

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE**

PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST

FOREST ORDER NO. 08-11-07-20-071-3

Termination Notices for Previous Orders: The Pisgah National Forest is gradually reopening sites, trails, and areas which were previously closed. Each successive Forest Order includes fewer closed sites, trails, and roads, and supersedes and terminates the previous Forest Order.

- The *first* Forest Order, No. 08-11-07-20-071, was issued on April 13, 2020, and was terminated on May 14, 2020, with the issuance of the *second* Forest Order, No. 08-11-07-20-071-2.
- This *third* Forest Order, No. 08-11-07-20-071-3, supersedes and hereby terminates the *second* Forest Order, No. 08-11-07-20-071-2, which was issued on May 14, 2020.

New Forest Order. Pursuant to Title 16 U.S.C. § 551 and Title 36 C.F.R. § 261.50, this *third* Forest Order, No. 08-11-07-20-071-3, prohibits the following acts on the Pisgah National Forest to protect public health and safety. The Pisgah National Forest is comprised of the Pisgah, Grandfather and Appalachian Ranger Districts. This Forest Order is effective from the date signed by the Forest Supervisor until August 1, 2020, or until terminated by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

Prohibitions. The following acts are prohibited:

- 1. Using any motor vehicle on the National Forest System road. 36 C.F.R § 261.54(a).** See Exhibit A (list) and Exhibits B, C, D (maps) which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 2. Being on a National Forest System trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).** See Exhibit A (list) and Exhibits B, C, D (maps) which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 3. Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof. 36 CFR § 261.58(b).** See Exhibit A (list) and Exhibits B, C, D (maps) which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 4. Camping within 1,000 feet of a road on the Pisgah Ranger District. 36 CFR § 261.58(e).** See Exhibit D (map) which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Exemptions. Pursuant to 36 C.F.R § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (a) Persons with a permit issued by the applicable District Ranger which specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act or omission, such as permits authorizing maintenance on utility infrastructure and corridors.
- (b) Owners or lessees of land within the area, to the extent necessary to access their land.
- (c) Residents within the area, to the extent necessary to access their residences.
- (d) Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- (e) Persons engaged in any of the following activities which have been authorized in writing by a permit, contract, or agreement:

- (1) grazing and livestock use, 36 C.F.R. Part 222 (§§ 222.1 – 222.76);
- (2) timber and special forest products use, 36 C.F.R. Part 233 (§§ 223.1 – 223.305); and
- (3) mineral use, 36 C.F.R. Part 228 (36 C.F.R. §§ 228.1 – 228.116);
- (f) Persons with a Forest Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order, Form FS-7700-48, specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

Other Prohibitions. 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 1st day of June 2020.



BY: HURSTON A. NICHOLAS,
Forest Supervisor
National Forests in North Carolina

Violations of these prohibitions set forth above are punishable by fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than (6) six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571

EXHIBIT A

Roads closed to motorized vehicle traffic

1. Appalachian Ranger District:
 - #472 South Toe River Road (past Black Mountain Campground, closed due to storm damage)
2. Grandfather Ranger District:
 - #982 Mortimer Piedmont Road
3. Pisgah Ranger District:
 - #97 Lickstone Road
 - #140 Courthouse Creek Road
 - #229 Pilot Mountain Road
 - #1206 Yellow Gap Road (from gate beyond North Mills River Campground to HWY 276)
 - #5000 Wash Creek Road (from Wash Creek Horse Camp to the Blue Ridge Parkway)

Trails and trailheads closed to use

1. Appalachian Ranger District:
 - #179 Black Mountain Crest Trail
 - Carolina Hemlocks Trailhead

Recreation areas closed to use

1. Appalachian Ranger District:
 - AT Deer Park Shelter
 - AT Flint Mountain Shelter
 - AT Groundhog Creek Shelter
 - AT Hogback Ridge Shelter
 - AT Jerry Cabin Shelter
 - AT Little Laurel Shelter
 - AT Overmountain Shelter
 - AT Roaring Fork Shelter
 - AT Stan Murray Shelter
 - Black Mountain Campground
 - Briar Bottom Group Camp
 - Carolina Hemlocks Campground
 - Carolina Hemlocks Picnic Area
 - Harmon Den Horse Camp
 - Roan Mountain
 - Rocky Bluff Campground
2. Grandfather Ranger District:
 - Curtis Creek Campground
 - Linville Gorge Cabin
 - Mortimer Campground
 - Mortimer Picnic Area
 - Wilson Creek Day Use (as indicated on map)
3. Pisgah Ranger District:
 - Avery Creek Roadside Campsites
 - Buckhorn Gap Shelter
 - Butter Gap Shelter

