UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
NATIONAL FORESTS IN ALABAMA
ORDER NUMBER
2012-03-03

PROTECTION OF SPECIES-GOPHER TORTOISE
OCCUPANCY AND USE

Pursuant to **36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b)**, and **36 CFR 261.53 (a)**, in the interest of the protection of wildlife, the following prohibitions applies to the **Conecuh Ranger District** of the National Forests in Alabama. This closure order is effective from June 30, 2012 through June 30, 2017.

The following is **PROHIBITED** as set forth in **36 CFR 261.58**:

1. Hunting, possessing, storing, or transporting of Gopher Tortoise. **36 CFR 261.58 (s)**
2. Hunting of any wildlife species by the practice of "gassing" burrows. **36 CFR 261.58 (v)**

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local Officer or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in performance of any official duty.

Done at Montgomery, Alabama this the 15th day of June, 2012.

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Violation of these prohibitions are 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. Title 16 USC Section 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.