

Appendix 11: Law Enforcement at Concession Campgrounds

Forest Service Manual 2342.1 - LAW ENFORCEMENT

The responsibility for conducting law enforcement at concession campgrounds operated on National Forest System lands is borne by several governmental entities. It is the responsibility of the authorized officer to ensure that law enforcement activities at concession campgrounds are conducted in a manner consistent with the provisions of exhibit 01.

2342.1 - Exhibit 01

Law Enforcement at Concession Campgrounds

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Concessionaires. In responding to violations of Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations, concessionaires have the same authority as a private citizen. Concessionaires generally cannot enforce Federal, State, or local laws or regulations, including 36 CFR part 261, Prohibitions on National Forest System lands. Concessionaires should be knowledgeable of applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, including 36 CFR part 261, and should report violations of these laws and regulations to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

Concessionaires may enhance public safety at concession campgrounds in a number of ways. For example, they may hire a private security firm, hire off-duty State or local law enforcement personnel, or enter into a cooperative agreement with the county for additional patrols.

Under the terms of the campground concession permit, the authorized officer may allow or require a concessionaire to establish certain restrictions on conduct or rules of use. For instance, the concessionaire may establish a rule of use that limits the number of vehicles per campground site, establishes a limit on the length of stay, or prohibits washing food at a water hydrant. The rules of use may be incorporated into the concessionaire's operating plan, and the concessionaire may be held accountable for ensuring compliance under the terms of the special use permit.

Conduct that violates rules of use may also violate Federal, State, or local laws. When such conduct occurs, the concessionaire should report those violations to the appropriate law enforcement authority. For example, violation of a rule of use may constitute a disturbance of the peace in violation of State law or disorderly conduct in violation of Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 261.4

To minimize confusion between criminally enforceable Federal, State, and local laws and concessionaire-established rules of use, each should be separately posted within the campground.

2. State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies. Generally, State and local law enforcement agencies have authority to enforce applicable State and local laws, ordinances, and regulations on National Forest System lands. Under 16 U.S.C. 480, States retain their civil and criminal jurisdiction over persons on the National Forests. Thus, crimes involving persons and their property are generally the primary responsibility of State and local law enforcement authorities.

Where a concessionaire has established rules of use, there is no authority for a State or local law enforcement agency to take enforcement action, unless the conduct giving rise to the violation of a rule of use also constitutes a violation of State or local law.

There is no authority for the Forest Service to allow State and local law enforcement personnel to enforce Federal laws and regulations, including 36 CFR part 261. Some conduct may be prosecuted under Federal or State law because the conduct violates both Federal and State law. However, State and local law enforcement officers may enforce only State and local law.

3. Forest Service. The Forest Service retains all its authorities and responsibilities for enforcing Federal laws and regulations relating to administration of National Forest System lands. The role and responsibilities of the Forest Service do not change simply because the Forest Service has issued a special use permit to a concessionaire. Forest Service personnel should continue to enforce all Federal laws and regulations relating to administration of National Forest System lands within concessionaire-operated campgrounds.

Forest Service personnel should not assume, however, that all laws and regulations applicable to facilities operated by the Forest Service are also applicable to sites operated by concessionaires. For example, as a matter of policy the Forest Service does not interpret failure to pay a camping fee charged by a concessionaire to be a violation of 36 CFR 261.15 because the camping fee charged by the concessionaire is not an admission or recreation use fee for a “site, facility,... or service furnished by the United States.” The agency construes “furnished by the United States” to mean “owned and operated” by the United States.” Therefore, the Forest Service would not cite someone for failure to pay a camping fee at a concession campground because the site is operated by a concessionaire, rather than the Forest Service, and the concessionaire, rather than the Forest Service, retains the campground fees.

The regulations at 36 CFR part 261, subpart A, apply at both Forest Service and concessionaire-operated campgrounds. In contrast, orders issued under 36 CFR part 261, subpart B, may or may not apply at concession campgrounds. A subpart B order must clearly state the area to which it applies. 36 CFR 261.50(c)(1). If the order is forest-wide, it applies to all campgrounds, including concession campgrounds, within the forest.

