

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST
ORDER NUMBER: 08-04-04-15-408**

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50 (a) and (b), it is hereby ordered that the prohibition hereinafter applies to the portion known as critical habitat of "Citico Creek proper to equestrian use (on NFS lands) from Bark Camp Branch downstream to the Forest boundary" located on the Tellico Ranger District, within the Cherokee National Forest as shown on the attached map.

- 1. Equestrian animals watering, entering, or being in the critical habitat portion of Citico Creek proper for the protection of endangered and threatened species in Citico Creek proper.**

The above-prohibited act is set forth in Title 36 C.F.R. Section 261.53 (a) for the protection of endangered and threatened species located in Citico Creek.

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

- 1. Persons with a permit authorizing the otherwise act or omission.**
- 2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer engaged in their official duties.**

Executed this day in Atlanta, Georgia, this 19th day of February 2016.



TONY TOOKE
Regional Forester
Southern Region

Violation of the prohibition set forth above is punishable by a fine or not more than \$5,000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than (6) months, or both. See 16 U.S.C 551, 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571.