

NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

Big Branch Wilderness
Green Mountain National Forest

I hereby certify that the legal description and map herewith represent the location of the boundary of the Big Branch Wilderness on the Green Mountain National Forest as covered in the National Wilderness Preservation System by the Act of June 19, 1984.

Signed

3/20/89

Date


Regional Forester

GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

BIG BRANCH WILDERNESS

All elevations in this description are referred to the 1929 National Geodetic Vertical Datum.

BEGINNING in the boundary of the White Rocks National Recreation Area at the west end of the course crossing the Staples Brook Road, said beginning being 300 feet west of the centerline of said road.

THENCE with a line that is 300 feet west of and parallel with the centerline of said road as it meanders, northerly, 0.5 mile to an intersection with the west side of snowmobile Corridor 7.

THENCE northerly, with said west side as it meanders about 2.6 miles to an intersection with elevation 2500 feet.

THENCE with said 2500 feet elevation as it meanders northerly, 0.5 mile to latitude 43°19' 22".

THENCE east about 0.1 mile to elevation 2400 feet.

THENCE with said 2400 foot elevation as it meanders, northerly, about 1.0 mile to an intersection with a tributary of Lake Brook.

THENCE with said tributary downstream as it meanders, easterly, about 0.2 mile to elevation 2100 feet.

THENCE with said 2100 foot elevation as it meanders, northerly, 1.0 mile to a watercourse tributary to said Lake Brook.

THENCE with said watercourse downstream as it meanders, northeasterly, 0.3 mile to elevation 1800.

THENCE with said 1800 foot elevation as it meanders, northerly, 0.4 mile to latitude 43°- 21'-18"N.

THENCE north about 0.1 mile to elevation 1700 feet.

THENCE with said 1700 foot elevation as it meanders, northwesterly, 0.3 mile to an intersection with a line running south from the confluence of said Lake Brook and a tributary flowing southwesterly.

THENCE north with said line about 0.1 mile to said confluence.

THENCE up said tributary as it meanders, northeasterly, 0.4 mile to an intersection with a line that is 300 feet south of and parallel with the Danby Road.

THENCE westerly, with said line parallel with the Danby Road as it meanders, 2.9 miles to an intersection with the west boundary of said White Rocks National Recreation Area, in Line 15-16 of the U.S. Tract 10u (Emporium Lumber Company).

THENCE 18 lines reversed, with said National Recreation Area boundary:

1. S88°-45'E about 0.1 mile to Corner 15 of said Tract 10u.
2. East, about 0.1 mile to elevation 1100 feet.
3. Southerly, with said 1100 foot elevation as it meanders, 3.6 miles to an intersection with Line 74-75 of the U.S. Tract 10 (Emporium Forestry Company).
4. S86°-46'E, about 0.1 mile to Corner 75.
5. S0°-16'W, 0.2299 mile to Corner 76.
6. S87°-13'E, 0.2 mile to Corner 13 of the U.S. Tract 10c (Emporium Forestry Company).
7. And 3 lines, reversed, with said Tract 10c:
 - a. S14°-46'W, 0.9625 mile to Corner 12.
 - b. N51°-03'W, 0.0408 mile to Corner 11.
 - c. S8°-06'W, 0.04590 mile to Corner 10, which is also Corner 3 of the U.S. Tract 6 (George and Robert Conners).
8. And 6 lines, reversed, with said Tract 6:
 - a. Southerly, about 0.1 mile to Corner 2.
 - b. Westerly, 0.1 mile to Corner 1.
 - c. Southerly, 0.1 mile to Corner 15.
 - d. Southerly, 0.9 mile to Corner 14.
 - e. Easterly, 0.1 mile to Corner 13.
 - f. Southerly, 0.3 mile to Corner 12.
9. Southeasterly, 0.3 mile to Corner of the U.S. Tract 85 (George H. Reed.)
10. Southeasterly, 0.1 mile to an angle in said National Recreation Area boundary.
11. N32° 1.364 miles to THE PLACE OF THE BEGINNING.