Operating plans for concession campground permits should be consistent with any orders that apply. A concessionaire may not allow an activity prohibited by an order. However, a concessionaire’s rule of use may be stricter than an order.

The Regional Forester or Forest Supervisor may exempt concession campgrounds from an order and may want to exempt them to place more responsibility for the site on the concessionaire. Rules of use rather than the order would then govern. This approach is consistent with one of the purposes of the campground concession program, which is to reduce expenditure of limited Forest Service resources in administering developed recreation sites.

When issuing a subpart B order, the Regional Forester or Forest Supervisor should consider whether the order should apply at concession campgrounds.

If concession campgrounds are exempted from a subpart B order, the rules of use established by

concessionaires may differ from the restrictions contained in the order that applies elsewhere. For example, the restriction established by an order on the number of vehicles allowed per campsite at a Forest Service-operated campground may differ from the same type of restriction adopted as a rule of use at a concession campground. Forest Service personnel should ensure that they enforce only those subpart B orders that apply to concession campgrounds.

36 CFR part 261, subpart C, regulations should be handled the same way as subpart B orders. Subpart C regulations are issued by the Chief or Regional Forester to prohibit acts or omissions in all or any part of an area over which the Chief or Regional Forester has jurisdiction.

Forest Service law enforcement personnel should cooperate with State and local law enforcement agencies to the extent authorized by Forest Service policy (FSM 5360) and State and Federal law, such as 16 U.S.C. 559g(c), which authorizes acceptance of a law enforcement designation from States, and 16 U.S.C. 553, which authorizes the Forest Service to aid in the enforcement of State laws in certain respects.

Prospectuses and permits for concession campgrounds should clearly describe the respective responsibilities of Forest Service law enforcement personnel, State and local law enforcement authorities, and concessionaires.

SUMMARY

Crimes involving persons and property are generally violations of State law. State and local law enforcement authorities have jurisdiction to enforce State laws at concession campgrounds. Forest Service personnel have the responsibility to enforce Federal laws and regulations relating to the administration of National Forest System lands. Concessionaires may establish and enforce rules of use that are subordinate to Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Rules of use are not enforceable by Federal, State, or local law enforcement authorities unless violations or rules of use constitute violations of Federal, State, or local laws.

Concessionaires should contact Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities to address criminal violations under their respective jurisdictions. Concessionaires may also consider hiring a private security firm or contracting with off-duty State or local law enforcement personnel to address day-to-day public safety concerns at concession campgrounds.

Campground concession prospectuses and permits should clearly describe the respective responsibilities of Forest Service law enforcement personnel, local law enforcement authorities, and concessionaires. In order to minimize visitor confusion between criminally enforceable Federal, State, and local laws and concessionaire-established rules of use, each should be separately posted within a campground.

APPENDIX 11B - APPLICABLE FOREST ORDERS

Order Number **R9-05-12-01**

CONDITIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLE USE MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST

Under authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551) and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth at 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b)). These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Code of Federal Regulations Title 36, Part 261, Subpart A, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

THE FOLLOWING ACTS OR OMISSIONS ARE PROHIBITED ON THE MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST, AND ARE NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND TO PROTECT NATIONAL FOREST PROPERTY.

