UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
NATIONAL FORESTS OF NORTH CAROLINA
NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST

Order Number 08-01-04

FIREARMS RANGE REGULATIONS
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following restrictions apply to shooting ranges on the National Forests in North Carolina listed below:

Atoah Shooting Range
Dirty John Shooting Range
Moss Knob Shooting Range
Panther Top Shooting Range

This order is in effect from Date Signed Until Terminated.

1. Possessing a beverage that is defined as an alcoholic beverage by state law within 150 yards of the firing range, including the parking area is prohibited. 36 CFR 261.58(bb)
2. Being in the area after sundown or before sunrise is prohibited. 36 CFR 261.58(1)
3. For public health and safety, the use of paper targets and manufactured metal silhouette targets are allowed, but only when placed in front of the designated firing line. 36 CFR 261.53(e)
4. For public health and safety, the use of arrows and other archery equipment is prohibited. 36 CFR 53(e)
5. For public health and safety, hunting is prohibited within 150 yards of the firing range. 36 CFR 261.53(e)
6. For public health and safety, discharging a weapon from any location other than the designated firing line, into the designated impact area is prohibited. 36 CFR 261.53(3)
7. For public health and safety, weapons must be handled in a safe manner, and muzzles shall be pointed down range at all times. 36 CFR 261.53(e)
8. For public health and safety, all shooters under age of 16 must be under the immediate supervision of an adult. 36 CFR 261.53(e)
9. Firing any tracer bullet or incendiary ammunition is prohibited. 36 CFR 261.5(b)
10. For public health and safety, trap or skeet shooting at any airborne target is prohibited. 36 CFR 261.53(e)
11. For public health and safety, shooting is only allowed from the designated firing line, in the designated direction. 36 CFR 261.53(e)

Violations of the above prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000.00 for an individual and $10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempted from this order:
(1) Persons with a permit from the authorized Forest Service Officer specifically
authorizing an otherwise prohibited act or omission.

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

Executed in Asheville, North Carolina, on this 27th day of May, 2017

HURSTON A. NICHOLAS
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National Forests in North Carolina

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USC 3559 and 3571.
National Forests in North Carolina

ORDER NO. 08-01-2004

SHOOTING RANGE SAFETY REGULATIONS

FOR THE DIRTY JOHN SHOOTING RANGE
WAYAH RANGER DISTRICT
NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST
MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
National Forests in North Carolina

ORDER NO. 08-01-2004

SHOOTING RANGE SAFETY REGULATIONS

FOR THE MOSS GAP SHOOTING RANGE
HIGHLANDS RANGER DISTRICT
NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST
JACKSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA