



United States Department of Agriculture



**November 13, 2016 - 2 P.M.**

**Neddy Mountain Fire**—Jurisdiction: Tennessee Department of Agriculture—Forestry Division. The fire was detected on November 11 and is located in Cocke County approximately 5 miles east of Newport, TN. The Tennessee Division of Forestry is being assisted by local Volunteer Fire Departments, Cocke County Sheriff’s Department, U.S. Forest Service, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Cokce County EMS, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

Fire activity has been intense due to low relative humidity and very dry conditions. The fire is 30% contained and has burned approximately 324 acres . Structures are threatened - none have been damaged. There are 65 firefighters and support personnel , 4 bulldozers and 2 helicopters working the fire. Local Volunteer Fire Departments are providing structure protection where needed.

**For fire information contact:** 423-321-2409.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

**Effective November 11, 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, charcoal, or stove fire inside or outside developed recreation sites. **36 CFR 261.52(a)**
  - **Smoking**, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. **36 CFR 261 52(d)**
- ◇ **The use of portable lanterns, stoves or heating equipment that utilize gas or pressurized liquid fuel is allowed**

**CLOSURES:**

- **Effective November 12, 2016** the Citico Creek Wilderness and the portion of the Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness within the Cherokee National Forest is closed to public entry due to fire activity in the area —see attached map.
- 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.



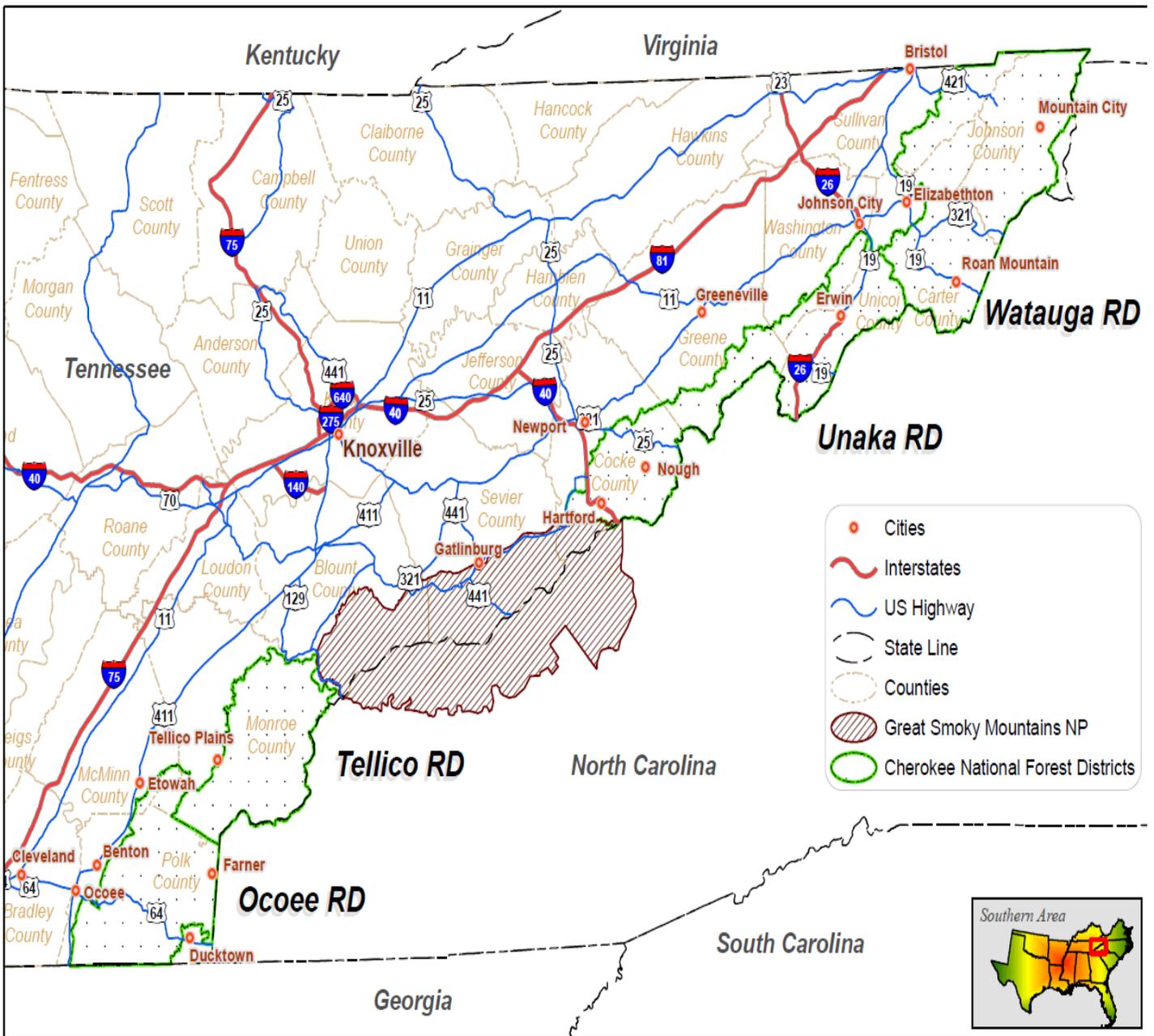
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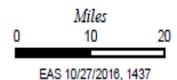
Fire Ban area— **green line**



