



ORDER NO.2008-19

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING ENTRY TO TUCKERMAN RAVINE TRAIL, TO WIT:
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 on the Tuckerman Ravine Trail located on the Androscoggin Ranger District, Sargent's Purchase, Coos County, New Hampshire. Said area being described and designated as shown on the map set forth as Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereto:

1. Being on the section of the Tuckerman Ravine Trail from the junction of the Tuckerman Ravine Trail and Alpine Garden Trail to the "Lunch Rocks" location on the trail at the floor of Tuckerman Ravine during the period May 1 to July 1 or as otherwise posted. (36 CFR 261.53(e))

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 THE PROHIBITION WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.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

Rationale

This order closes that portion of the Tuckerman Ravine Trail from the Jct. of Tuckerman Ravine Trail and Alpine Garden Trail to the “lunch rocks” location on the trail at the floor of Tuckerman Ravine. During this time of year unique travel conditions exist due to steep slopes, crevasses and unstable ice and snow that are concentrated in a small area. When on the ground conditions warrant, these dates may vary. Decisions on the closing and re-opening dates for this section of the trail will be made by the U.S. Forest Service Snow Rangers. Appropriate notice of date revisions will be given through news releases and by posting at local U.S. Forest Service facilities.

EXHIBIT A

Map of Tuckerman Ravine Trail Seasonal Closure

**White Mountain National Forest
2008-19
Tuckerman Ravine Trail
Implementation and Enforcement Plan**

Public Notice

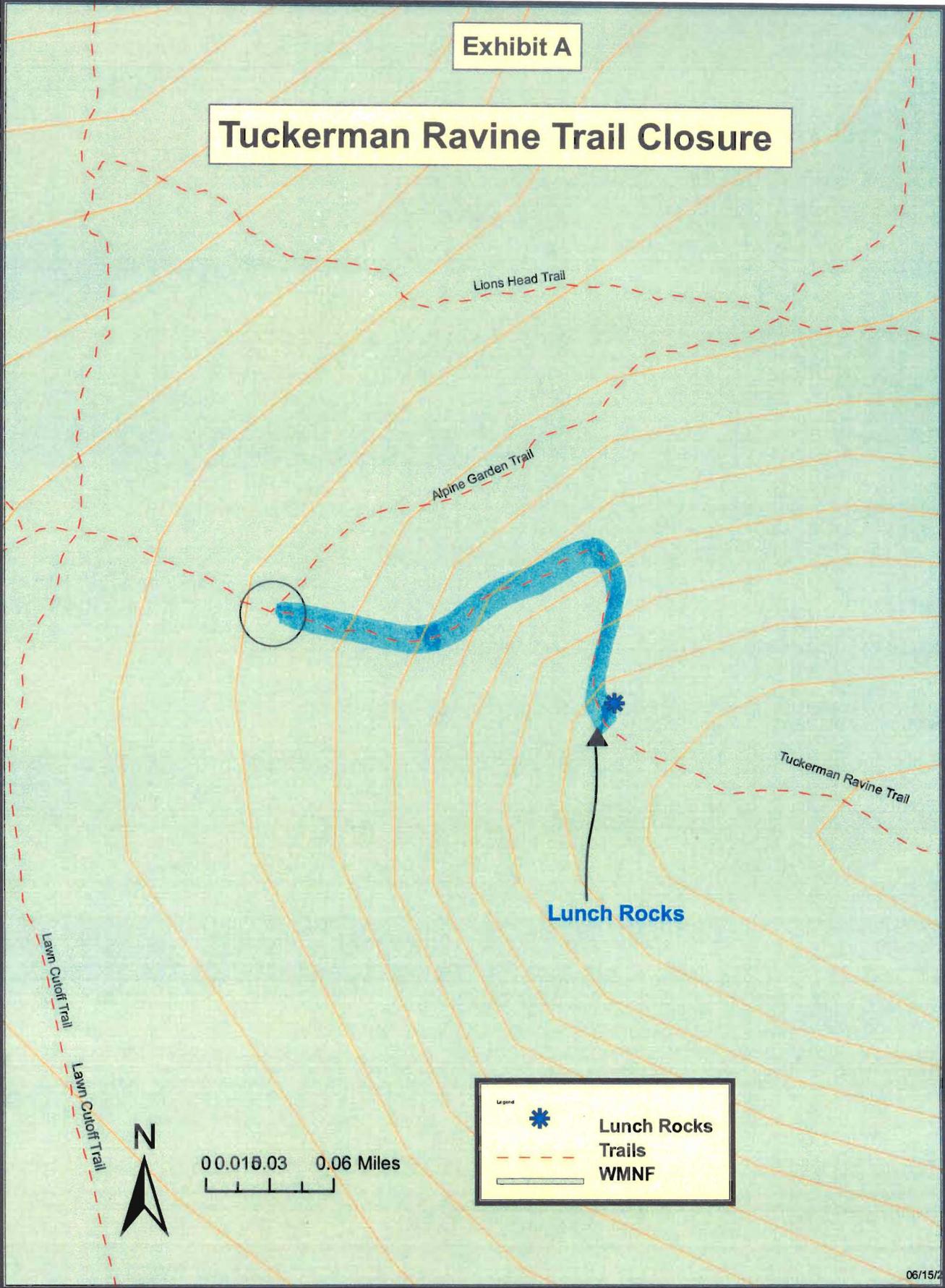
1. Copies of approved order and attachments shall be made available to the public at District Ranger Stations and the Office of the Forest Supervisor.
2. Contents of the order shall be posted on the Forest Website.
3. Signs advising of restrictions shall be posted on informational bulletin boards.
4. Signs shall be posted in those areas identified by field personnel as being areas likely to be used by the public in violation of the closure order.

Enforcement

1. Patrols of the closure area shall be regularly conducted by Forest Protection Officers and occasionally by assigned Law Enforcement personnel.
2. Patrols shall verify appropriate signing is in place.
3. All violations of the closure order shall be documented using appropriate law enforcement forms (Incident report (5300-1 or Violation Notice 5300-4).
4. Officers shall exercise appropriate discretion in the issuance of warnings and violation notices.
5. Persistent and reoccurring violations shall be reported to the District Law Enforcement Officer.

Exhibit A

Tuckerman Ravine Trail Closure



Legend

- Lunch Rocks
- Trails
- WMNF



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