



ORDER NO. 09-12-23-01

EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE FOREST
SUPERVISOR RESTRICTING OCCUPANCY
AND USE, TO WIT: Hoosier National Forest, Tell
City Ranger District, Indiana

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 Hoosier National Forest, Tell City Ranger District, located within the State of Indiana. Said areas being described and designated as shown on the map set forth as Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereto:

1. Entering or being upon or in an area described in the order as being closed pursuant to (36 CFR 261.53(e)), for reasons of public health and safety.

The following areas are ordered closed until termination of this emergency closure order, or **24 months after signature date**, whichever comes first:

1. The following section of the German Ridge Trail in Perry County on the Tell City Ranger District, as noted in Exhibit A:
 - a. The 0.5 mile section of hiking trail, including the bridge, north of German Ridge Lake in North Half (1/2) of the Northeast (¼) quarter, Section 35 T6S R2W & Southeast (1/4) quarter of the southeast (1/4) quarter, Section 26, T6S R2W.

THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT NATIONAL FOREST PROPERTY/RESOURCES. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN 36 CFR PART 261.

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 the prohibitions of this Order are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 USC 551, 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

Dated this ___ day of March, 2023 at Bedford, Indiana.

Ellen Bogardus-Szymaniak
Forest Supervisor
Hoosier National Forest