



ORDER NO.2008-23

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING CAMPING AND FIRES AT THE JUNCTION OF CARTER
MORIAH AND CARTER DOME TRAILS (ZETA PASS), TO WIT:
WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST – NEW HAMPSHIRE and MAINE**

Under the authority of the Act of Congress dated June 4, 1897, as amended (16 U.S.C. 551), and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth as 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b)), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the Androscoggin District, Coos County, New Hampshire, said areas being described and designated as shown on the map set forth at Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereto:

1. Camping within ¼ mile except at designated sites. (36 CFR 261.58(e))
2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a wood or charcoal fire within ¼ mile EXCEPT at designated sites. Portable camp stoves using pressurized liquid or gas, or other manufactured fuels are allowed. (36 CFR 261.52(a))

THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO PROTECT NATIONAL FOREST PROPERTY. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN 36 CFR PART 261. THE PROHIBITION WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.

Pursuant to the provisions of 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)); and,
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty (36 CFR 261.50(e)(4));

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C., 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Dated this 4th day of May 2009 at Laconia, New Hampshire.

/S/ Thomas G Wagner
Thomas G. Wagner
Forest Supervisor
White Mountain National Forest

EXHIBIT A

MAP OF ZETA PASS FPA

Rationale for Zeta Pass Camping and Fire Restrictions

The Zeta Pass location is one of the few suitable camping locations in the between the Carter Notch Hut and Imp Shelter. This has resulted in an unacceptable increase of indiscriminate campsites and fire rings that impact on the recreational expectations of other visitors. In many instances the concentration of indiscriminate camping in the Zeta Pass area is causing resource damage from soil compaction and erosion. Human waste disposal issues may have increased public health concerns. This order is needed to enforce a ¼ mile camping and fire restriction in order to protect the resources and the public's health and safety.

Exhibit A

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