

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
NATIONAL FORESTS IN NORTH CAROLINA  
Pisgah Ranger District**

**Order Number 08-11-07-16-03**

Emergency Mince Cove Closures

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), for the protection of public health and safety, the following acts are prohibited due to timber harvest activities. The following roads and adjacent trails within the Mince Cove Timber Sale will be closed to all use on the Pisgah Ranger District, Pisgah National Forest. This closure is effective from July 21, 2016 until December 15, 2017.

1. Operating, leaving, possessing, parking a motor vehicle on any road closed by a sign, gate, barricade, earthen barricade. 36 CFR 261.54(e)
2. Being on a road that is closed using a non-motorized or wheeled conveyance (bicycle) 36 CFR 261.54(a)
3. Being in the area of closure by pedestrian and or horseback 36 CFR 261.53(e)

**This order is for the following roads and trails on the Pisgah Ranger District:**

Roads

FS 5051 Laurel Ridge  
FS 5050 Rocky Fork

TRAILS

TR 611 Yellow Gap

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50 (e), the following persons or areas are exempt from this Order:

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

Executed in Asheville, North Carolina, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2016

  
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HURSTON A. NICHOLAS  
Forest Supervisor  
National Forests in North Carolina

Violation of these prohibitions set forth above is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. See 16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571.