United States Department of Agriculture

# Cherokee National Forest

## Wildfire Information

Fire Information:

423-476-9729

***November 8, 2016 - 5 P.M.***

- **Tumbling Creek Fire– Unicoi County:** This fire was reported at approximately 7:00 pm on November 7. It is located on private land and was a direct threat to national forest land and structures in the area. U.S. Forest Service firefighters assisted the Tennessee Division of Forestry in halting the fire at 47 acres. No structures were damaged.

◊ 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 73 wild fires that have burned 8,922.6 acres in Cherokee National Forest (Forest) or on adjacent land that posed a threat to the Forest.

◊ The Chattanooga Air tanker base (jointly managed by the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service) continues to launch air tankers to drop 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:**

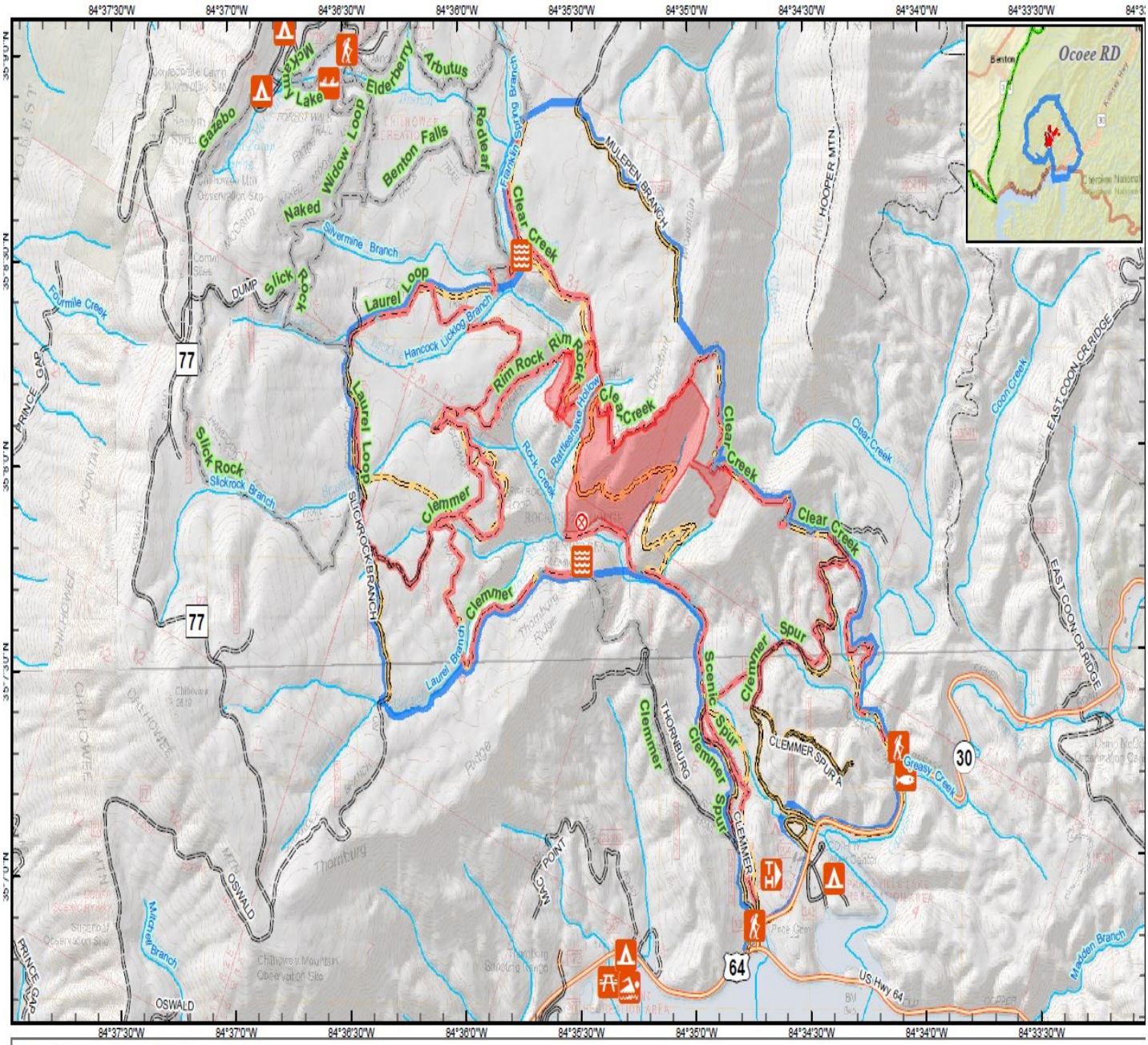
- Effective October 29, 2016 the following fire restrictions are in place for the entire Cherokee National Forest until terminated by the U.S. Forest Service:

  **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 still being experienced throughout the area. The smoke has been heavy at times.