1. Possessing or operating a vehicle on any National Forest System Road in violation of the posted speed, load, weight, height, length, width, or in violation of Missouri State law. **(36 CFR 261.54d)**
2. Using a motorized vehicle on a National Forest System Road which has a physical barrier such as: a gate, berm of earth, trench, post, logs, rocks, natural vegetation, former/grown-up road, or other device which blocks or impedes passage or all roads posted closed is prohibited. **(36 CFR 261.54e)**
3. Operating a vehicle carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the rights or safety of other persons or in a manner or at a speed that would endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property. **(36 CFR 261.54f)**
4. Using a motor vehicle on a National Forest System Trail(s) unless designated for that use. **(36 CFR 261.55a)**
5. Operating a vehicle in violation of the width, weight, height, length, or other limitations specified. For the purpose of this order, vehicles over 50 inches in width are prohibited on forest development trails. **(36 CFR 261.55d)**
6. To possess or use a motorized vehicle off National Forest System Roads. **(36 CFR 261.56)**
7. Possessing or operating a motorboat or watercraft in violation of Title 33 U.S. Coast Guard regulations or Missouri state law. **(36 CFR 261.58n)**
8. Possessing or operating a motorboat or watercraft carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the rights or safety of other persons in a manner that would endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property. **(36 CFR 216.58n)**
9. Possessing or operating a motorboat. Outboard motors in excess of ten (10) horsepower may be used but must be operated at slow; NO WAKE SPEED **(applies to Council Bluff Lake only)**. **(36 CFR 216.58n)**
10. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions. **(36 CFR 261.58g)**
11. Operating a motorboat other than electric powered when posted. **(36CFR 261.58n)**

12. Operating any type of motor vehicle on National Forest System road that has been signed to temporarily prohibit such use. (36 CFR 261.54a)

**THIS ORDER SUPERCEDES AND RESCINDS FOREST ORDER NO. 05-01,
SIGNED FEBRUARY 21, 2005.**

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

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

Violations 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 (6) months, or both. [16 USC § 551, 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571]

Dated this 2 day of Feb, 2012 at Rolla, Missouri

United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service



DAVID C. WHITTEKIEND
Forest Supervisor
Mark Twain National Forest

Order Number **R9-05-12-02**
(*Amended)

CONDITIONS OF USE
MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST

Under authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551) and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth at 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b)). These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Code of Federal Regulations Title 36, Part 261, Subpart A, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

THE FOLLOWING ACTS ARE PROHIBITED ON THE MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST, AND ARE NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC HEATH, SAFETY, AND TO PROTECT NATIONAL FOREST PROPERTY.

1. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either:
 - a. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100.1a: or
 - b. Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a). **(36 CFR 261.52j)**
2. Being on a trail when posted closed. **(36 CFR 261.55a)**
3. The use or possession of bicycles, mountain bikes or horses on trails designated for foot traffic only. **(36CFR 261.55c)**
4. To camp for a period in excess of 14 days within a 21-day period. **(36 CFR 261.58a)**
5. To establish a campsite or be a member of a camping party in excess of fourteen (14) consecutive days. **(36 CFR 261.58a)**
6. Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof when that site or facility is posted closed. **(36 CFR 261.58b)**
7. To go into or be upon any area which is posted closed for the protection of Public Health and Safety. **(36 CFR 261.53e)**
8. Entering or remaining in a campground during night periods prescribed in the order except for persons who are occupying such campgrounds. It is prohibited to enter or to remain in a campground between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. in violation of posted sign, except for persons who are occupying such campgrounds. **(36 CFR 261.58c)**
9. Camping in violation of posted sign. **(36 CFR 261.58e)**
10. To use developed campsite by more than eight users unless campsite is designated for this use. **(36 CFR 261.58f)**
11. Possessing, parking, or leaving more than two (2) motor vehicles, except motorcycles, bicycles, or ATV's, per camp unit in a developed recreation site, except for designated overflow parking areas, a double site or group site. **(36CFR 261.58i)**
12. Entering or being in a body of water. It is prohibited to swim where posted. **(36 CFR 261.58k)**

13. Possessing an alcoholic beverage in violation of Missouri State Law. (RsMO 311.325) **(36 CFR 261.58bb)** (*Amended 07/03/13)
14. Possessing, storing, or transporting any part of a tree or plant, as specified. For the purpose of this order, It is prohibited to possess cannabis plant(s) or any substance derived from the manufacture of cannabis **(36 CFR 261.58f)**
15. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. Target shooting or practicing in violation of posted sign is prohibited. **(36 CFR 261.58m)**
16. Possessing or storing any glass beverage or glass food container in "vessels" boats, canoes, inner tubes, kayak, rafts or other watercraft, except with the confines of private lands within the waterway and it is prohibited to possess any glass container within 50 feet of any navigable waterways on the Mark Twain National Forest. **(36 CFR 261.58cc)**
17. Possessing any glass beverage or food container in designated swimming beach at **Council Bluff Lake. (36 CFR 261.58 cc)**
18. Being publicly nude. **(36 CFR 261.58j)**
19. Forest Development trails. Shortcutting a switchback in a trail. **(36 CFR 261.55e)**
20. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies. **(36CFR 261.57f)**
21. Hunting or fishing in violation of Missouri state law and regulations. **(36 CFR 261.58v)**

