

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

Order Number 09-08-2004

WILDERNESS GROUP SIZE RESTRICTION

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following act is prohibited in all wilderness areas within the Nantahala, Pisgah, Uwharrie, and Croatan National Forests in North Carolina. This order is in effect from September 08, 2009 until September 08, 2014.

1. Entering or being in a designated Wilderness area in groups exceeding ten (10) people.
36 CFR 261.57 (a)

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 24th day of July, 2009



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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.