



ORDER NUMBER: 09 - 007

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING OCCUPANCY AND USE, TO WIT:**

USE OF HIKING TRAILS by HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

**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 act is prohibited on National Forest development trails, located within Warren, Forest, McKean, and Elk Counties, Allegheny National Forest, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, said areas being shown on the map set forth in Exhibit A, and described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereto:

Possessing or using a saddle, pack, or draft animal. [36 CFR 261.55(c)]

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

1. Persons with a permit authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member or an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

THIS RESTRICTION IS 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 THE PROHIBITIONS WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.

Violation of either of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both, under authority of Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.

Done at Warren, Pennsylvania this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Leanne M. Marten
Forest Supervisor
Allegheny National Forest

Justification for Order

The purpose of this order is to protect trail systems on the Allegheny by limiting them to the traffic for which they are designed. Pack stock and horses poses different management concerns and require different trail construction standards. Prohibiting equestrian use on hiking trails also reduces potential for user conflicts.

This order replaces the order of June, 2000, restricting the use of horses and pack stock on National Forest trails.