Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R) Section 261.50 (a) and (b), the following act or omission is prohibited within 300 feet of the Appalachian Trail from where the Appalachian Trail crosses State Route 129 at Neels Gap to where the Appalachian Trail crosses Slaughter Creek south of Slaughter Gap in the Blood Mountain Wilderness. This land is on the Blue Ridge Ranger District within the Chattahoochee–Oconee National Forest. The provisions shall remain in effect from July 25, 2013 through July 25, 2023.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire or gathering woody material for a fire or campfire, 36 CFR 261.52 (a).

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 36 C.F.R, Section 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from the above prohibition:

1. Persons with a permit specially authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of any organized rescue or firefighting force in the official performance of their duties.

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Violations of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than $5000.00 for an individual and $10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.