Cherokee National Forest  
Fire Ban Map



Closure Order: 08-04-17-419  
Effective November 11, 2016

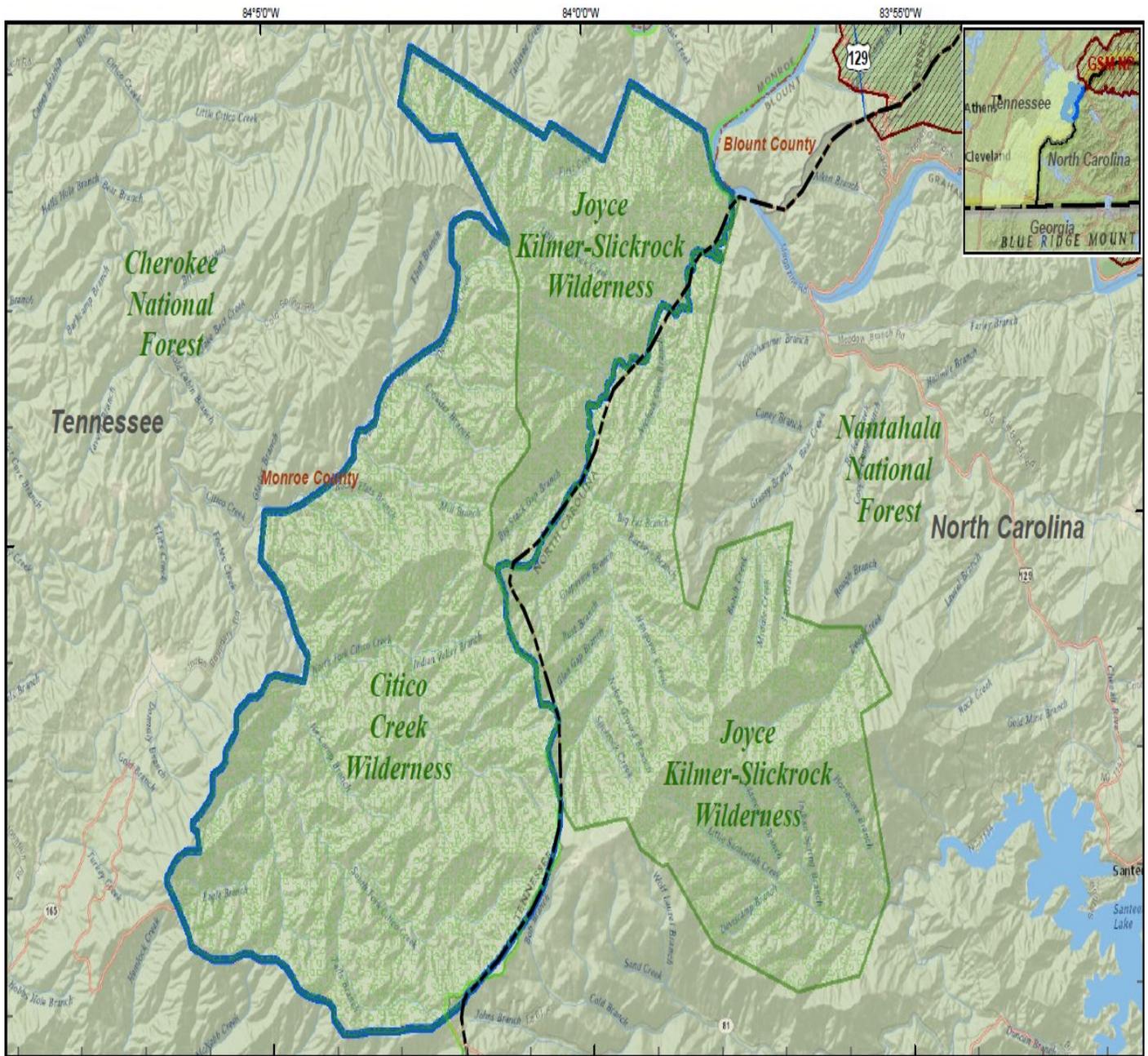


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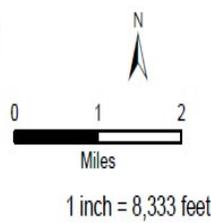
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Citico Creek Wilderness and Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness closure in Cherokee National Forest



Emergency Closure Order for Fires  
Joyce Kilmer/Slickrock  
and  
Citico Creek Wildernesses



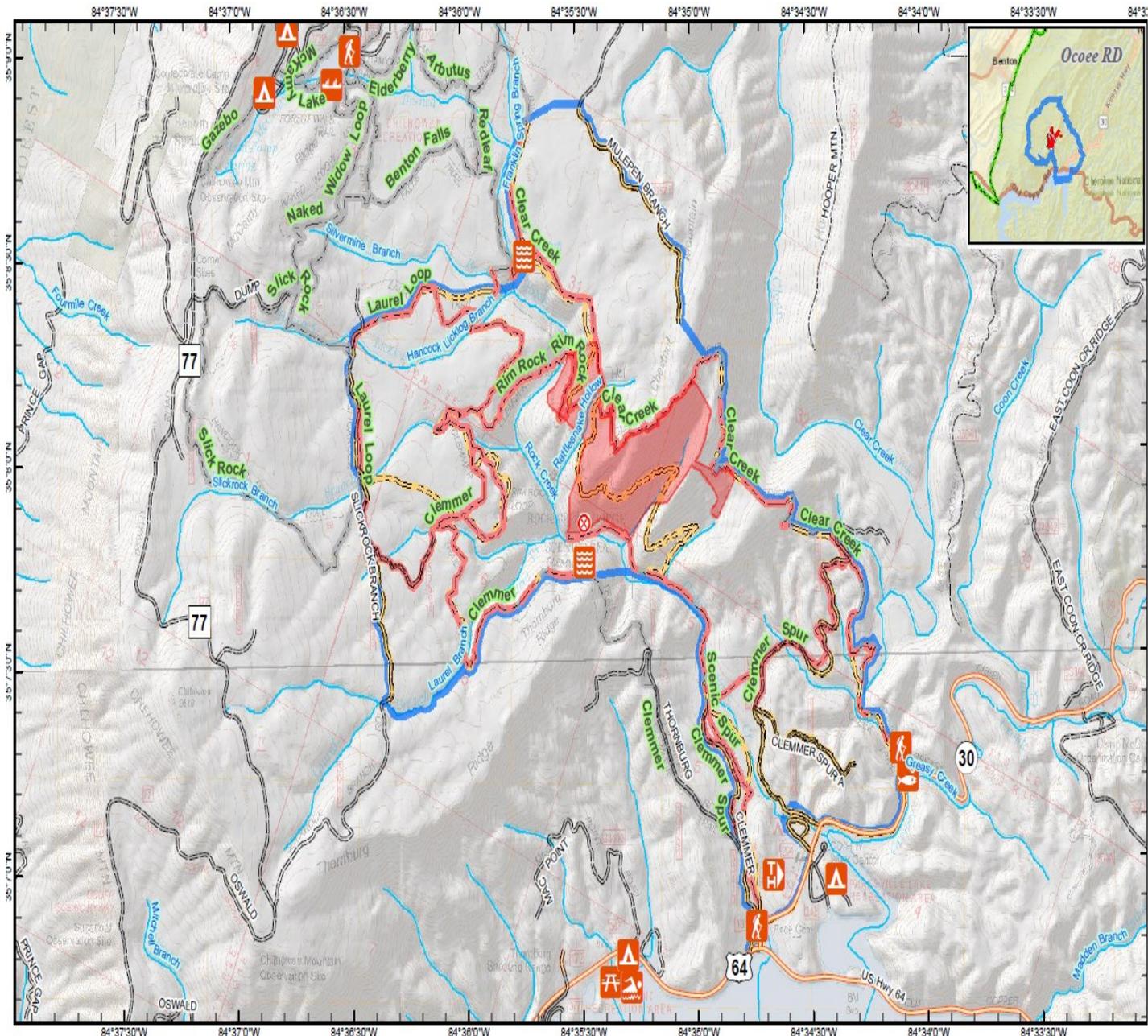
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Effective 11/12/2016

