

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

SIPSEY WILDERNESS

BANKHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

I hereby certify that the legal description and map herewith represent the location of the boundary of the Sipsey Wilderness on the Bankhead National Forest as covered into the National Wilderness Preservation System by the Act of January 3, 1975.

Signed William E. Bell 2/25/76

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
SIPSEY RIVER WILDERNESS

The Sipsey River Wilderness is located entirely within Lawrence and Winston Counties, Alabama, the Bankhead National Forest. The area is located partially within T.8S., R.8W., R.9W., and T.9S., R.8W. and R.9W., Huntsville Meridian, Alabama. All azimuths were determined from the north by digitized information on U.S.G.S. quadrangles and are expressed in degrees and decimals; distance was computed in miles.

Beginning at the common Township Corner between T.8S., and T.9S. and R.8W. and R.9W., Huntsville Meridian; approximate Latitude $34^{\circ} 8' N$, Longitude $87^{\circ} 25' W$;

thence east with the Township line common to section 31, T.8S., R.8W. and section 6, T.9S., R.8W., approximately 1.000 mile to the section corner of sections 31 and 32, T.8S., R.8W. and sections 5 and 6, T.9S., R.8W.;

thence continue east along the Township line 0.156 mile to a point where the 700 foot contour intersects the Township line;

thence northeasterly along the 700 foot contour into section 32, T.8S., R.8W. approximately 1.720 miles to a point on a steep bluff NW of Borden Creek, within the SW $1/4$ NE $1/4$ section 32;

thence S 67.5° E, approximately 0.289 mile, crossing Borden Creek, to a point where the North line of the SE $1/4$ intersects the 700 foot contour;

thence in a southwesterly and northeasterly direction passing from section 32, into section 5, T.9S., R.8W. and then recrossing back into section 32, T.8S., R.8W. and once again into section 5, T.9S., R.8W., the county line between Lawrence and Winston County;

thence into section 33, T.8S., R.8W., to a point which is located within the NW $1/4$ SE $1/4$ section 33, approximately 4.045 miles;

thence S 26.5° E, approximately 0.042 mile and S 34.6° E, approximately 0.058 mile to the point where the east line NW $1/4$ SE $1/4$ section 33, intersects the 660 foot contour;

thence westerly and southwesterly with the 660 foot contour and a rim of rockcliff from section 33, T.8S. into sections 4 and

5, T.9S., R.8W. approximately 3.360 miles, to a point at elevation 660 above a rim of rock, northeast of the Sipsey River, and located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 section 5, T.9S., R.8W.;

thence S 5.3° E, 0.067 mile to a point on top of the first ridge east of the Sipsey River, which is 100' north of the centerline of Forest Highway 26 (Cranal Road);

thence S 48.1° W, approximately 0.114 mile, to a point located on top of a ridge west of the Sipsey River, in the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 section 8, T.9S., R.8W., which is 100' north of the centerline of Forest Highway 26 (Cranal Road);

thence S 41.9° E, approximately 0.025 mile, to a point located 75' north of the centerline of FH 26 (Cranal Road);

thence continuing in a southwesterly direction 75' north of and parallel to the centerline of FH 26 (Cranal Road), from section 8 through section 7 to the range line between R.8W. and R.9W. and continue into section 12, T.9S., R.9W., 75' north of and parallel to FH 26 (Cranal Road) for a total distance of approximately 1.828 miles to the east boundary line of Wolfpen Cemetery;

thence north with the East boundary of Wolfpen Cemetery approximately 0.025 mile, to the northeast corner of Wolfpen Cemetery;

thence west with the north boundary of Wolfpen Cemetery approximately 0.102 mile, which is the northwest corner of Wolfpen Cemetery, approximately 200' north of the centerline of FH 26 (Cranal Road);

thence south with the west boundary of Wolfpen Cemetery, 0.025 mile, to a point 15' west of a gravel entry road to Wolfpen Cemetery and 66' north of the centerline of FH 26 (Cranal Road);

thence continue in a westerly direction 66' north of and parallel to FH 26 (Cranal Road) passing through sections 12, 11 and into 10, T.9S., R.9W. approximately 2.691 miles to a point which is 66' north of FH 26 (Cranal Road) and 150' east of Forest Development Road 218 (Randolph Road);

thence perpendicular to FH 26 (Cranal Road) 0.025 mile;

thence west, parallel to FH 26, 0.123 mile to a point which is 200' north of FH 26 (Cranal Road) and 66' east of a graded gravel road bearing to the northwest;

thence 66' east of and parallel to the center of a gravel road passing from section 10 into sections 3 and 4, T.9S., R.9W., approximately 0.740 mile to a point which is 66' north of graded gravel road at the intersection line of the east half of the east half, section 4;

thence continue north along the aliquot part line approximately 0.025 mile to the southeast corner, the SW 1/4 NE 1/4;

thence north along the east line of the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 approximately 0.250 mile to the northeast corner of the SW 1/4 NE 1/4;

thence the following courses down a draw,

N 38.6° W, 0.140 mile,
 N 49.8° W, 0.155 mile,
 N 21.8° W, 0.054 mile to the 1/4 corner of section 4, T.9S.,
 R.9W.;

thence west along the Township Line between T.8S., T.9S. passing through the common corner to sections 32, 33, T.8S., R.9W. and sections 4 and 5, T.9S., R.9W., the county line between Winston and Lawrence Counties approximately 0.756 mile to a point 66' north of the centerline of FDR 210 (Kinlock Road);

