

**SPECIAL CLOSURE
MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE**

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of Federal Regulations Title 36, Part 261, Subpart A, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO PROTECT NATIONAL FOREST PROPERTY.

1. To go into any non-administrative, non-recreation buildings or structures. All non-administrative, non-recreation buildings and structures are hereby closed for the protection of public health and safety. (36 CFR 261.53e)

BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES BEING DESCRIBED AND DESIGNATED AS SHOWN ON THE MAP SET FORTH AT EXHIBIT A, WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HERETO:

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 30th day of January, 2012 at Wilmington, Illinois

**United States Department of Agriculture
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