# Rattlesnake Hollow Fire Closure Map

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

Effective 10/25/2016

EAS 10/26/2016, 1714

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0 0.35 0.7
Miles

1 inch = 2,319 feet

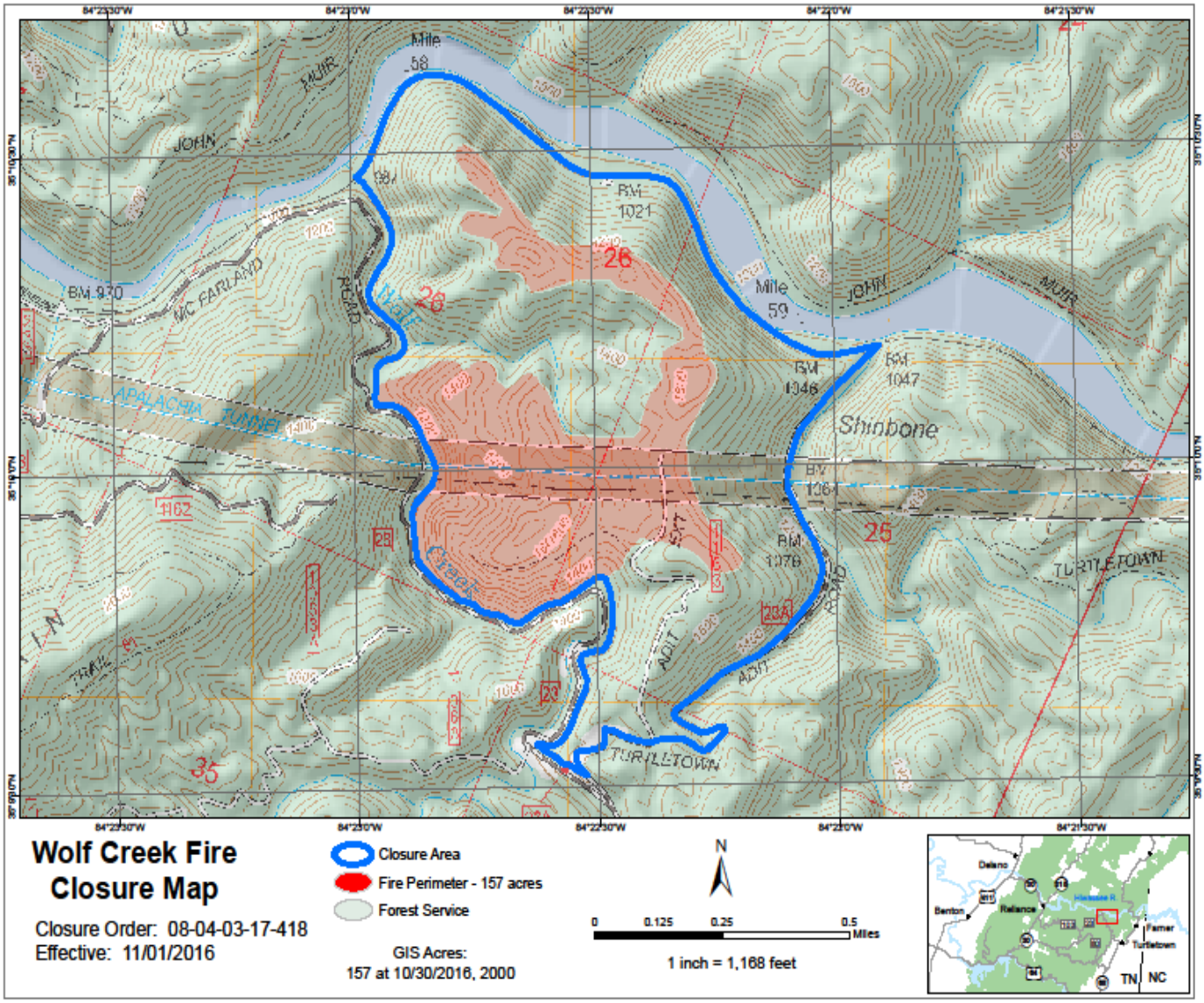
Boating - Non-Motorized
Campground Camping
Day Hiking
Lake and Pond Fishing
Picnicking
Swimming
Trail Head
Water Falls
Basic Custodial Care (CLOSED)
High Clearance Vehicles
Seasonal Road
Highway
Trails
ClosedTrails
ClosedRoads
Fire Origin
Fire Perimeter
ClosureArea
Administrative Boundary

