Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in the Whitewater Falls Recreation Area, Jackson County, Nantahala National Forest. This order is in effect from January 27, 2016 until rescinded by the Forest Supervisor.

1. Camping or establishing a campsite within the Whitewater Falls Recreation Area, the Foothills Trail, Whitewater River Corridor from NC Hwy 281 to the South Carolina State Line as depicted on attached map. 36 CFR 261.58 (e)

2. Building and or maintaining a campfire. 36 CFR 261.52 (a)

3. Possession of an alcoholic beverage as defined by state law. 36 CFR 261.58 (bb)

4. Being in the area ½ after sunset and ½ before sunrise. 36 CFR 261.58 (l)

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 specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, issued by the District Ranger.
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 27th day of January, 2016.

James Melonas
Acting 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.