Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads and trails administered by the Pisgah National Forest in the Catawba Falls trail area, specifically NFS lands south of Interstate 40 and North of Allison Ridge. This includes NFS Trail #225 and the trail head and parking area for trail #225 as depicted on the attached map and incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. This Order is effective from April 25, 2022, through April 25, 2024, or until terminated by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

1. It is prohibited to go into or be upon the area depicted on the attached map. 36 CFR § 261.53(e) and (f) (see attached map)
2. Being on Catawba Falls National Forest System Trail #225 National Forest System Trail. 36 CFR § 261.55(a) (see attached map)
3. Entering or using the Catawba Falls Parking Area and Trailhead. 36 CFR § 261.58(b) (see attached map)

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e) the following persons are exempt from the above prohibitions:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of their official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Executed in Asheville, North Carolina this 2nd day of May, 2022.

James Melonas
Forest Supervisor
National Forests in North Carolina

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 USC § 551 and 18 USC §§ 3559, 3571 and 3581.