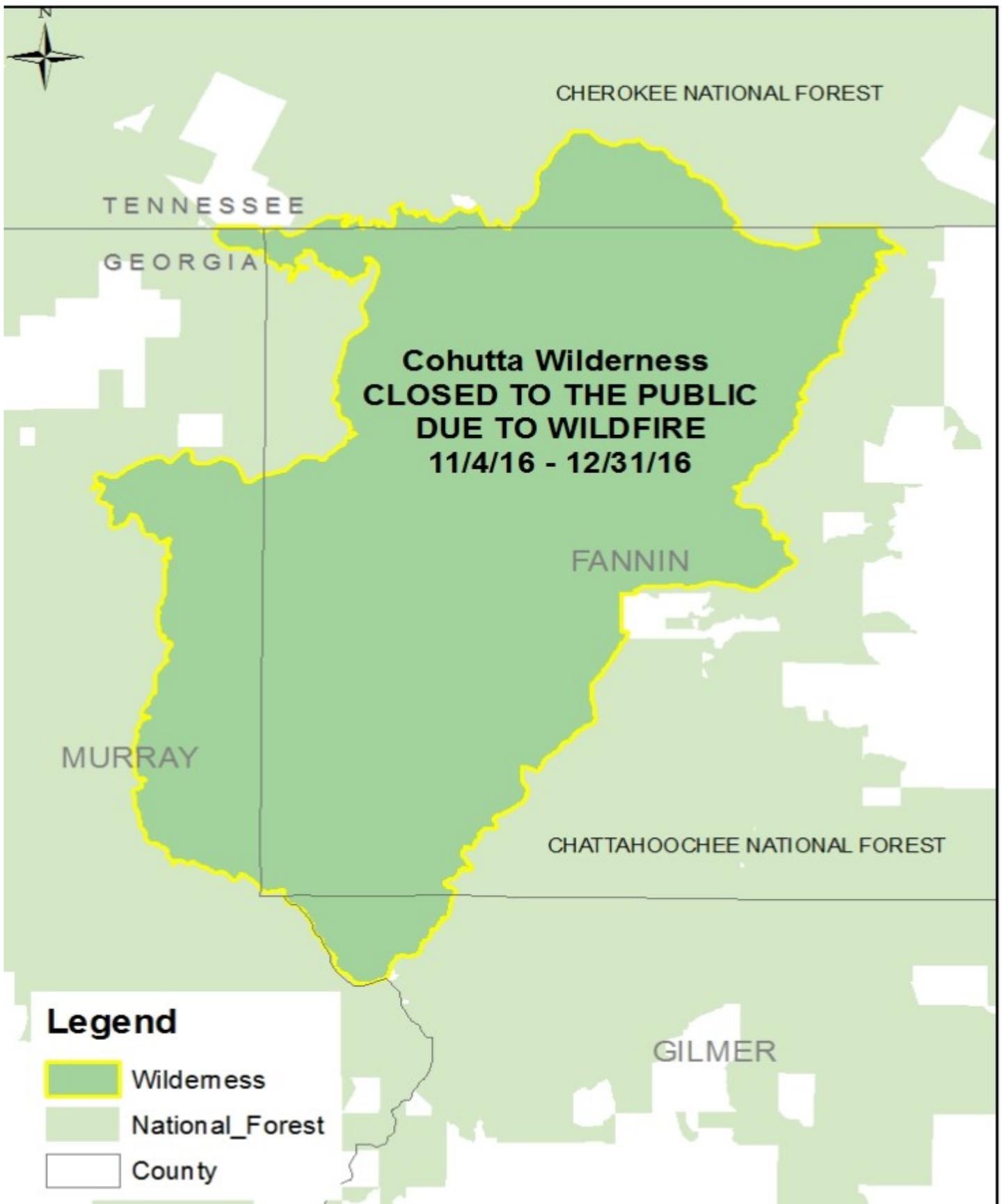


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U.S. Forest Service—Cherokee National Forest  
 Rattlesnake Hollow Fire Area Closure - [blue line](#)  
 All roads and campgrounds in the area are open.

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





The entire Cohutta Wilderness in the Chattahoochee National Forest (Georgia) and the Cherokee National Forest (Tennessee) is closed to public entry.