



ORDER NO.2008-06

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING CAMPING AND FIRES, TO WIT:
CUTLER RIVER DRAINAGE
WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST NEW HAMPSHIRE and MAINE**

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 as 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b)), the following acts and omissions are prohibited: within the Cutler River Drainage located on the Androscoggin Ranger District in Pinkham's Grant, Thompson and Meserve's Purchase and Sargent's Purchase, Coos County, New Hampshire. See explanatory notes in Attachment 1. Said area being shown and designated on the map set forth in Exhibit A.

1. Camping within the Cutler River Drainage is prohibited except at designated sites. (36 CFR 261.58 (e))
2. Building, maintaining, attending or using a wood or charcoal fire within the Cutler River Drainage. Portable camp stoves using pressurized liquid or gas, or other manufactured fuels are allowed.(36 CFR 261.52(a))

THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO PROTECT NATIONAL FOREST PROPERTY. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN 36 CFR PART 261. THE PROHIBITION WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.

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

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

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C., 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Dated this 4th day of May 2009 at Laconia, New Hampshire.

/S/ Thomas G Wagner
Thomas G. Wagner
Forest Supervisor
White Mountain National Forest

ATTACHMENT 1

Explanatory Notes:

Within the Cutler River Drainage, the only designated sites for camping are the shelters and tent platforms in the Hermit lake Area. In addition, camping at the Harvard Mountain Cabin in Huntington Ravine is permitted, but only during the period from December 1 to March 31.

Camping and fire prohibitions in the Cutler River Drainage apply above tree line even on two (2) or more feet of snow.

Rationale for restricting Camping and Fires in Cutler River Drainage

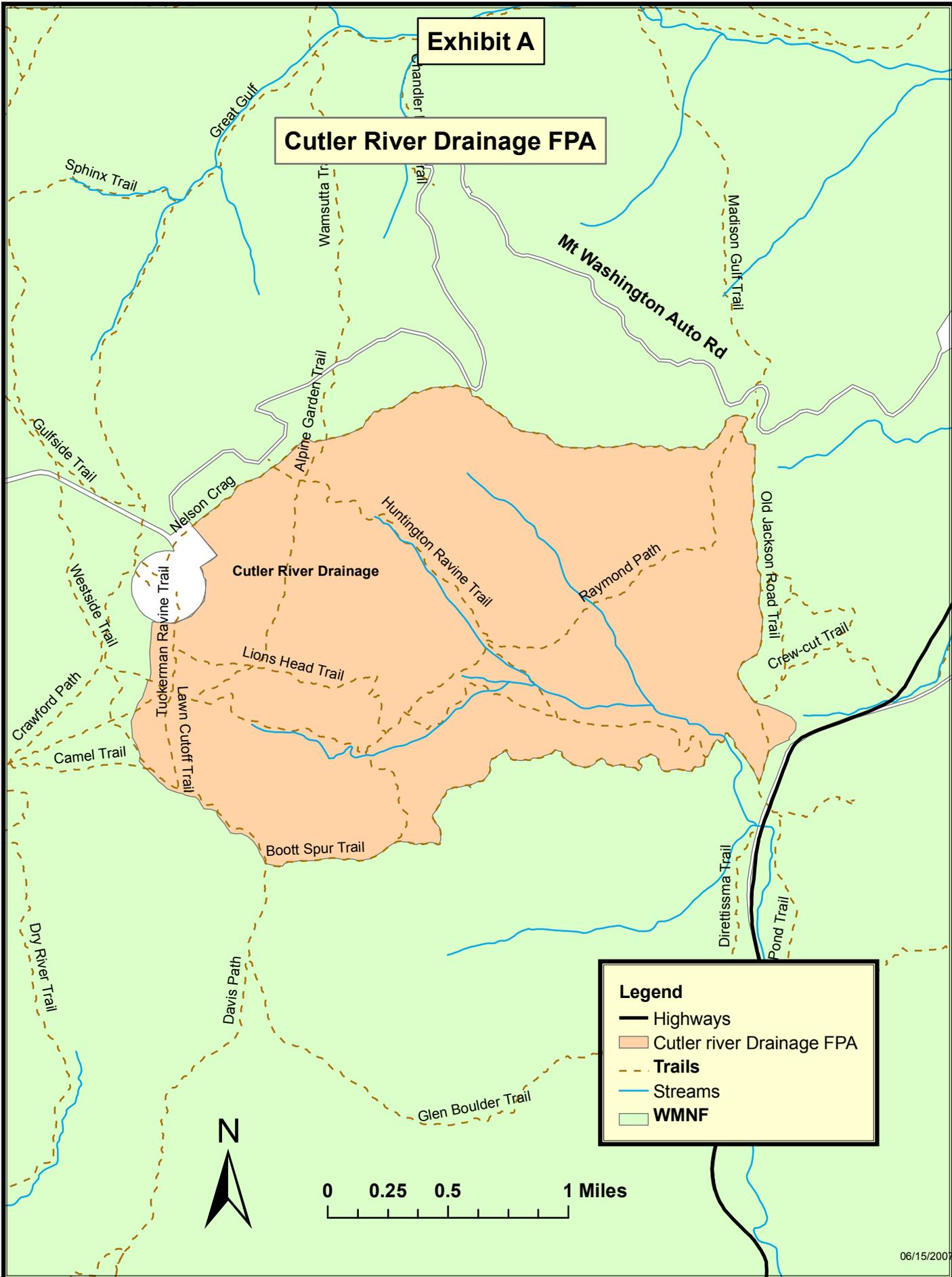
This Order restricts Camping except at the designated sites at Hermit Lake and Harvard Mountain Cabin in the Cutler River Drainage, year around. Campfires are prohibited throughout the area. However the use of a portable camp stove using candles, pressurized liquid or gas, or other manufactured fuels is allowed. The Cutler River drainage receives high levels of hiking, skiing, and ice climbing use of use that has impacted the fragile soils, contributed to water quality degradation and resulted in the trampling of sensitive alpine and sub-alpine vegetation. To protect this unique and sensitive environment camping will be restricted to designated sites. These actions are consistent with the Forest Management plan objectives of protecting public health and safety, preserving the critical alpine vegetation of the area and maintaining a quality recreation experience for the visitors.

EXHIBIT A

Map of Cutler River Drainage Closure

Exhibit A

Cutler River Drainage FPA



Legend

- Highways
- Cutler river Drainage FPA
- - - Trails
- Streams
- WMNF



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