

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
CLOSING AN AREA TO ENTRY, TO WIT:**

Closure Order

All Mines on National Forest System Lands on the Ottawa National Forest

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 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 Ottawa National Forest:

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

The purpose of the closure is to provide for public health and safety by reducing or eliminating possible risks associated with mines including potential for collapse, entrapment and carbon monoxide poisoning, and to reduce disturbance of bats and the spread of white-nose syndrome among bats.

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

1. Persons with a permit from the authorized Forest Service Officer specifically authorizing an otherwise-prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force working in the performance of an official duty.

Violation of these prohibitions set forth above is 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 (6) months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Dated May 19, 2010, at Ironwood, Michigan.

**United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service**

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