

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
NATIONAL FORESTS IN NORTH CAROLINA  
Order Number #08-11-37-19-020**

**GENERAL FOREST ORDERS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), for the protection of public health and safety, the following acts are prohibited on all areas of the Croatan, Pisgah, Nantahala and Uwharrie National Forests. These orders are in effect from March 2, 2020 to March 2, 2022 or until rescinded by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

1. Possessing, parking or leaving more than two vehicles, except motorcycles or bicycles per designated camp unit. **36CFR 261.58 (i)**
2. Being publicly nude. **36 CFR 261.58 (j)**
3. Possessing or storing any food or refuse in a manner that makes it accessible to wildlife. **36 CFR 261.58 (cc)**
4. Possessing a beverage which is defined as an alcoholic beverage by State Law, by any person under 21 years of age. **36 CFR 261.58 (bb)**
5. Shortcutting a switchback in a trail. **36 CFR 261.55 (e)**
6. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order in accordance with U.S. Forest Service Standards 5100-1. **36 CFR 261.52(j)**
7. Possessing, storing or transporting any part of a marijuana plant. **36 CFR 261.58(t)**

The following acts or omissions are prohibited within those areas identified by the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) as being designated for motor vehicle use:


8. Using a Forest System Road for commercial hauling without a permit or written authorization. **36 CFR 261.54 (c)**
9. Operating a vehicle in violation of State Law. **36 CFR 261.54 (d)**
10. Operating a vehicle carelessly, recklessly or without regard for the rights or safety of other persons or in a manner or at a speed that would endanger or likely to endanger any person or property. **36 CFR 261.54(f)**
11. Operating a vehicle on a Forest System Road in excess of posted speed limits. **36 CFR 261.54(d)**
12. Operating a motorized vehicle on a Forest System Road without a valid State issued driver's license or operator's license. **36 CFR 261.54(d)**
13. Operating a motorized vehicle on a Forest System Road which does not display valid license plates and/or is not properly registered and insured. **36 CFR 216.54(d)**

14. Operating a motorized vehicle on a Forest System Road without proper and workable safety equipment to include the wearing of seat belt restraints. **36 CFR 261.54(d)**
15. Failure to display a valid driver's license or operator's license by any person operating or in charge of a motor vehicle upon the lawful request of any authorized Forest Officer. **36 CFR 261.54(d)**
16. Operating a vehicle on a Forest System Road while under the influence of intoxicating alcoholic beverages (as defined by State law) or drugs. **36 CFR 261.54(d)**

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 issued by an authorized Forest Service Official.
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 2nd day of March 2020.

  
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HURSTON A. NICHOLAS  
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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.