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

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Occupancy and Use – Forest System Roads or Trails

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all areas off the Nantahala, Pisgah, Uwharrie, and Croatan National Forests in North Carolina. These orders are in effect from September 01, 2014 until September 01, 2019.

1. Camping or establishing a campsite in violation of a posted sign. 36 CFR 261.58 (e)

2. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of a posted sign. 36 CFR 261.58 (g)

3. Being publicly nude. 36 CFR 261.58 (j)

4. Driving, riding, possessing, parking or leaving any kind of motor vehicle or bicycle on a developed trail not designated or posted for that specific use. 36 CFR 261.55 (b)

5. Driving, possessing, parking or leaving a motor vehicle on a Forest System Road which is closed by a sign, gate or barricade, including earthern barricade extending the width of the road. 36 CFR 261.54 (e)

6. Using a Forest System Road for commercial hauling without a permit or written authorization. 36 CFR 261.54 (c)

7. Operating a vehicle on a Forest System Road 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)

8. Operating a motor vehicle on a Forest System Road in excess of posted speed limits. 36 CFR 261.54 (d)

9. Operating a motor vehicle on a Forest System Road without a valid driver's license in accordance with applicable State laws. 36 CFR 261.54 (d)

10. Operating a motor vehicle on a Forest System Road which does not display valid license plates and is not properly registered in accordance with applicable State laws. 36 CFR 261.54 (d)

11. Operating a motor vehicle on a Forest System Road without proper and workable safety equipment to include the wearing of seat belt restraints in accordance with applicable State laws. 36 CFR 261.54 (d)

12. Failure to display a valid driver's or operator's license upon the request of any authorized Forest Officer 36 CFR 261.54 (d)

13. 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 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.

Executed in Asheville, North Carolina, on this 8th day of July, 2014

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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.