Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR §§ 261.50 (a) and (b), for the protection of public health and safety, the following act is prohibited as a result of the 2016 Maple Springs Fire on the Cheoah Ranger District of the Nantahala National Forest. This closure is effective from May 15, 2020, until May 15, 2022, or until terminated by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

Parking or leaving a vehicle on Forest Service Road 416 from the intersection of Forest Road 416 and State Route 1127 to the Joyce Kilmer Parking Area. 36 CFR §261.58(g)

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons 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.

These prohibitions are in addition to:
(a) the General Prohibitions at 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.1–261.23 (Subpart A);
(b) other Orders currently in effect pursuant to 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.50–261.58 (Subpart B); and
(c) all other Regional Regulations at 36 C.F.R. § 261.70 (Subpart C).

Executed in Asheville, North Carolina this 14th day of May, 2020.

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Forest Supervisor
National Forests in North Carolina

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual and/or $10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571 and 3581.