

ORDER NO. 315

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cherokee National Forest

Camp Armistead Restriction

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50 (a) and (b), it is hereby ordered that the prohibitions hereinafter set forth apply to the specific areas described below on the Tellico/Hiwassee District within the Cherokee National Forest, shown on the attached map.

1. Objects or areas of historical, archeological, geological, or paleontological interest. **(36 CFR 261.53c)**. Closed to Forest visitors.

The above-prohibited act is set forth in Title 36 C.F.R. Section 261.53

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50 (e), the following persons or areas are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, issued by the District Ranger.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Executed in Cleveland, Tennessee, this thirty-first day of March 2008.

s/ H. Thomas Speaks, Jr.
H. THOMAS SPEAKS, JR
Forest Supervisor
Cherokee National Forest

ORDER EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM DATE OF SIGNATURE

Violation of the 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. See 16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571.

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CIVIL RIGHTS:

Major civil rights impacts are those consequences of proposed policy actions that, if implemented, would negatively and disproportionately affect groups or classes of people by virtue of their race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, family status, or disability. The deciding officer has considered the impact of this proposal (to close the Camp Armistead Fort Site, 25 acres, to the general public) on the civil rights of minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and other protected groups. In considering the effects of the proposed action, it was determined that the civil rights of any protected group or class of people would not be affected by this closure.

DURATION:

Five (5) years from date of signature

NEPA JUSTIFICATION:

This action is consistent with FSH 1909.15, Section 31.11 and 31.12 and the 2004 Revised Land and Resource Management Plan. No extraordinary circumstances exist that might cause the action to have significant environmental effects. Therefore, this action is categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental assessment of environmental impact statement. No additional NEPA documentation is required to proceed with implementation of this Order.

AGENCY: USDA-Forest Service, Cherokee National Forest
Contact: Forest Supervisor
Date: March 18, 2008

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Forest Supervisor