Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited for the Sipsey Wilderness, Bankhead Ranger District, of the National Forests in Alabama. This closure order is effective until rescinded by the Forest Supervisor.

The following acts are PROHIBITED as set forth in 36 CFR 261.57 and 36 CFR 261.58:

1. Entering or being in the area with or on a saddle, pack or draft animal, except on designated trails specifically signed for such use. 36 CFR 261.57 (a)

2. Entering or being in the area for the purpose of collecting animals or plants for educational studies. 36 CFR 261.57 (a)

3. Possessing any type of firework(s). 36 CFR 261.57 (c)

4. The grazing of unauthorized livestock. 36 CFR 261.57 (e)

5. Storing equipment, personal property or supplies. 36 CFR 261.57 (f)

6. Disposing of debris, garbage or other waste. 36 CFR 261.57 (g)

7. Camping for a period longer than seven (7) days. 36 CFR 261.58 (a)

8. Camping with saddle, pack or draft animals except at designated campsites. 36 CFR 261.58 (e)

9. Entering or being in the area as a member of a group or party in excess of ten (10) people. 36 CFR 261.57 (a)

Violation of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual and $10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Title 16 USC Section 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Montgomery, Alabama this the 29th day of June, 2017.

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