

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

GEE CREEK WILDERNESS

CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST

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

Signed

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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The Gee Creek Wilderness is on the Cherokee National Forest in parts of Monroe and Polk Counties, State of Tennessee.

All distances and azimuths were determined on the Tennessee Lambert State Plane Coordinate System from U.S.G.S. 1/24,000, 7 1/2' topographic quads Oswald Dome, Etowah and Mecca. Azimuths are referenced from grid North and expressed in degrees and tenths of degrees.

All distances are map distances that were digitized from the preceding named quads, and therefore should be considered as approximate.

Beginning at the TVA triangulation Station Conasauga 5, a drill hole in a rock on the top of a small knob, having Tennessee State Plane Coordinates as follows: X = 2,443,354.2 feet; Y = 313,619.13 feet, and is located on the high point of the South end of Chestnut Mountain with an approximate elevation of 2460 feet A.S.L.;

thence in a southwesterly direction meandering the following courses:

- 218.8°, 0.109 mile,
- 224.4°, 0.078 mile,
- 260.8°, 0.059 mile,
- 261.3°, 0.093 mile,
- 286.2°, 0.061 mile,
- 300.7°, 0.044 mile,
- 262.9°, 0.027 mile,
- 237.1°, 0.114 mile,
- 272.1°, 0.041 mile,
- 319.1°, 0.047 mile,
- 315.1°, 0.058 mile,
- 265.4°, 0.033 mile,
- 241.1°, 0.053 mile,
- 230.3°, 0.085 mile,
- 245.9°, 0.030 mile,
- 298.5°, 0.039 mile,
- 266.0°, 0.065 mile,
- 217.4°, 0.064 mile,
- 236.5°, 0.078 mile,
- 255.1°, 0.065 mile,
- 273.7°, 0.023 mile,
- 269.9°, 0.057 mile, to the high point of Gee Knob;

thence in a northeasterly direction from the high point on Gee Knob the following courses along a small ridge:

- 35.5°, 0.138 mile,
- 32.1°, 0.181 mile,
- 28.4°, 0.162 mile,
- 30.5°, 0.122 mile to the center of Gee Creek;

thence leaving Gee Creek up and ascending a steep rounded spur ridge,
the following courses:
36.4°, 0.178 mile,
26.5°, 0.158 mile,
33.2°, 0.134 mile to prominent SW point on the top of Starr
Mountain;

thence along the crest of Starr Mountain the following courses:
29.2°, 0.423 mile,
31.4°, 0.372 mile,
35.2°, 0.295 mile to a trail crossing,
24.0°, 0.092 mile to the corner of McMinn County and Polk County;

thence along the McMinn and Polk County line, the crest of Starr Mountain,
the following courses:
25.3°, 0.268 mile,
41.0°, 0.220 mile,
45.4°, 0.269 mile to the high point of the ridge,
45.3°, 0.179 mile,
39.1°, 0.178 mile,
49.6°, 0.098 mile,
28.3°, 0.154 mile,
54.7°, 0.149 mile,
37.7°, 0.118 mile,
45.6°, 0.110 mile,
44.4°, 0.119 mile to the corner of McMinn, Monroe and Polk
Counties;

thence continuing northeasterly along the McMinn, Monroe County line
the crest of Starr Mountain, the following courses:
45.0°, 0.151 mile,
48.0°, 0.142 mile,
40.4°, 0.102 mile,
23.5°, 0.043 mile,
45.1°, 0.056 mile to a pile of boulders on the high point of
Starr Mountain and 66 feet southwest of the point where Forest
Development Road #297 joins the crest of Starr Mountain;

thence a line 66' southwest of and paralleling the center line of
FDR 297, southeasterly, southwesterly, and again southeasterly,
approximately 2.500 miles, to Iron Gap, to a point 66 feet south
of the center line of FDR 297 in the gap;

thence leaving Iron Gap at an approximate elevation of 1870 feet, the
following courses:
153.8°, 0.161 mile,
124.7°, 0.188 mile,
160.8°, 0.059 mile, to the top of Chestnut Mountain;

thence 211.3°, 0.108 mile, along the crest of Chestnut Mountain,
224.4°, 0.241 mile,
222.8°, 0.230 mile,
211.2°, 0.137 mile,
227.4°, 0.174 mile,

229.3°, 0.092 mile,
220.2°, 0.148 mile,
235.1°, 0.328 mile,
243.7°, 0.276 mile,
238.2°, 0.234 mile to TVA Triangulation Station Conasauga No. 5
and the point of beginning.

Containing a total area of 2,493 acres as determined by digitizing from
a United States Geological Survey Map.