thence in a northwesterly direction in section 32, T.8S., R.9W., 66' east of and parallel to the centerline FDR 210 (Kinlock Road) approximately 0.971 mile to a point which is 66' east of FDR Road 210 (Kinlock Road) and the south line of the abandoned CCC Camp;

thence east along the south line of the camp approximately 0.047 mile to the southeast corner of the tract;

thence north along the east line of the tract approximately 0.095 mile to the northeast corner of the tract;

thence west along the north line of the tract approximately 0.130 mile to a point 66' from the centerline of FDR 210 (Kinlock Road);

thence in a northerly direction 66' east of and parallel to FDR 210 (Kinlock Road) from section 32 into section 29, T.8S., R.9W. approximately 1.124 miles to a point 66' west of the centerline of FDR 210 and the south line of the NW 1/4 NW 1/4;

thence east with the south line of the NW 1/4 NW 1/4, and the NE 1/4 NW 1/4, approximately 0.294 mile to the southeast corner of the NE 1/4 NW 1/4;

thence north with the east line of the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 section 29, T.8S., R.9W., approximately 0.250 mile to the section line between sections 29 and 20, T.8S., R.9W.;

thence west along the section line approximately 0.350 mile to a point where the section line intersects 66' east of the centerline of FDR 210 (Kinlock Road);

thence with a line 66' east of and parallel to the centerline FDR 210 (Kinlock Road) into section 19, T.8S., R.9W., approximately 0.611 mile to a point 66' east of the centerline of FDR 210 (Kinlock Road) and the west line of the NE 1/4 SE 1/4;

thence north along the aliquot part line approximately 0.188 mile to a corner of a 5 acre tract;

thence east on the south line of the 5 acre tract approximately 0.063 mile to the southeast corner of the 5 acre tract;

thence north with the east line of the 5 acre tract approximately 0.125 mile to the northeast corner of the 5 acre tract;

thence west approximately 0.063 mile to the northwest corner of the 5 acre tract;

thence north along the east line of the NW 1/4 NE 1/4, 0.171 mile to a rock corner, the southeast corner of a 4 acre tract;

thence west with the south line of a 4 acre tract approximately 0.079 mile to a rock corner, the southwest corner of the 4 acre tract;

thence north with the west line of a 4 acre tract 0.079 mile to a point 417.1' west of the northwest corner of the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 on the section line;

thence west along the section line to a point 66' east of the centerline of FDR 203 (Bylar Road);

thence northeasterly in section 18, T.8S., R.9W. approximately 0.025 mile to a point 66' east of the intersection of FDR 203 (Bylar Road) and FDR 208 (Northwest Road);

thence in a northeasterly direction 66' east of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 208 approximately 0.525 mile to the crossing of the section line between sections 17 and 18, T.8S., R.9W.;

thence in a southeasterly direction 66' south of and parallel to the centerline of FDR 208 (Northwest Road) passing through section 17 and into section 21, T.8S., R.9W. approximately 2.500 miles to a point, which is at a point in a curve to the north, and is 66' south of and 200' east of the road at the curve north;

thence a line 200' east of and parallel to FDR 208, northerly, approximately 0.161 mile to a point SE of a hairpin curve, 200' east and south of the road;

thence a line easterly 200' south of and parallel to FDR 208,
approximately 0.778 mile to a point in Thompson Creek;

thence northerly up the creek 134' to a point which is 66'
south of the centerline of FDR 208;

thence east 66' south of and parallel to FDR 208 (Northwest
Road) passing from section 22 through sections 23 and 14
into section 13, T.8S., R.9W. to a point 66' west of the
intersection of FDR 208 (Northwest Road) and FDR 224
(Bunyan Hill Road) approximately 2.832 miles;

thence continue southerly 66' west of and parallel to FDR 224
(Bunyan Hill Road) approximately 0.104 mile to a point 150'
north of the section line between sections 13 and 24,
T.8S., R.9W., which is a point for the northeast boundary
of a parking area;

thence west perpendicular to FDR 224, 39' to a point;

thence south parallel to FDR 224, 150' to the section line
separating sections 13 and 24, T.8S., R.9W.;

thence east along the section line 39' to a point 66' west of
the centerline of FDR 224;

thence south and southerly 66' west of and parallel to the center-
line of FDR 224, approximately 0.826 mile to a point in the
SE 1/4 SW 1/4 section 24, a point for the northeast boundary
of a parking area, 66' west of FDR 224;

thence southwesterly perpendicular to FDR 224, 64';

thence southeasterly parallel to FDR 224 for 200' to the southwest
corner of the parking area;

thence northeasterly 64' to a point 66' west of the centerline of
FDR 224;

thence southerly leaving section 24 and entering section 25,
T.8S., R.9W. approximately 0.771 mile to a point 66' west
of FDR 226.1 (Cullman Motorway) with its intersection with
FDR 224;

thence in a southerly direction 66' west of and parallel to FDR
226.1 (Cullman Motorway) from section 25 into section 36,
T.8S., R.9W. to a point on the Range line 66' west of
FDR 226.1;

thence south along the Range line to the quarter corner of section
36, T.8S., R.9W. approximately 0.375 mile;

thence south along the Range line separating R.8W. and R.9W.
approximately 0.500 mile to the point of beginning.

The area being 12,726 acres more or less, as determined from
digitized information obtained from U.S.G.S. Topographic
quadrangles.