



ORDER NO. 2017-01

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING USE, TO WIT:**

**USE OF EXPLODING TARGETS IN OR NEAR SPARKS PIT IN RIPTON
GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST – VERMONT**

Under the authority of the Act of Congress dated June 4, 1897, as amended (16 U.S.C. 551), and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth as 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b)), the following acts and omissions are prohibited at the Sparks Pit and Steam Mill Spur (Forest Road 59b) area located on the Green Mountain National Forest, Middlebury Ranger District, in the town of Ripton in Addison County, Vermont, said area being described and designated as shown on the map set forth at Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereto:

- For the protection of health and safety, it is prohibited to use, or prepare to use, exploding targets. (36 CFR 261.53(e))
- For the protection of health and safety, it is prohibited to discharge a firearm between sunset and 8:00 AM. (36 CFR 261.58(m))
- For the protection of health and safety, it is prohibited to be in the area between sunset and sunrise. (36 CFR 261.58(l))


THIS RESTRICTION IS NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. IT IS IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN 36 CFR PART 261. THE PROHIBITION WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.

Pursuant to the provisions of 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)); and,
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty (36 CFR 261.50(e)(4));


Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C., 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

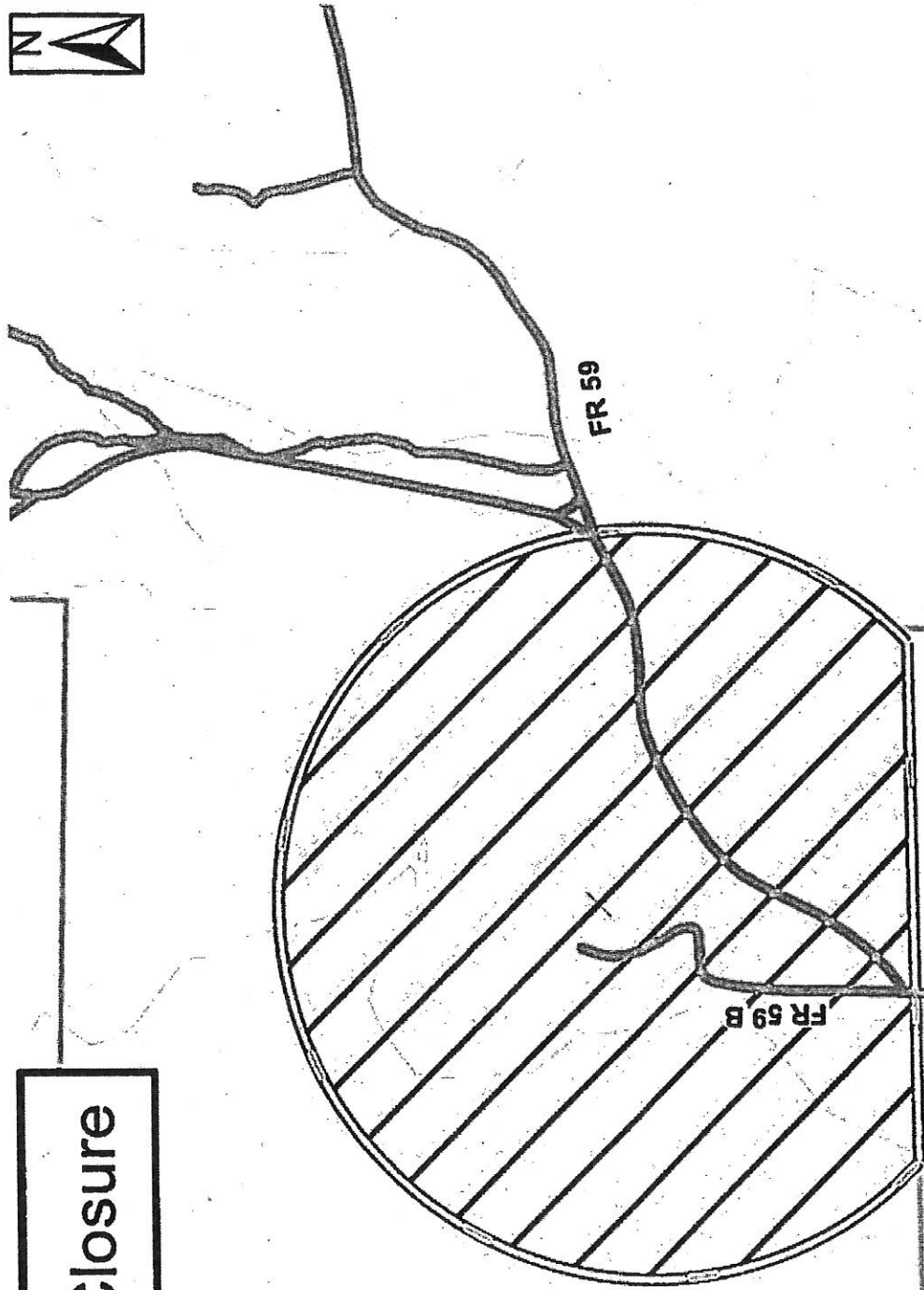
Dated this 2nd day of October 2017, at Rutland, Vermont.



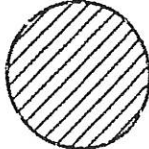
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 Sparks Pit Closure



Legend

 1/2 Mile Wide Closed Area