

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR**  
CLOSING AN AREA TO ENTRY, TO WIT:  
CAVES LOCATED IN  
THE MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST, WEST VIRGINIA

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 as set forth at 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b)) the following acts and omissions are prohibited on all National Forest System lands administered by the Monongahela National Forest. The Monongahela National Forest lands are located in Barbour, Grant, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Tucker, and Webster counties in the State of West Virginia as shown on Exhibit A attached..

1. Entering into any cave on National Forest System lands within the Monongahela National Forest, unless the cave is specifically posted open. 36 CFR 261.53 (a), (b) and (d).

These restrictions are necessary to protect endangered, threatened, and sensitive bat species. They are in addition to the general prohibitions set forth in 36 CFR Part 261. These prohibitions will be in effect until June 30, 2012, unless terminated earlier by the Forest Supervisor. This will allow scientists two full winter surveys for data collection and analysis upon which to base future management actions aimed at sustaining remaining bat populations.

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

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

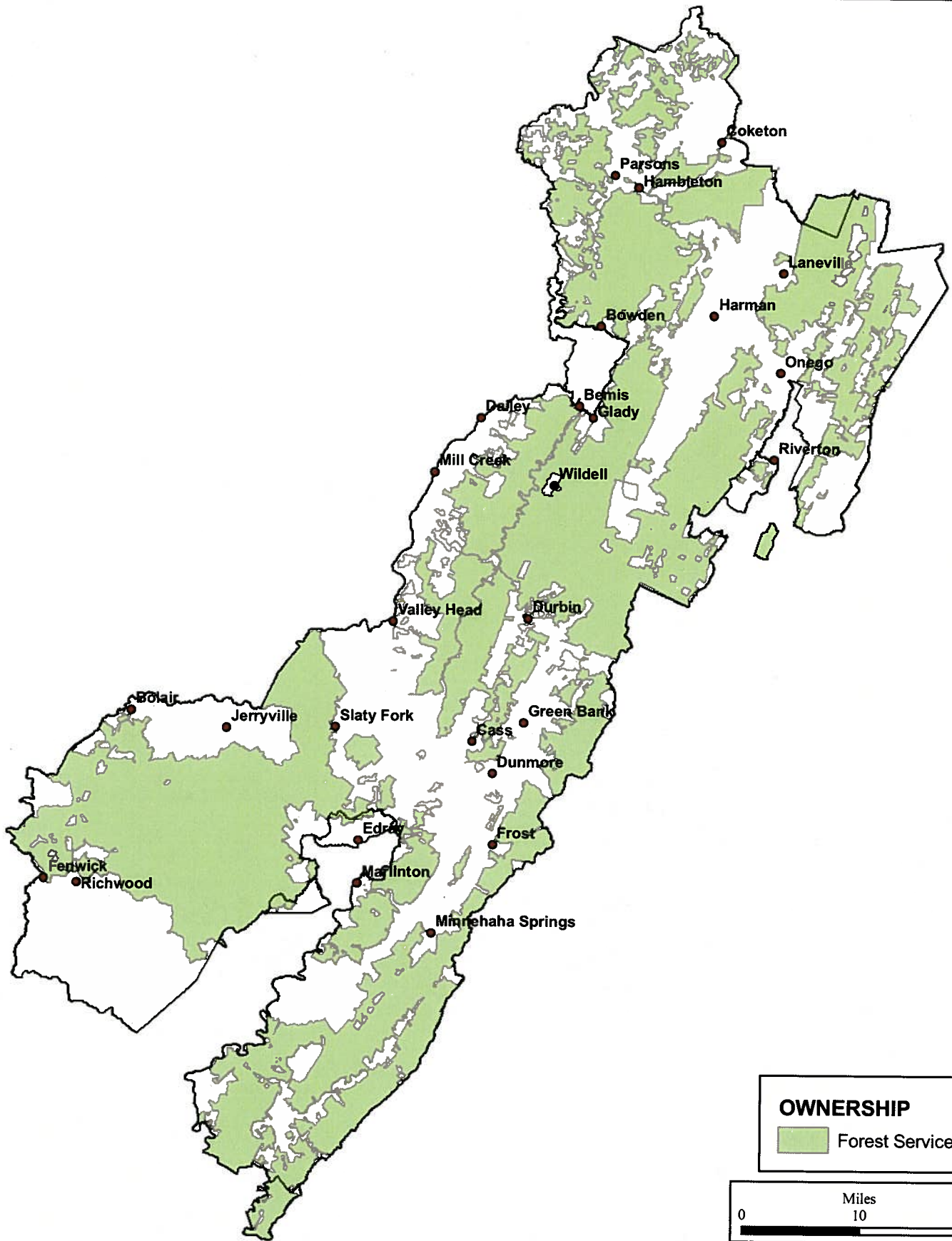
Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571.)

Dated this 15th day of April, 2010, at Elkins, West Virginia.

United States Department of Agriculture  
Forest Service

  
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# Monongahela National Forest Exhibit A, Order No. 21-104

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