



ORDER NO.2008-21

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR  
RESTRICTING CAMPING AND FIRES NEAR SELECTED WATER  
BODIES, 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 near selected water bodies located on the Pemigewasset Ranger District, Grafton County, New Hampshire. Said areas being described and designated in Attachment 1 and shown on the maps set forth at Exhibits A and B, which are attached hereto and made a part hereto:

1. Camping within 200 feet except at designated sites. (36 CFR 261.58(e)).
2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a wood or charcoal fire within 200 feet, EXCEPT at designated sites. 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 THE PROHIBITION WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.**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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009 at Laconia, New Hampshire.

*/S/ Thomas G Wagner*  
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White Mountain National Forest

## **Attachment 1**

### **200 foot Camping and Fire Restrictions Near Water Bodies on the White Mountain National Forest**

The stream along Smarts Brook trail from NH 49 south 1.5 miles

Black Pond

**EXHIBIT A**

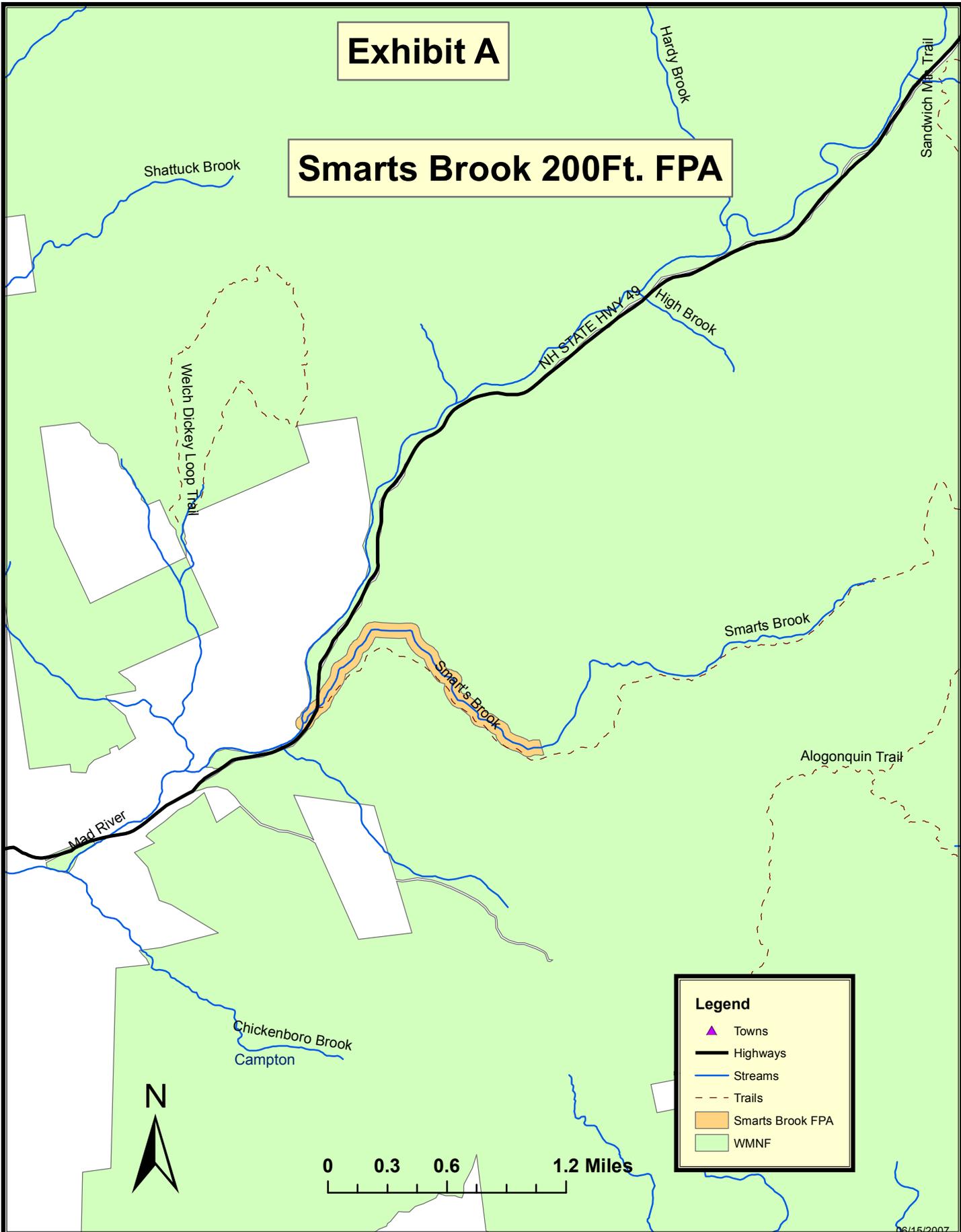
**Map of 200 foot Camping and Fire Restricted Bodies of Water on WMNF**