THIS AMENDED ORDER SUPERCEDES AND RESCINDS FOREST ORDER NO. 05-12-02, SIGNED FEBRUARY 2, 2012

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

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

Violations 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 (6) months, or both. [16 USC § 551, 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571]

Dated this 7th day of July 2012 at Rolla, Missouri

United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service


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Order Number **R9-05-12-05**

**CAVE and MINE CLOSURE
MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST**

Under authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551) and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth at 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b)). These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Code of Federal Regulations Title 36, Part 261, Subpart A, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

1. Entering any cave or mine on National Forest System lands within the Mark Twain National Forest, unless the cave or mine is posted open. **(36 CFR 261.53a, b, and d)**

These restrictions are necessary to protect endangered, threatened, and sensitive bat species. This closure will be in effect until May 3, 2016, unless terminated earlier by the Forest Supervisor.

THIS ORDER SUPERCEDES AND RESCINDS FOREST ORDER NO. 05-02, SIGNED APRIL 18, 2005 AND FOREST ORDER NO. 05-22 SIGNED APRIL 8, 2010.

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

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

Violations 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 (6) months, or both. [16 USC § 551, 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571]

Dated this 2 day of Feb, 2012 at Rolla, Missouri

**United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service**



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Order Number **R9-05-12-07**

**WILDERNESS CLOSURE
MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST**

Under authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551) and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth at 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b)). These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Code of Federal Regulations Title 36, Part 261, Subpart A, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS ARE PROHIBITED TO PROTECT THOSE PARTS OF THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM WHICH WERE DESIGNATED UNITS OF THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM BY THE WILDERNESS ACT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1964, AND SUCH OTHER AREAS OF THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM AS ARE ADDED TO THE WILDERNESS SYSTEM BY ACT OF CONGRESS.

1. Camping. Camping within 100 feet of an established trail, stream, body of water, cave, rock, shelter, other occupied campsites or other restricted camping areas. **(36 CFR 261.58e)**
2. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire within 100 feet of an established trail. **(36 CFR 261.52a)**
3. Using a trail, campsite or other land area of the wilderness by more than 10 people at any one time or travelling as a group by more than 10 people in any area of the wilderness. **(36 CFR 261.58f)**
4. Possessing or using a bicycle, wagon, cart, or other vehicle. **(36 CFR 261.57h)**
5. Riding, hitching, tethering, or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal in violation of posted instructions. Hitching or tethering saddle or pack animals directly to live trees is prohibited. **(36 CFR 261.58aa)**
6. Riding, hitching, tethering, or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal in violation of posted instructions. Picketing horses or mules within 100 feet of water or trail is prohibited. **(36 CFR 261.58aa)**
7. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies. **(36 CFR 261.57f)**
8. Disposing of debris, garbage, or other waste. **(36 CFR 261.57g)**

THIS ORDER SUPERCEDES AND RESCINDS FOREST ORDER NO. 05-04, SIGNED FEBRUARY 21, 2005.

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

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

Violations 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 (6) months, or both. [16 USC § 551, 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571]

Dated this 2 day of Feb, 2012 at Rolla, Missouri

**United States Department of Agriculture
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Order Number R9-05-12-09

**ELEVEN POINT WILD AND SCENIC RIVER ZONE
DONIPHAN-ELEVEN POINT RANGER DISTRICT
MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST**

Under authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551) and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth at 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b)). These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Code of Federal Regulations Title 36, Part 261, Subpart A, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

