PROHIBITIONS

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest Service
Hot Springs,
Arkansas

ORDER OF FOREST SUPERVISOR

OUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST

ORDER NO. OA-KIA-02-2016

AREA CLOSURE

PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF 16 U.S.C., SECTION 551 AND 36 CFR 261.50(a) AND (b), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE FOLLOWING ACTS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE AREA DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDER AS **BEAR DEN CAVES**, AS INDICATED BY ERECTED BOUNDARY SIGNS WITHIN THE CHOCTAW RANGER DISTRICT, OUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST.

THE FOLLOWING PROHIBITED ACTS ARE SET FORTH IN 36 CFR 261. 53:

Entering or being in the area indicated by the erected boundary signs.

The area is closed for the protection of:

Threatened, endangered, rare, unique, or vanishing species of plants, animals, birds, or fish. 261.53(a)

Public health or safety 261.53(e)

PURSUANT TO 36 CFR, SECTION 261.50 (e), THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS ORDER:

(1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing otherwise prohibited act or omission.

(2) Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions 36 CFR part 261, Subpart A, and are supplemental to the Regional Forester's Order FS-RO-08-01-2014, which closed all caves in the Southern Region to human entry through June 12, 2019.

THIS ORDER WILL EXPIRE FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER DATE OF EXECUTION

Executed in Hot Springs, Arkansas, this 14th day of September, 2016.

NORMAN WAGONER
Forest Supervisor

Violations of these prohibitions 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 months, or both.
16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571