## Rationale for Specific Water Bodies 200 feet Camping and Fire Restrictions

Visitor use to the forest and its water-bodies has resulted in indiscriminate camping and campfire building near several select bodies of water on the Forest. The attraction of campers to these popular water bodies has impacted the recreation experience of other visitors by concentrating use in these areas. The proliferation of dispersed campsites, fire rings, and human waste in proximity to these water bodies may result in public health concerns, potential for escaped campfires, and created areas of denuded vegetation causing soil compaction and erosion. This order is needed to enforce camping and fire restrictions to protect the resources and the public's health and safety

# Exhibit A

## Smarts Brook 200Ft. FPA



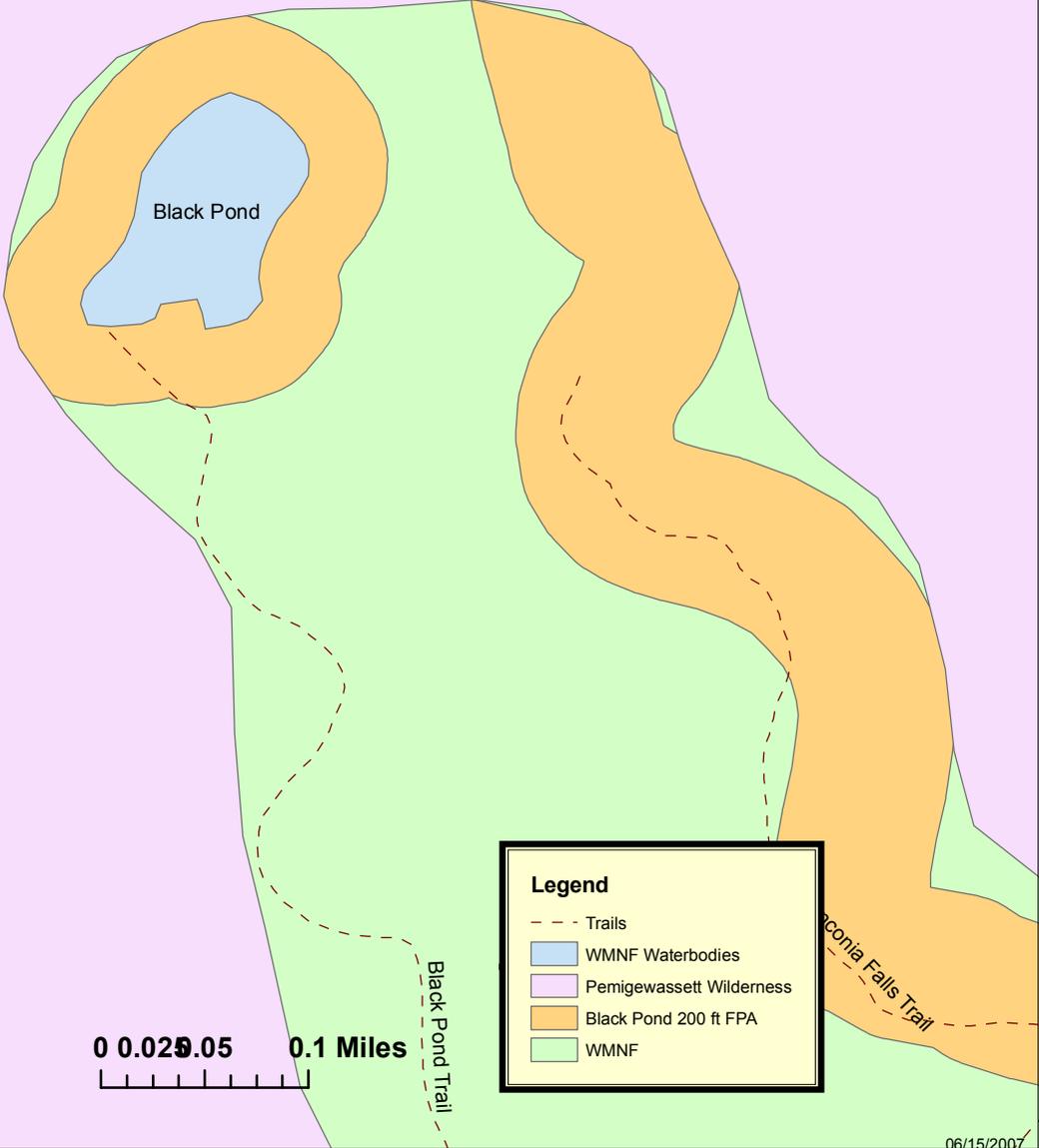
**Legend**

- ▲ Towns
- Highways
- Streams
- - - Trails
- Smarts Brook FPA
- WMNF



Exhibit B

Black Pond 200Ft. FPA



0 0.025 0.05 0.1 Miles

**Legend**

- Trails
- WMNF Waterbodies
- Pemigewasset Wilderness
- Black Pond 200 ft FPA
- WMNF