

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
NATIONAL FORESTS IN ALABAMA
ORDER NUMBER
2012-00-03**

OCCUPANCY AND USE

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the **National Forests in Alabama** for the protection of the public, natural resources, and property. These orders are effective from June 30, 2012 until June 30, 2017.

Fire:

1. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine on National Forest Lands, without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either: (1) Department of Agriculture Forest Service Standard 5100-ia, or (2) appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335 (b) and J350 (a). **36 CFR 261.52 (j)**

Forest Development Roads:

1. Operating or using a motor vehicle that emits a noise in excess of: eighty-six (86) decibels at fifty (50) feet at a speed of thirty five (35) miles per hour or less; (99) decibels at twenty inches from the exhaust at a (45) degree angle as outlined in the Off-Highway Motorcycle and All-Terrain Vehicle Stationary Sound Test Manual. **36 CFR 261.54 (a)**
2. Operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drug as prescribed by state law. **36 CFR 261.54 (d)**
3. Operating a motor vehicle on a Forest Development Road without proper safety equipment or which is not in compliance with applicable State Laws and Regulations for use on public roads and highways. **36 CFR 261.54 (d)**
4. Operating a motor vehicle on a Forest Development Road without a valid drivers license and valid vehicle license tag. **36 CFR 261.54 (d)**
5. Operating a motorized vehicle on a road and trail that is blocked by a gate, sign or other physical barrier erected to restrict motorized vehicular travel. **36 CFR 261.54 (e)**
6. Being on a closed road with any type of motor vehicle during the period and for the reasons specified in the attached Forest or District Road management plan. (District Road Management Plan's are list of roads closed and dates when they are to be closed and opened and are available upon request). **36 CFR 261.54 (e)**

7. Operating a motor vehicle on a Forest Development Road carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the rights or safety of other persons, or in manner or at speeds that would endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property. **36 CFR 261.54 (f)**

Use of Vehicles off Forest Development Roads:

1. To possess or use a motorized vehicle off Forest Development Roads. **36 CFR 261.56**

Occupancy and Use:

1. Camping in the general forest (excluding developed recreation areas) shall not exceed twenty-one days without leaving the forest for ten consecutive days. **36 CFR 261.58 (a)**
2. Using a bicycle in violation of posted instructions. **36 CFR 261.58 (b)**
3. Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof when designated closed. **36 CFR 261.58 (b)**
4. Swimming in violation of posted instructions. **36 CFR 261.58 (k)**
5. Being in the area of shooting ranges before sunrise and after sunset. **36 CFR 261.58 (l)**
6. Riding, hitching, tethering, or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal in violation of posted instructions. **36 CFR 261.58 (aa)**
7. Possession of a beverage that is defined as an alcoholic beverage by State Law where posted instructions prohibit same. **36 CFR 261.58 (bb)**
8. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages by any person under 21 years of age as prescribed by State Law. **36 CFR 261.58 (bb)**

Special Closures: (Applies to Forest Service Shooting Ranges for the Protection of Public Safety and Health, and Property).

1. In violation of posted safety requirements. **36 CFR 261.53 (e)**
2. Use of armor piercing, incendiary, or tracer ammunition. **36 CFR 261.53 (e) (f)**
3. Discharging weapons when other persons are down range. **36 CFR 261.53 (e)**
4. Shooting or pointing weapons other than within the limits of the range. **36 CFR 261.53 (e)**
5. Keeping action safe to and from the firing line or at other times when not actually firing. **36 CFR 261.53 (e)**
6. Shooting at any type target except plastic or paper. **36 CFR 261.53 (f)**

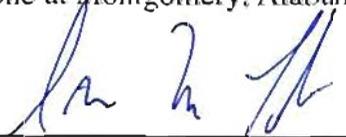
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

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

Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the General Prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Montgomery, Alabama this the 15th day of June, 2012.



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Violation of these prohibitions are 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 months, or both. Title 16 USC Section 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571