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## About Jack Mountain

The Jack Mountain Unit in Hot Spring County Arkansas, was acquired by The Ross Foundation in 1993 from International Paper Company. With this unit positioned in the foothills of the Ouachita Mountains, The Ross Foundation had a unique opportunity to diversify its ownership.

This southerly extension of the Ouachita Mountains consists of east-west ridges with moderately wide valleys. The forest of the north slopes and the ridges are mostly hardwood while the south slopes support mixed pine/hardwood stands. The gentle sloping valleys support excellent stands of loblolly and shortleaf pine. The Jack Mountain block is managed by Ross Foundation staff with expertise in forestry, wildlife management, botany and general land maintenance. The primary goal of the management activities is to maintain a healthy and productive forest. Careful consideration is given to factors such as maintaining wildlife habitat, forest diversity, and maintaining habitat for rare and threatened plant species.

As land surrounding the Jack Mountain Unit continues to be developed, the importance of this unit becomes more obvious every year. Please help us in protecting this property by leaving it better than you found it.

Thank you,

Ross Foundation Management.



## Purpose of Permits

In the last few years there has been a dramatic increase in recreational users on the Jack Mountain Unit. Repetitive use of the property causes many environmental impacts that may take years for nature to heal.

Starting in 2011, it will be mandatory for all users to have a permit while on the Jack Mountain Unit. The information collected will help us with future management decisions and also establish a new line of communication with our users. This will allow us to relay problems we find to Jack Mountain users. Hopefully problems can then be corrected, and the Jack Mountain unit can remain open to the public.

Permits are good for one year and expire one year from issue date. A permit is needed for each user, and for any vehicle that will be parked on the Jack Mountain Unit. The permit for a parked vehicle should be placed on the dash in a highly visible location.

### Recreational Rules

1. All users must have a valid user permit.
2. All riders of an ATV, motorcycle, or off-road vehicle are required to wear a helmet and eye protection.
3. Recreational users under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
4. The Jack Mountain Unit is closed to all users from dusk to dawn outside of hunting season. During hunting season the area is open one hour before daylight and one hour after dark. Those with camping permits can use Agar Loop Rd. and Camp Rd. to access Hwy. 7 or Hwy. 128 after hours.
5. Travel only at safe and reasonable speeds. (Speed limit is 15 MPH.)
6. Obey all information or warning signs.
7. Ride only on existing roads and trails.
8. Remove all of your trash and litter.
9. Be respectful of other users.
10. The Jack Mountain Unit is closed to all trail riding from October 1<sup>st</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Cautionary Statement

The Jack Mountain Unit is a working forest with many management activities occurring throughout the year. All areas with forestry operations in progress are closed to all users. The Ross Foundation will mark closed areas when possible, but it is ultimately up to the user to identify and stay out of these areas. To help identify these areas, users will have to stop, look, and listen for forestry management activities. If you find yourself in an area with management activities in progress, it is often best to turn around and leave in the direction you entered. Users are to give all logging equipment and Ross Foundation equipment the right-of-way when encountered.

### How Do I get a Permit?

*Permits are FREE, and there are several ways to get one.*

1. The permit request form is located on the last page of this document. Fill out all information requested, sign it, and mail (or scan and email) it to The Ross Foundation. Your user permit will be mailed or emailed as soon as possible. **(Include a self addressed, stamped envelope if you want your permit mailed to you.)**
2. Receive a permit request form in person at the Ross Foundation Office. In most cases the permit can be issued on the same day.

Permit Request Form

Full Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/St./ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a  Renewal  New Permit Request

**Parked Vehicle Permit Information**

Make/Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ License # \_\_\_\_\_

Please select your user group(s).

<input type="radio"/> ATV	<input type="radio"/> Hunting
<input type="radio"/> Motorcycle	<input type="radio"/> Horseback Riding
<input type="radio"/> ADR	<input type="radio"/> Bar 50
<input type="radio"/> Other: _____	<input type="radio"/> Other: _____
<input type="radio"/> Hiking	<input type="radio"/> <b>Other:</b> _____
<input type="radio"/> Mountain Bike	_____

List all users under 16 years of age that you will be responsible for while on the Jack Mountain Unit.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_

During an average year, how many times will you visit the Jack Mountain Unit?

<input type="radio"/> 1 to 2 Times	<input type="radio"/> 3 to 5 Times
<input type="radio"/> 6 to 10 Times	<input type="radio"/> 11 to 20 Times
<input type="radio"/> More Than 20 Times	

I have read and I fully understand the recreational rules and cautionary statement.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_