

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U. S. FOREST SERVICE  
NATIONAL FORESTS in NORTH CAROLINA  
PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST  
APPALACHIAN RANGER DISTRICT

ORDER NO. 04-05-2012

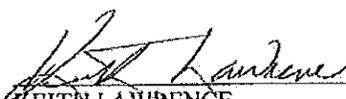
Pursuant to the provisions of Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts or omission is prohibited within 500 feet of Big Ivy Road (FSR 74), parking lot at the intersection of Big Ivy and Lower Stair Road (FSR231), or Corner Rock Picnic site located at same intersection on the Appalachian Ranger District, in the National Forests in North Carolina. This closure order is effective from April 1, 2012 until April 1, 2016.

1. Camping, unless specifically posted as being authorized. 36 CFR 261.58(e)
2. Possessing a beverage which is defined as an alcoholic beverage by state law. 36 CFR 261.58(bb)

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

1. Person with a special use permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, issue by the District Ranger.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Executed in Asheville, North Carolina on 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012

  
KEITH LAWRENCE  
Acting Forest Supervisor  
National Forests in North Carolina

Violations of the above prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both, Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.

File Code: 1900

Date: October 1, 2011

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Subject: Closure Order Big Ivy

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Pursuant to the provisions of Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 261.50 (a) and (b), I have decided that the following acts or omission is prohibited within 500 feet in any direction from the center of FSR 74 and FSR 231. The area described includes the length of Forest Service Road (FSR) 74 known as Big Ivy Road beginning to end (dead end), FSR 231, known as Lower Stair Road beginning at the intersection of the Big Ivy road ending at entrance to posted private property, and US Forest Service maintained parking lot to include Corner Rock Picnic Area with one entrance off of Lower Stair Road (FSR231). The above described is within the Territorial Boundaries of the Pisgah National Forest, Appalachian District, North Carolina. This closure order is effective from October 1, 2011 until October 1, 2015. The following actions are now prohibited:

1. Camping, unless specifically posted as being authorized. 36 CFR 261.58 (e).
2. Possessing a beverage which is defined as an alcoholic beverage by state law. 36 CFR 261.58 (bb).

In accordance with Title 36 of the Federal regulations 220.6 (d) 1 orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR part 261- prohibitions to provide short term resource protection or to protect health and safety.

Tina R. Tilley  
Appalachian District Ranger

#### Addendum -- Closure Justification - Big Ivy road

The area described encompasses the Big Ivy Road, a section of Lower Staire road including a US Forest Service parking area and adjacent Corner Rock picnic area. The closure is in response to a noticeable increase in visitor uses to the Big Ivy area that has resulted in increased emergency response by police, EMS and search and rescue personnel. Alcohol and drug violations have increased along with a correlating rise in assaults, thefts and disorderly conduct incidents. The Big Ivy area has one road that accesses the area and contains numerous trailheads, designated campsites and day use sites and is well known by the local community. The management practice desired in the order is to have visitors comply with the alcohol and camping prohibitions. It is managements desire that compliance with the order will result in a decrease DUI's, assaults, disorderly conduct and other alcohol related violations as well as control of illegal camping violations.