**THE FOLLOWING ACTS ARE PROHIBITED UPSTREAM FROM THE
NARROWS ACCESS JUST ABOVE STATE HIGHWAY 142 BRIDGE TO
STATE HIGHWAY 99 BRIDGE AT THOMASVILLE, MISSOURI, WITHIN THE
ELEVEN POINT WILD AND SCENIC RIVER ZONE ON THE MARK TWAIN
NATIONAL FOREST. THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE FOR THE
PRESERVATION OF THE ELEVEN POINT WILD AND SCENIC RIVER
ZONE.**

1. Possession or operation of any motorized vessel equipped with other than an outboard or electric motor. (36 CFR 261.58n)
2. Possession or operation of a motorboat in excess of twenty-five (25) horsepower or of a modified* motor in excess of twenty-five (25) horsepower, as established by manufacturer's rating. (36 CFR 261.58n)

*(*Definition of modified- "Any change, adaptation, or replacement of parts to increase or decrease horsepower ratings above or below as established by the manufacturer")*
3. Operating a motorboat or watercraft carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the rights or safety of other persons or in a manner that would endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property. (36 CFR 261.58n)
4. It is prohibited for the public to enter or be on private land within the boundaries of the National Wild and Scenic River easement areas. (36 CFR 261.58z)
5. Possessing or storing any glass beverage or glass food container within the designated boundary, except within the confines of Greer Campground and Picnic Area and Riverton Picnic Area (Also known as Riverton West) and on private lands within the river zone. (36 CFR 261.58ce)

**THIS ORDER SUPERCEDES AND RESCINDS FOREST ORDER NO. 05-17,
SIGNED APRIL 19, 2004.**

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

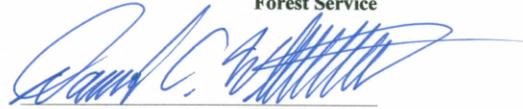
1. Persons with a permit from the authorized Forest Service Officer specifically authorizing an otherwise prohibited act or omission.

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

Violations 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 (6) months, or both. [16 USC § 551, 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571]

Dated this 2 day of Feb, 2012 at Rolla, Missouri

**United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service**



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Rules for Visitors to the National Forests

WELCOME TO YOUR NATIONAL FORESTS! As a visitor to the National Forests, you are asked to follow certain rules designed to protect the Forests and the natural environment, to ensure the health landscape documents and safety of visitors, and to promote pleasant and rewarding outdoor recreation experiences for all visitors. Forest Officers are empowered to enforce the Federal Regulations that the rules listed in this brochure are taken from. Please take time to read and understand them.

Regional Foresters and Forest Supervisors may issue orders that will close or restrict the use of certain areas if the need arises. Such orders will be posted so that visitors to the National Forest can reasonably be expected to be familiar with them. Copies of the orders will also be available in the offices of Forest Supervisors and District Rangers.

Information for all permit requirements is available from Forest Service offices. If you have any questions or need help, please contact the nearest Forest Officer or visit the nearest Forest Service Office.

Please remember to be careful! You are primarily responsible for your own safety. Look out for natural hazards and dangers when you are in the forest. If you hike off trails or swim or dive in streams or lakes, you do so at YOUR OWN RISK.

All visitors and users of the National forests are subject to Federal Regulations. The points of conduct listed in this brochure are generally included in and enforceable through Federal Regulations. All of the regulations are published in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations and are on file at all Forest Supervisor and District Ranger offices. Violation of orders and regulations is subject to punishment by a fine or imprisonment.

Authority: 16 USC 551, 7 USC 1011(f)
State traffic and game laws apply to National Forest unless otherwise specified.

Sanitation

Throw all garbage and litter in containers provided for this purpose, or take it with you.

Garbage containers, when provided, are reserved for the use of visitors to the National Forest, not visitors to owners of private lands or lands under permit.

Wash food and personal items away from drinking water supplies. Use water faucets only for drawing water.

Prevent pollution - keep garbage, litter, and foreign substances out of lakes, streams, and other water.

Use toilets properly. Do not throw garbage, litter, fish cleanings, or other foreign substances in toilets and plumbing fixtures.