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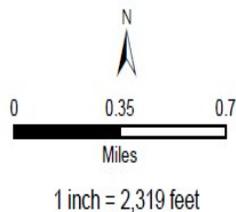


# Rattlesnake Hollow Fire Closure Map

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 Closure Order: 08-04-03-16-416

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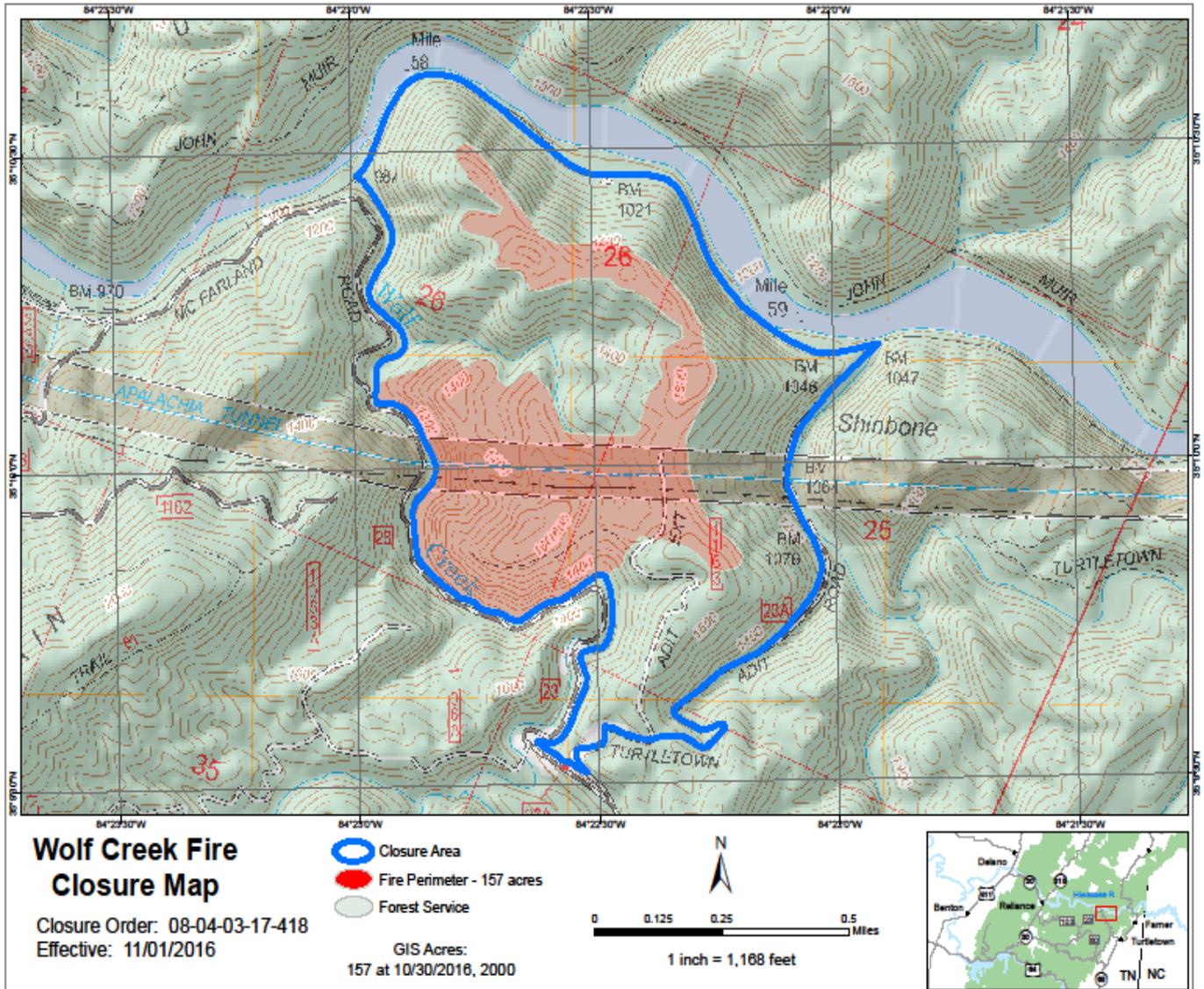