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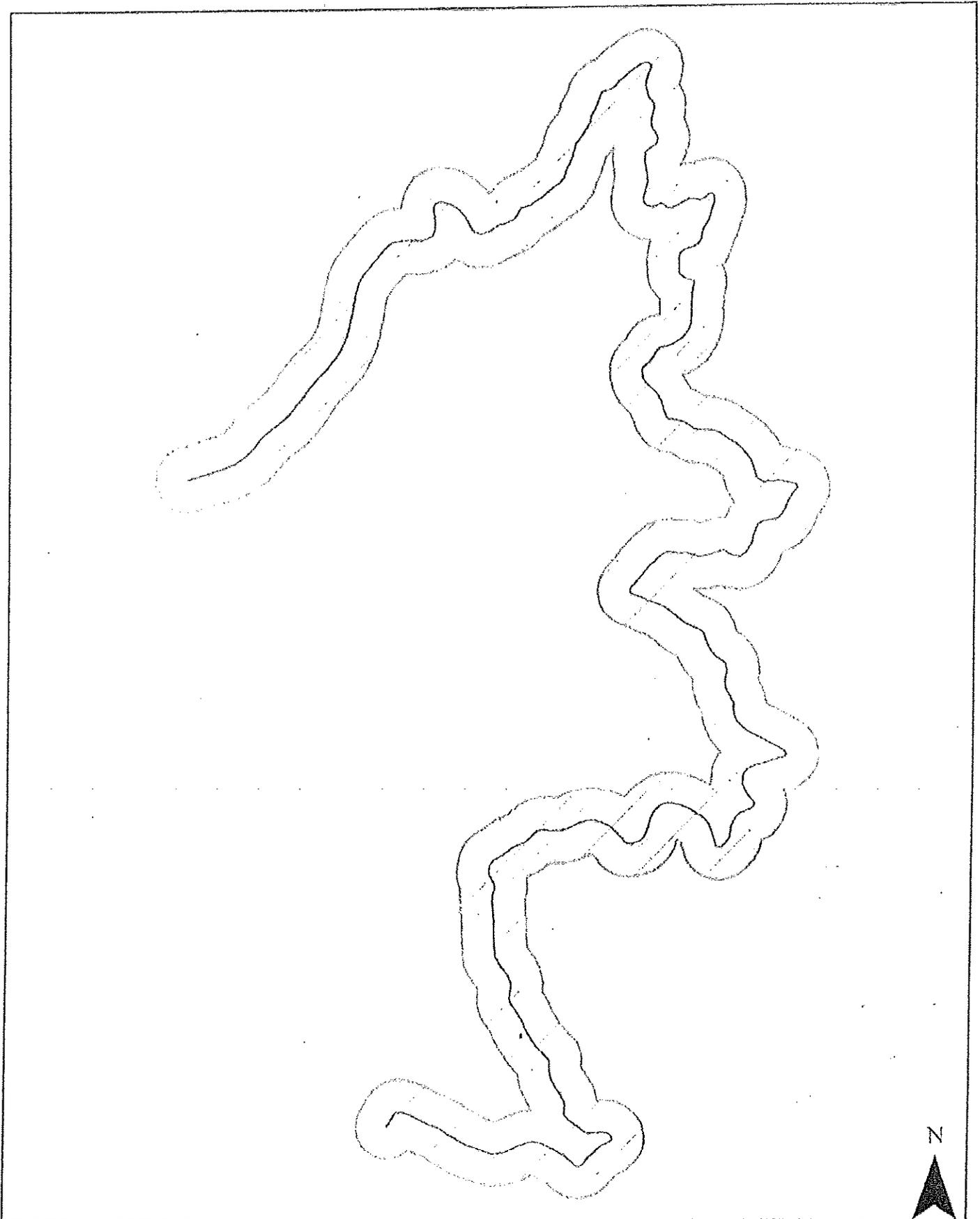
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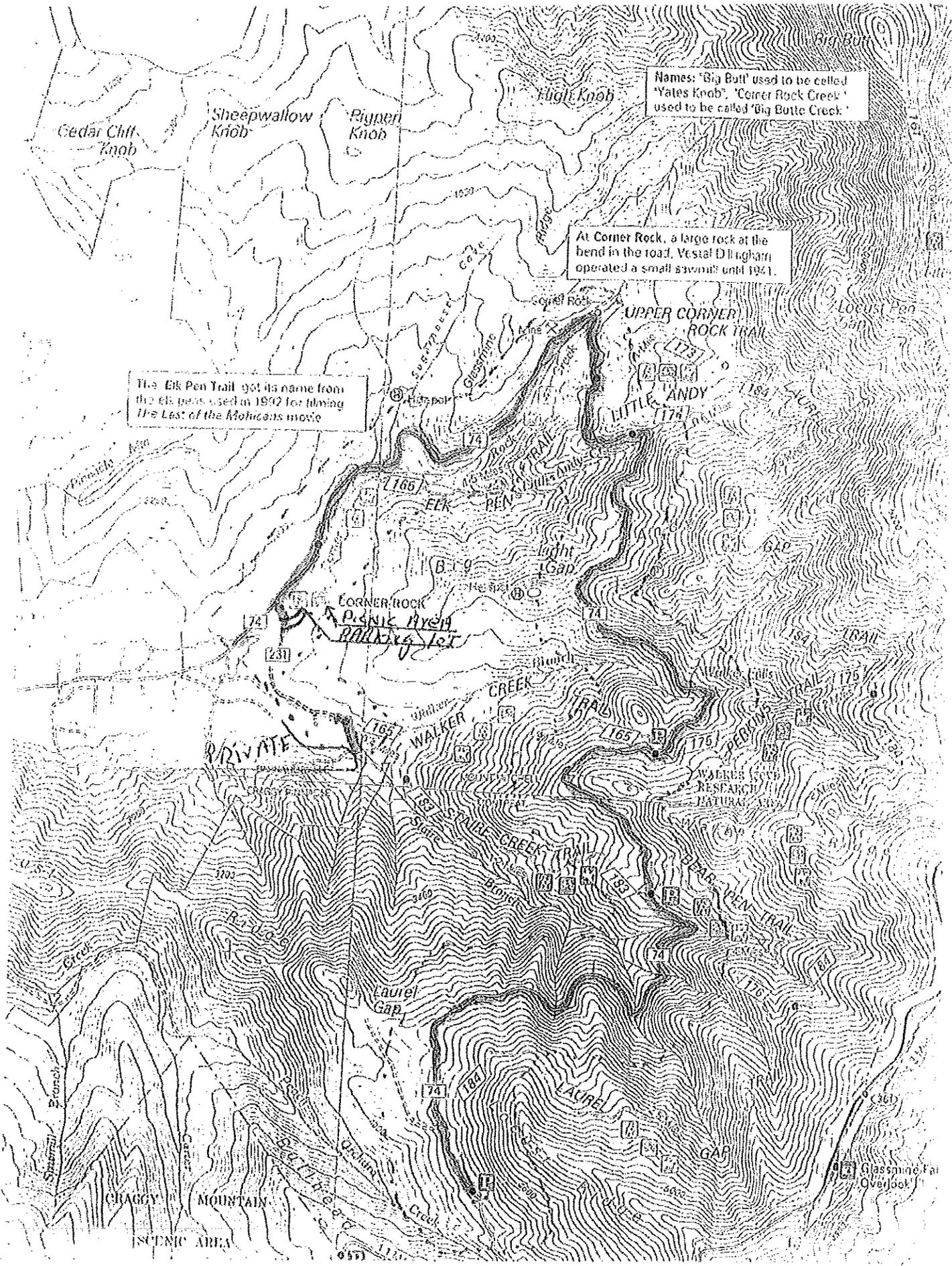
The need for conducting a Civil Rights Impact Analysis has been considered for this order. Consultation with forest personnel and a check of user of Big Ivy show no reason for me to believe that any protected groups will be in any way disproportionately impacted by the order. The area will remain open as historically managed. There will be no effects to Forest Service employees. For these reasons, I have determined that a CRIA is not necessary for implementing this action.

MARISE HILLIARD  
Forest Supervisor





This area is open to Day Use Only.



Names: 'Big Butte' used to be called 'Yates Knob'. 'Corner Rock Creek' used to be called 'Big Butte Creek'.

At Corner Rock, a large rock at the bend in the road, Vestal D. Hingham operated a small summit until 1921.

The Elk Pen Trail got its name from the elk pens used in 1992 for filming *The Last of the Mohicans* movie.

*CORNER ROCK  
PICNIC AREA  
PARKING LOT*

*PRIVATE*

CRAGGY MOUNTAIN  
SCENIC AREA

Glassmine Fall Overlook