Operation of Vehicles

Obey all traffic signs. State traffic laws apply to the National Forests unless otherwise specified.

When operating vehicles of any kind, do not damage the land or vegetation or disturb wildlife. Avoid driving on unpaved roads or trails when they are wet or muddy.

Within campgrounds and other recreation sites, use cars, motorbikes, motorcycles, or other motor vehicles only for entering or leaving, unless areas or trails are specifically marked for them. Park only in marked parking areas.

Do not block, restrict, or interfere with the use of roads or trails.

Obey area and trail restrictions on use of trail bikes and other off-the-road vehicles.

Property

Do not carve, chop, cut, or damage any live tree.

Preserve and protect your National Forests. Leave natural areas the way you find them.

Campfires

Obey restrictions on campfires. Fires may be limited or prohibited at certain times.

Within campgrounds and other recreation sites, build fires only in fire rings, stoves, grills, or fireplaces provided for that purpose.

Be sure your fire is completely extinguished before leaving.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING FIRES UNDER CONTROL.

Camping

Use picnic sites, swimming beaches, and other day use areas only between the hours of 6 A.M. and 10 P.M.

Campgrounds and other recreation sites can be used only for recreation purposes. Permanent use or use as a principle residence without authorization is not allowed.

In campgrounds, camp only in those places specifically marked or provided.

At least one person must occupy a camping area during the first night after camping equipment has been set up, unless permission has otherwise been granted by the Forest Ranger.

Do not leave camping equipment unattended for more than 24 hours without permission from the Forest Ranger. The Federal Government is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal property.

Remove all personal property and trash when leaving.

Fee Areas

You must pay a fee to use certain developed sites and facilities. Such areas are clearly signed or posted as requiring a fee.

Where fees are required, you must pay them before using the site, facility, equipment, or service furnished.

Public Behavior

No fighting or boisterous behavior.

Keep noise at a reasonable level. Please be considerate of fellow visitors.

Pets and Animals

Pets must always be restrained or on a leash while in developed recreation sites.

Pets (except guide dogs) are not allowed in swimming areas.

Saddle or pack animals are allowed in recreation sites only where authorized by posted instructions.

Saddle or pack animals are not to be tied directly to trees.

Business Activities

Permits are required for any commercial activity.

Audio Devices

Operate any audio device, such as a radio or musical instrument, so that it does not disturb other visitors.

A permit is required for operating a public address system in or near a campsite, developed recreation site, or over a body of water.

Fireworks and Firearms

Do not set off fireworks or other explosives within campgrounds and other recreation sites.

Firing a gun is not allowed: a) in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site, or occupied area; b) across or on a road or body of water; c) in any circumstance whereby any person may be injured or property damaged.

National Forest Wilderness

Motor vehicles and motorized and mechanized equipment including bicycles, are not allowed in wilderness areas.

Limit the size of your group to 10 persons or less.

Do not camp within 50 feet of a trail, stream, lake, cave or other occupied campsite.

SUGGESTED HOUSE RULES

Experience has shown that rules are most needed for the following items:

- 1) Dogs not on a leash,
- 2) Parking or camping in non-designated sites or areas,
- 3) Failure to pay fees,
- 4) Excessive noise, and
- 5) Driving through the recreation area after 10:00 p.m.

The Forest Service Law Enforcement Policy has two basic purposes: (1) to preserve and protect natural and man-made forest resources; and (2) to allow all forest visitors to have a safe and pleasant forest visit.

The following are prohibited:

Sanitation:

- Failing to dispose of all garbage including any paper, can, bottle, sewage waste water or material, or rubbish either by removal from the site or area or by depositing it into receptacles or at places provided for such purposes.
- Cleaning or washing any personal property, fish, animal, or food at a hydrant or at a water faucet not provided for that purpose.
- Placing in or near a stream, lake, or other water, any substance which does or may pollute a stream, lake, or other water.
- Depositing in any toilet, toilet vault, or plumbing fixture, any substance which could damage or interfere with the operation or maintenance of the fixture.
- Depositing any body waste except into receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Dumping any refuse, debris, trash or litter brought as such from private property.
- Possessing or leaving refuse, debris, or litter in an exposed or unsanitary condition.