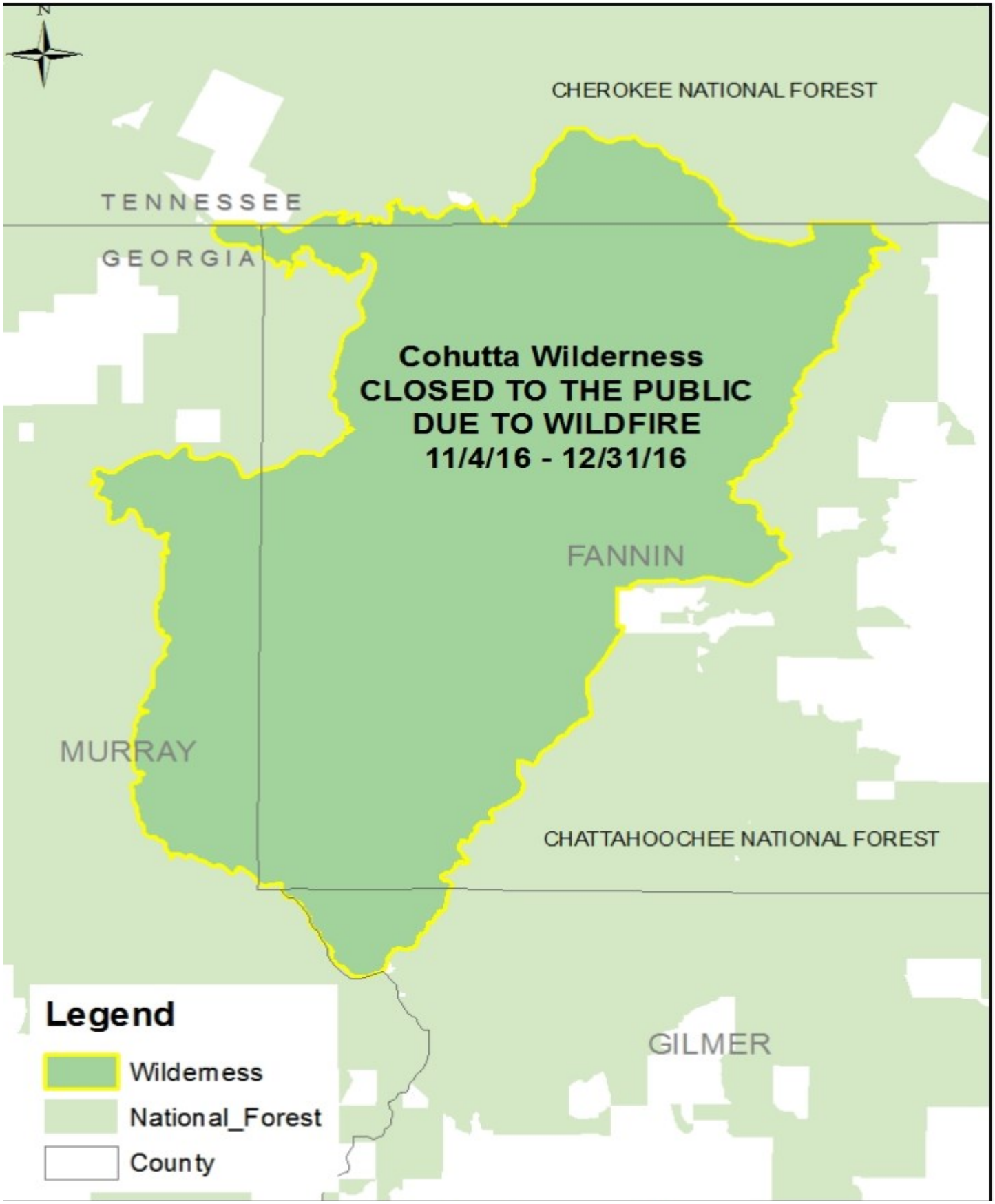
U.S. Forest Service—Cherokee National Forest
Rattlesnake Hollow Fire Area Closure - blue line
All roads and campgrounds in the area are open.

**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.**