

ORDER 10-05-31-12-01 WOODCUTTING RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a), the following acts are prohibited within Starrigavan Recreation Area, Sawmill Creek Campground, along Harbor Mt Road and within Harbor Mountain Recreation Area. These prohibitions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

36 CFR 261.58(t) All National Forest lands as designated on this map are closed to woodcutting, including the cutting or gathering of dead and/or down trees. Possessing, storing, or transporting any part of a tree taken from these areas is prohibited.

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following are exempt from this closure.

Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty; and
Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

This Order supersedes and terminates previous 36 CFR 261.58(t) order dated 6/30/1989 for these designated areas.



Forrest Cole
Forest Supervisor
Tongass National Forest
Ketchikan, Alaska

Date

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both.
(Title 16 USC, Section 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571)

Sawmill Creek Campground

An area bounded by Blue Lake Road on the North; Sawmill Creek on the south; Blue Lake on the east; and, on the west, a line drawn south from the intersection of Blue Lake Road and F.S. Road 7577 to Sawmill Creek

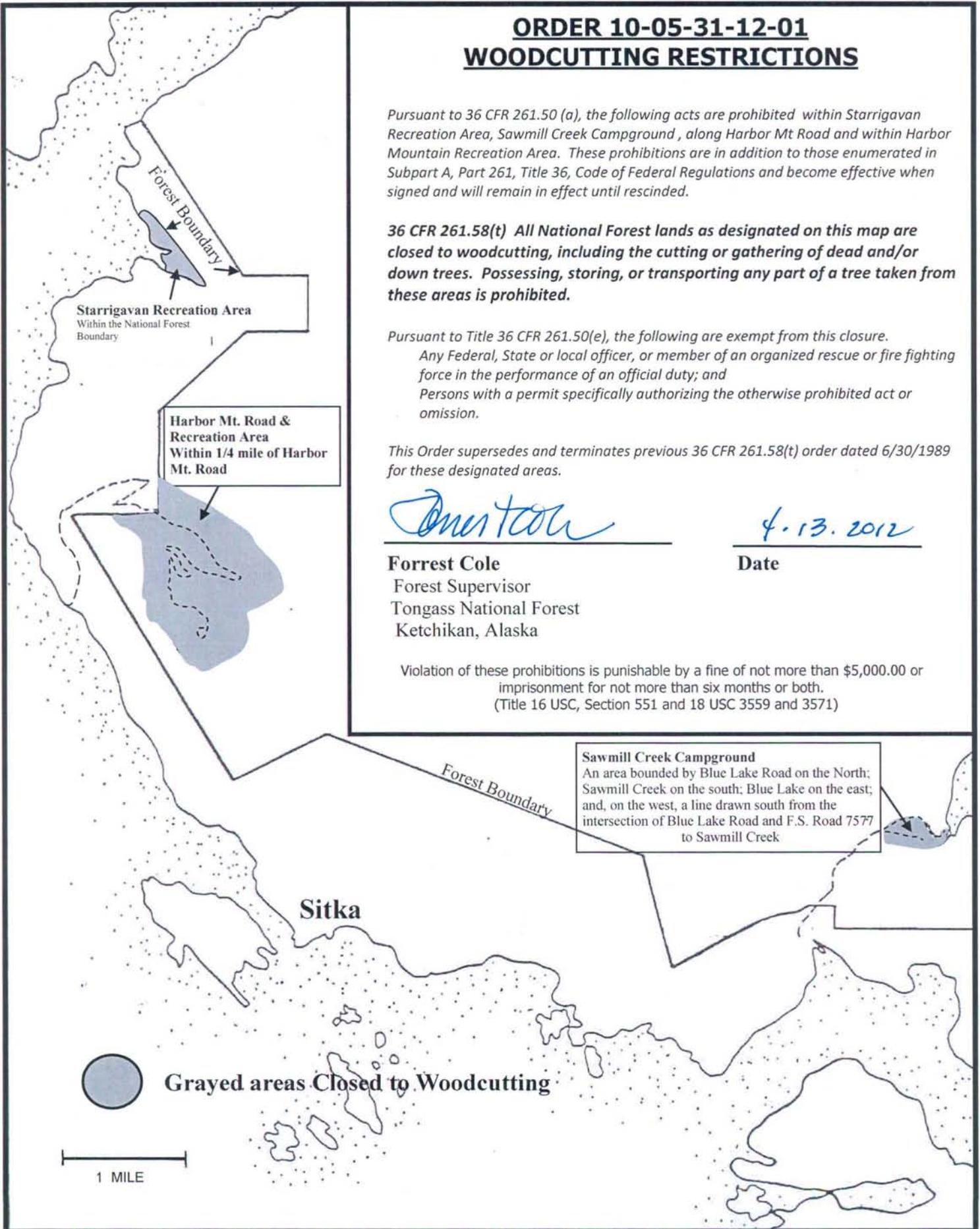
Forest Boundary

Sitka



Grayed areas Closed to Woodcutting

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Sitka Ranger District

Assessment of Need –Order 10-05-31-12-01

Background – Order 10-05-31-12-01 updates, supercedes and terminates the Woodcutting Restrictions Order signed June 30, 1989 by Gary A. Morrison.

Intent of Subpart B Order: To update Woodcutting Restrictions Order of June 30, 1989 and continue the Order.

1) Public scoping was done by FS in 1988 in preparation for a management plan for Harbor Mountain Rec Area and road corridor. One issue raised by the public was negative effects of woodcutting and firewood gathering along the road. Majority of those commenting thought the road should be closed to all woodcutting.

2) In an effort to prevent the continuation of "clear cutting of timber" by the private sector and since dead and down trees were already mostly removed, the City and Borough of Sitka passed Resolution 89-412 on February 28, 1989 which was a moratorium on woodcutting along Harbor Mt Rd along their ownership segment of the road.

3) The Forest Service implemented the Woodcutting Restrictions Order signed June 30, 1989 closing off-road areas along Harbor Mountain Road to woodcutting, including the cutting or gathering of dead and/or down trees within a quarter mile of the road from the NF boundary to the road end. The quarter mile was consistent with the City and Borough of Sitka's closure. The subpart B also included what is now known as the Starrigavan Recreation Area and Sawmill Creek Campground. Original wood cutting closure was signed by Chatham Area Forest Supervisor Gary A. Morrison, on June 30, 1989.