



## EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR RESTRICTING OCCUPANCY AND USE, TO WIT: HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST, BROWNSTOWN 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 portion of Tower Ridge Road adjacent to the Charles C. Deam Wilderness, Hoosier National Forest, Brownstown Ranger District.

- 1. Camping within 300 feet of both sides of Tower Ridge Road between Indiana State Highway 446 and the junction of the Hickory Ridge Road (CR 1500 W) except Blackwell Horse Camp; and along the north side of Tower Ridge Road between Hickory Ridge Road and Robertson Cemetery Road (CR 1100 N). (36 CFR 261.58 (e))
- 2. Parking on or along Tower Ridge Road on north side of road from Indiana State Highway 446 to Robertson Cemetery Road (CR 1100 N). (36 CFR 261.58 (g))
- 3. Parking on or along Tower Ridge Road on south side of road from State Highway 446 to Hickory Ridge Road (CR 1500 W). (36 CFR 261.58 (g))

36 CFR 261.53 (a), (b), and (d).

These restrictions are necessary for public safety and to protect National Forest resources.

**Duration:** The prohibitions of this Order shall remain in effect until terminated by the Forest Supervisor.

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 these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C., 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021, at Bedford, Indiana.

/s/ Michael Chaveas
Michael Chaveas
Forest Supervisor

