

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

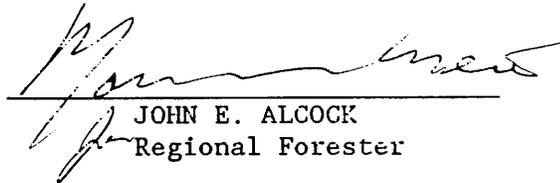
BALD RIVER GORGE WILDERNESS

CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST

I hereby certify that the legal description and map herewith represent the location of the boundary of the Bald River Gorge Wilderness on the Cherokee National Forest as entered into the National Wilderness Preservation System by Public Law 98-578, October 30, 1984.

Signed

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Date


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Regional Forester

BALD RIVER GORGE WILDERNESS BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Bald River Gorge Wilderness is located on the Cherokee National Forest, Tellico Ranger District, Monroe County, Tennessee. Being bounded generally on the north by Forest Development Road No. 210, on the east and west by other lands of the Cherokee National Forest, and on the south by Forest Development Road No. 126.

The Wilderness Boundary is delineated on the U.S.G.S. 1:24,000 scale 7 1/2 minute Tennessee - North Carolina Quadrangle Bald River Falls (modified for USDA Forest Service use). Where actual field survey bearings and distances were not available, courses were digitized from the Tennessee State Plane Rectangular Coordinate System TN (ZONE 4100), from the above named quadrangle and therefore should be considered approximate. Survey bearings are based on True North and digitized bearings are based on Grid North.

Commencing at "Waucheesi" Triangulation Station, a standard tablet set in a granite outcrop, having Tennessee State Plain Coordinates X = 2,531,794.5; Y = 326,632.9; Thence in a northeasterly direction along Forest Development Road No. 126C and crossing over Forest Development Road No. 126 approximately 8,252 feet (digitized) to Point #1 and THE POINT OF BEGINNING, a point 66 feet north of the centerline of Forest Development Road No. 126, and also the center of Basin Gap;

Thence in a northwesterly direction along a line 66 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of (FDR) No. 126, and generally along the crest of an unnamed spur ridge which is south of Gravelstand Top approximately 210 feet (digitized) to Point #2;

Thence leaving (FDR) No. 126 in a northerly direction ascending along the crest of said unnamed spur ridge approximately 2,422 feet (digitized) to Point #3, a point on the southeast knob of Gravelstand Top;

Thence leaving Gravelstand Top in an easterly and northeasterly direction meandering along the crest of Basin Lead approximately 16,276 feet (digitized) to Point #4, a point on the knob at the north end of Basin Lead approximately 1100 feet southwest of the Tellico River;

Thence in a northeasterly direction descending along the crest of an unnamed spur ridge at the north end of Basin Lead approximately 1,930 feet (digitized) to Point #5, a point at the intersection of said spur ridge and a line 66 feet southwest of and parallel to the centerline of (FDR) No. 210 (Tellico River Road);

Thence in a southwesterly and then southeasterly direction along a line 66 feet southwesterly of and parallel to the centerline of (FDR) No. 210 approximately 2,609 feet (digitized) to Point #6, a point at the intersection of said line 66 feet southwesterly of the centerline of (FDR) No. 210 and the centerline of the old Babcock Lumber Company logging railroad bed;

Thence in a southeasterly direction ascending along the centerline of the old Babcock Lumber Company logging railroad bed meandering approximately 1,555 feet (digitized) to Point #7, a point which is an iron pin driven into the centerline of the old Babcock Lumber Company logging railroad bed above the top of Bald River Falls;

Thence in a northerly direction along a line crossing Bald River approximately 99 feet (digitized) to Point #8, a point which is an iron pin driven in the centerline of Forest Development Trail No. 88 (Bald River Trail) at the southern end of a rock bluff on the north side of Bald River and east of the Bald River Picnic Ground (NFRS Number 5.1);

Thence in a northerly direction ascending along the base of the rock bluff northeast of the Bald River Picnic Ground meandering approximately 570 feet (digitized) to Point #9, a point at the base of a solitary white pine tree growing at the north end of the rock bluff, which is also on the west end of the dividing ridge between Forest Development Road No. 210 and Bald River;

Thence in an easterly direction along the crest of the dividing ridge between (FDR) No. 210 and Bald River meandering approximately 198 feet (digitized) to Point #10, a point at intersection of the crest of the dividing ridge between (FDR) No. 210 and bald River and a line 66 feet south of and parallel to the centerline of (FDR) No. 210;

Thence in a generally northerly and then southeasterly direction along a line 66 feet south of and parallel to the centerline of (FDR) No. 210 meandering approximately 4,669 feet (digitized) to Point #11, a point at the intersection of a line 66 feet south of and parallel to the centerline of (FDR) No. 210 and the south bank of the Tellico River;

Thence in a generally northeasterly direction ascending along the south bank of the Tellico River meandering approximately 12,456 feet (digitized) to Point #12, a point at the intersection of the south bank of the Tellico River and the crest of the northwestern spur ridge at the northern end of Cow Camp Lead;

Thence in a generally southwesterly direction ascending the crest of the northwestern spur ridge at the northern end of Cow Camp Lead and then meandering along the crest of Cow Camp Lead approximately 12,174 feet (digitized) to Point #13, a point which is the high point of the peak of Henderson Top on Cow Camp Lead;

Thence in a southwesterly direction descending from Henderson Top and along the crest of Cow Camp Lead meandering approximately 7,761 feet (digitized) to Point #14, a point at the intersection of the crest of Cow Camp Lead and a line 66 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of (FDR) No. 126 located 200 feet northwest of the junction of (FDR) No. 126 and (FDR) No. 385 (Chinquapin Ridge Road);

Thence in a westerly direction descending along a line 66 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of (FDR) No. 126 meandering approximately 6,889 feet (digitized) to Point #15, a point at the intersection of the line 66 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of (FDR) No. 126 and east bank of the Bald River, which is near the southeast corner of the Cantrell Bridge Trailhead (NFRS No. 207.1);

Thence in a northeasterly direction approximately 100 feet (digitized) to Point #15A, a point which is also the Northeast corner of the Cantrell Bridge Trailhead (NFRS No. 207.1);

Thence in a northwesterly direction approximately 113 feet (digitized) to Point #15B, a point which is also the Northwest corner of the Cantrell Bridge Trailhead (NFRS No. 207.1);

Thence in a southwesterly direction approximately 100 feet (digitized) to Point #16, a point on a line 66 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of (FDR) No. 126 and which is near the southwest corner of the Cantrell Bridge Trailhead (NFRS No. 207.1);

Thence in a generally westerly direction ascending along a line 66 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of (FDR) No. 126 approximately 9,326 feet (digitized) to Point 1 and THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Bald River Gorge Wilderness containing in aggregate 3,721 Acres more or less as digitized from the above named quadrangle map.

Certified by John W. Beasley
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