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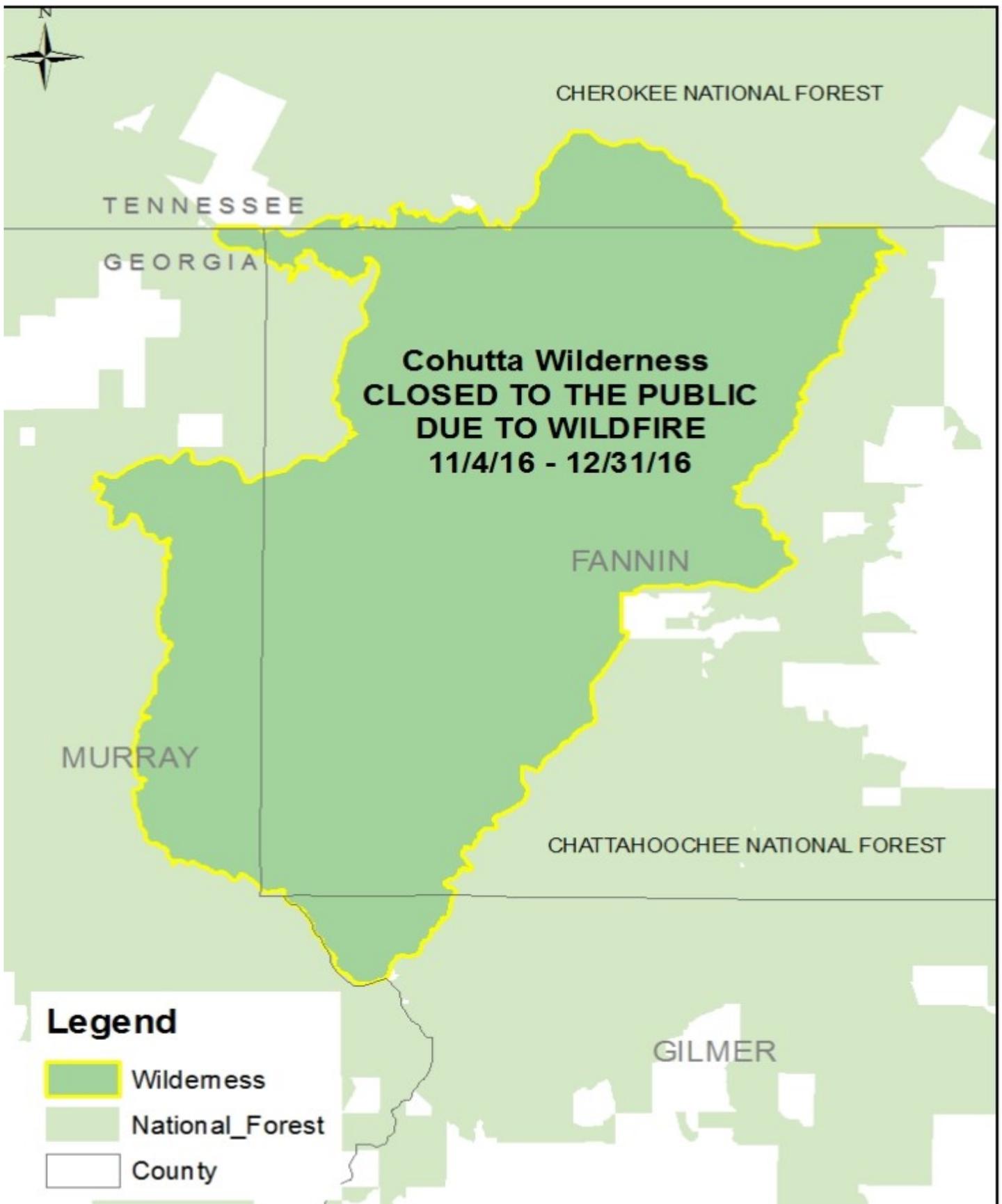
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**Rattlesnake Hollow Fire Area Closure - blue line**  
 All roads and campgrounds in the area are open.