- Cathy Creek Roadside Campsites
- Coontree Picnic Area
- Courthouse Falls Roadside Campsites
- Deep Gap Shelter
- Headwaters Roadside Campsites
- Hendersonville Reservoir Road Roadside Campsites
- Lickstone Dispersed Campsites
- Looking Glass Falls
- Looking Glass Falls Picnic Area
- Pink Beds Picnic Area
- Pisgah Ranger Station Visitor Center
- Stony Fork Picnic Area
- Sycamore Flats Picnic Area
- Upper Cove Creek Roadside Campsites
- US276 Picnic Areas
- Wash Creek Roadside Campsites
- Wolf Ford Horse Camp
- Yellow Gap Roadside Campsites

Exhibit B Pisgah National Forest Appalachian Ranger District

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Recreation Areas Affected By Closure Order

9 CAMPGROUND

[-] GROUP CAMPGROUND

E HORSE CAMP

5 PICNIC SITE

C TRAILHEAD

1 AT SHELTERS

[Red Line] Forest Service Roads Affected By Closure Order

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--- PisgahNFRoads

Interstates

Highways

Municipalities

Area Affected By Closure Order

National Park Lands

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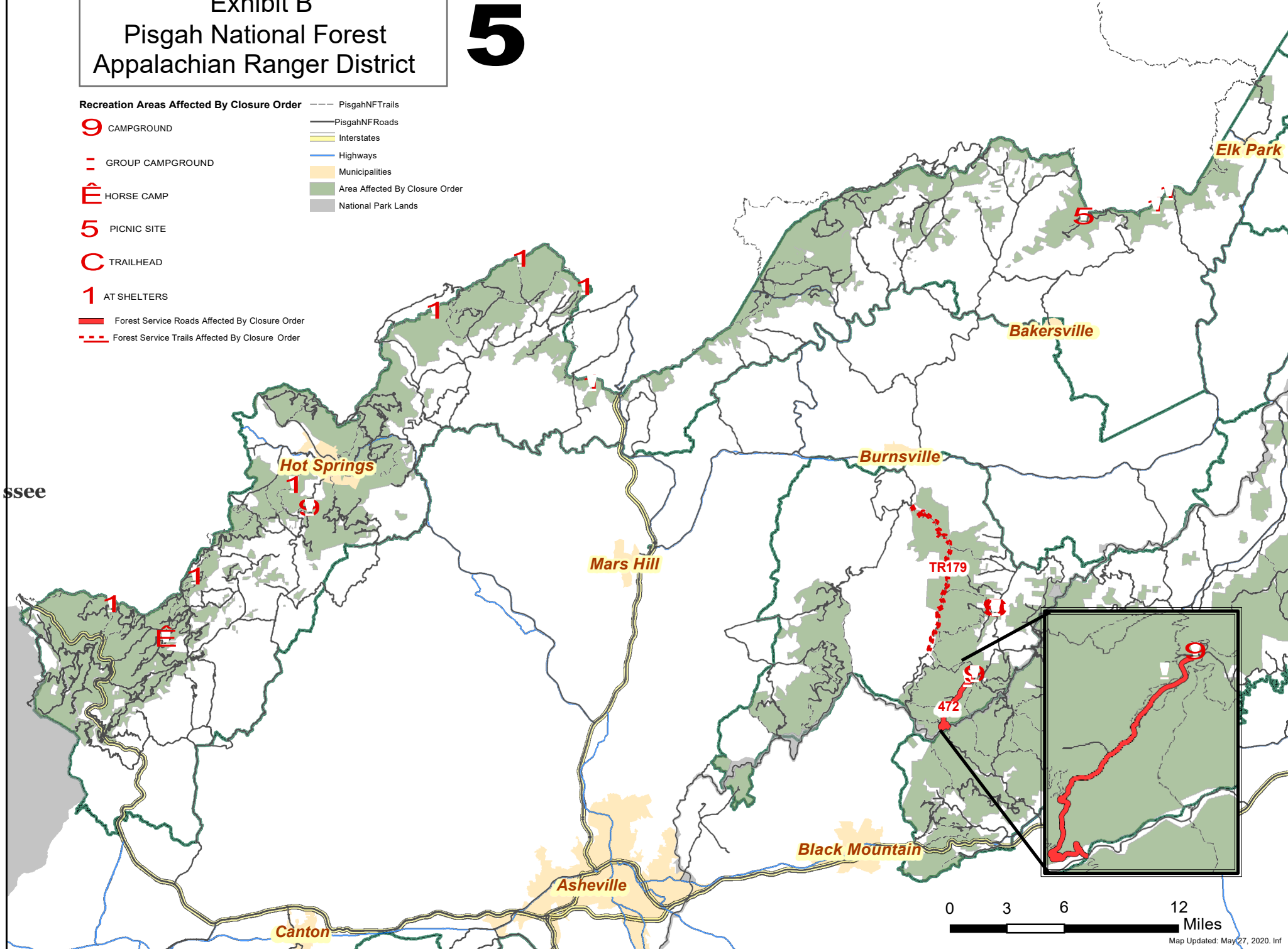


