



ORDER NUMBER: R9-19-20-02

ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST, TO WIT:
AREA CLOSURES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
IN RESPONSE TO COVID - 19
ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST
PENNSYLVANIA

Under the authority of the Act of Congress dated June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551) and the Secretary of Agriculture's regulation 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on Allegheny National Forest lands located within Elk, Forest, Warren, and McKean Counties within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

- Use or occupancy by a group in excess of ten or more persons. 36 CFR 261.58 (f)
- Occupying a developed campground.¹ 36 CFR 261.53 (e)
- Entering or occupying any restroom facility. 36 CFR 261.53 (e)
- Camping on National Forest lands. 36 CFR 261.58 (e)
- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove (including charcoal and liquid fueled stoves or grills). 36 CFR 261.52 (a)

THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN 36 CFR PART 261. THE PROHIBITIONS WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons entering campgrounds on foot for the purpose of exercise and/or accessing hiking trails.
2. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer or official, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force, while in the performance of an official duty.

Campfire or Fire – A fire, not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation, which is used for cooking, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or esthetic purposes.

Camping – The temporary use of National Forest System lands for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently-fixed structure.

Developed Campground – An area which has been developed or improved for the purpose of overnight occupancy. Such area requires a fee for use.

Group – Any collection, assemblage, cluster, or aggregation of persons.

Stove Fire – A fire built inside an enclosed stove or grill via pressurized liquid, gas, or charcoal.

Under authority of Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571, violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of up to \$5000 and/or imprisonment for up to six months.

Executed in Warren, Pennsylvania this 7th day of April, 2020.

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