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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.

## TENNESSEE ARSON HOTLINE

**1-800-762-3017**

All calls are confidential

The Arson Hotline is a phone line dedicated to receiving information about suspicious and incendiary fires. It is answered 24 hours a day, and you may remain anonymous when providing information. Cash awards are offered for information leading to an arrest or conviction.

Arson accounts for the majority of acres burned from forest fires in Tennessee. These fires can spread quickly this time of year and endanger property and human life, including firefighters battling a blaze.

If you see smoke or suspicious activity report it to local fire or law enforcement authorities immediately.

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### ***Be FIREWISE:***

#### **Here are a few tips to help protect your home from wild fire:**

- Remove lower tree branches, those that may overhang the roof, and dead branches.
- Take advantage of passive firebreaks such as green lawns, sidewalks, and driveways around your property.
- Rake, mow, clear and remove surface fuel, such as brush, limbs and pine needles, a minimum of 30 feet from structures – the more the better. Make it lean, clean and green.
- Do not stack firewood next to buildings. Regularly check the roof for combustible materials and clean the gutters of debris.
- Make sure a wood burning stove/fireplace and its chimney meet safety standards.
- Post your local firefighting agency's phone number in a visible place.
- Have tools readily available: shovel, rake, axe, saw, ladder, 2 gallon bucket, etc.
- Have an adequate water supply. Water sources need to be accessible to firefighters.
- Provide adequate access for fire equipment.
- When building a home, use noncombustible roofing materials.

For detailed information on protecting your home visit the **FIREWISE** web site at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org), or [http://www.burnsafetn.org/be\\_firewise\\_com.html](http://www.burnsafetn.org/be_firewise_com.html)