Exhibit C

Pisgah National Forest

Grandfather Ranger District

Recreation Areas Affected By Closure Order

9 CAMPGROUND

0 DAY USE AREA

^ INTERPRETIVE VISITOR CENTER (MINOR)

5 PICNIC SITE

— Forest Service Roads Affected By Closure Order

▭ Wilson Creek Area Affected By Closure Order

--- Pisgah National Forest Trails

— Pisgah National Forest Roads

— Interstates

— Highways

▭ Wilderness Boundary

▭ Municipalities

▭ Area Affected By Closure Order

▭ National Park Lands

Burnsville

Blowing Rock

Marion

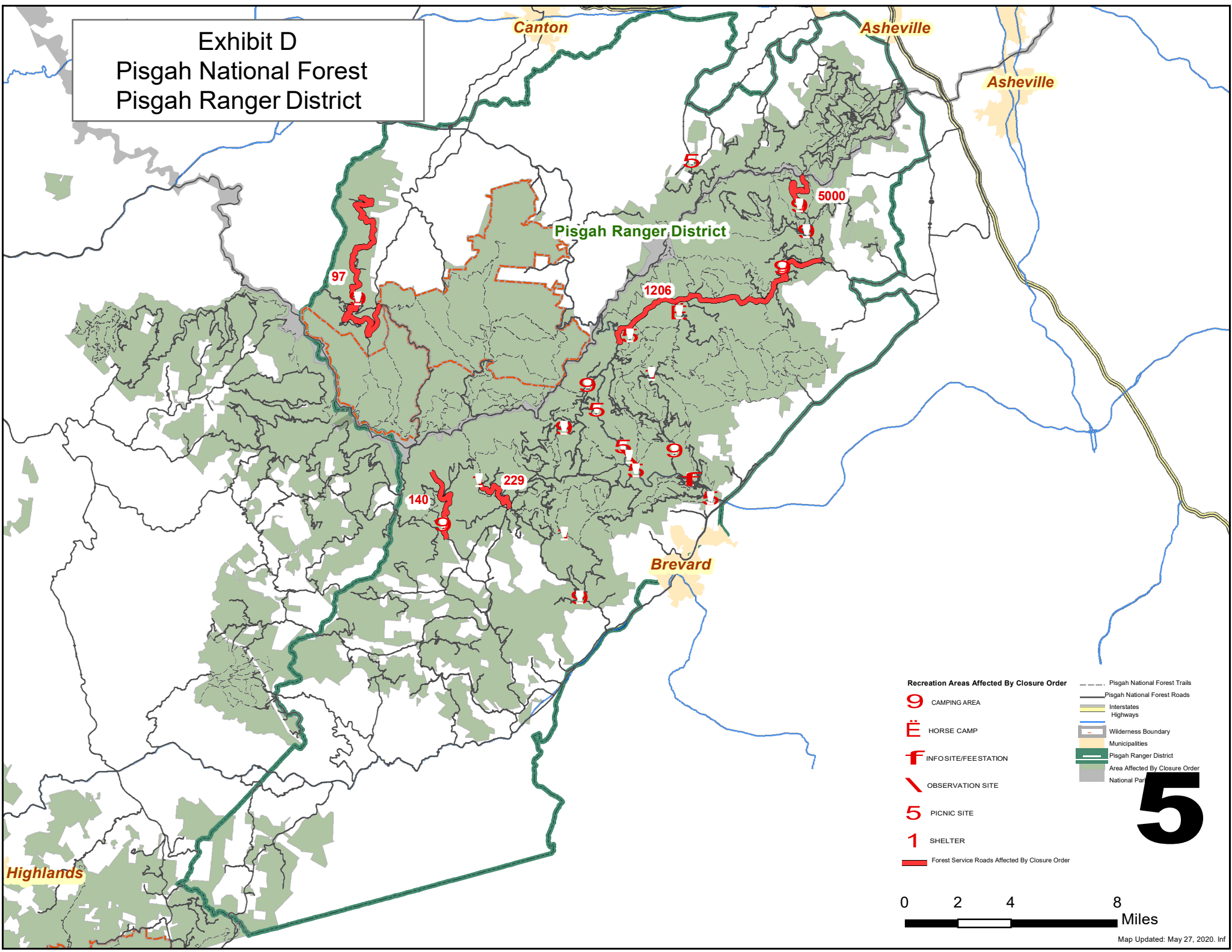
Black Mountain

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Exhibit D
Pisgah National Forest
Pisgah Ranger District



- Recreation Areas Affected By Closure Order**
- 9 CAMPING AREA
 - E HORSE CAMP
 - f INFO SITE/FEESTATION
 - OBSERVATION SITE
 - 5 PICNIC SITE
 - 1 SHELTER
 - Forest Service Roads Affected By Closure Order
- Pisgah National Forest Trails
— Pisgah National Forest Roads
— Interstates
— Highways
— Wilderness Boundary
— Municipalities
— Pisgah Ranger District
— Area Affected By Closure Order
— National Park

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