



***Cherokee National Forest***

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# News Release

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## **FIREWORKS PROHIBITED IN NATIONAL FOREST**

**CLEVELAND, TENN – June 19, 2015...** The Fourth of July is just around the corner and many people enjoy discharging fireworks this time of year. US Forest Service officials at the Cherokee National Forest remind visitors that fireworks are not allowed on national forest land at any time.

Fireworks and other pyrotechnic devices are prohibited (possessing or discharging) on all national grasslands and national forest lands year-round, regardless of weather conditions or holidays. Regulations are enforced, and violation is punishable as a misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both. Forest visitors are also reminded to ensure that all fires are extinguished and cold to the touch before leaving them.

The Cherokee National Forest covers 650,000 acres of public land in ten east Tennessee counties. It offers many popular recreation areas for camping, boating, picnicking, hiking and a variety of outdoor activities. Outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to visit and enjoy their Cherokee National Forest but are reminded to leave fireworks at home.

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