Interfering with Forest Officer

- Threatening, resisting, intimidating, or interfering with any forest officer engaged in or on account of the performance of his official duties in the protection, improvement, or administration of the National Forest System.

Other Prohibited Acts

- Constructing, placing, or maintaining any kind of road, trail, structure, fence, enclosure, communication equipment, or other improvement without a permit.
- Occupying any portion of the site for other than recreation purposes.
- Use or occupancy of National Forest System land or facilities without special use authorization when authorization is required.

Abandoned Personal Property

- Abandoning any personal property.

Public Behavior

- Engaging in fighting.
- Making statements or other actions directed toward inciting or producing imminent action and likely to incite or produce such action.
- Causing public inconvenience by making unreasonable noise.
- Possession of alcoholic beverage within the Recreation Area.
- Camping within a developed recreation site for a period longer than 14 days except as otherwise posted.
- Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof when posted closed.
- Entering or remaining in a recreation area between 10 pm and 6 am in violation of a posted sign, except for persons who are camping.
- Using a developed recreation site with unsightly or inappropriate structures or equipment.
- Using a developed recreation site by more than eight (8) users unless authorized by permit.

Pets and Animals

- Bringing in or possessing an animal other than a seeing eye dog unless it is crated, caged, or upon a leash not longer than six feet or otherwise under physical restrictive control.
- Bringing in or possessing a saddle, pack, or draft animal except as authorized by posted instructions.

Business Activities

- Selling or offering for sale any merchandise, conducting any kind of work activity or services unless authorized by Federal law, regulation, or permit.
- Disseminating, posting, placing or erecting any paper, notice, advertising material, sign, or similar matter without a permit.

Audio Devices

- Operating or using in or near a campsite, developed recreation site, or over an adjacent body of water without a permit, any device which produces noise, such as a radio, television, musical instrument, motor or engine in such a manner and at such a time so as to unreasonably disturb any person.
- Operating or using a public address system whether fixed, portable, or vehicle mounted in or near a campsite, developed recreation site, or over an adjacent body of water without a permit.

Fireworks and Firearms

- Possessing, discharging or using any kind of fireworks or other pyrotechnic device.
- Hunting within the Recreation Area.
- Discharging a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property: (1) in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, or (2) across or on a forest development road or a body of water

adjacent thereto whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge.

Operation of Vehicles

- Operating a motorboat, other than electric powered, on waters in violation of posted sign.
- Operating or parking a motor vehicle or trailer except in places developed for this purpose.
- Operating a bicycle, motorbike, or motorcycle on a trail unless designated for this use.
- Operating a motorbike, motorcycle, or other motor vehicle for any purpose other than entering or leaving the site.
- Placing a vehicle or other object in such a manner that it is an impediment or hazard to the safety or convenience of any person.
- Failing to stop a vehicle when directed to do so by a forest officer.
- Blocking, restricting, or otherwise interfering with the use of a road, trail, or gate.
- Possessing, parking, or leaving more than two vehicles, (except motorcycles) per camp unit.
- Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions.

Building Fires

- Building, attending, maintaining, or using a fire outside of a fire ring provided by the Forest Service for such purposes or outside of a stove, grill, or fireplace.
- Leaving a fire without completely extinguishing it.

Camping

- Occupying between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. a place designated for day use only.
- Failing to remove all camping equipment or personal property when vacating the area or site.
- Placing, maintaining, or using camping equipment except in a place specifically designated or provided for such equipment.
- Without permission, failing to have at least one person occupy a camping area during the first night after camping equipment has been set up.
- Leaving camping equipment unattended for more than 24 hours without permission.

Destruction of Property

- Cutting, killing, destroying, girdling, chipping, chopping, boxing, injuring, or otherwise damaging or removing any timber, tree, or other forest product, except as authorized by permit, timber sale contract, Federal law or regulation.
- Mutilating, defacing, removing, disturbing, injuring, or destroying any natural feature or any property of the United States.
- Removing any natural feature or property of the United States.