

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
NATIONAL FORESTS IN NORTH CAROLINA
Hurricane Helene Emergency Closure Order Grandfather Ranger District Update 10-9
FOREST ORDER# 08-11-05-24-01**

Pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 261.50 (a) and (b) for the protection of public health and safety (36 CFR § 261.53 (e)) following Hurricane Helene, the following acts are prohibited on the Pisgah National Forest. This closure is effective until 1/1/2025 or until rescinded by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

Under 261.50 (a), the following closure areas have been identified:

1. All lands under Forest Service ownership on the Pisgah National Forest, Grandfather Ranger District.

Under 261.50 (b), the following activities are prohibited within the closure area:

1. Being on the National Forest System roads listed below - 36 CFR § 261.54 (e)
2. Being on a National Forest System trail listed below - 36 CFR § 261.55 (a)

The roads and trails associated with the prohibitions are listed below, see attachments for maps.

Roads

966	BUCKEYE	104	BETSY RIDGE
299	BROWN MOUNTAIN	1073	TOMS CR.
4096	CARROLL CREEK		MORTIMER RECREATION
45	WATAUGA TURNPIKE	116	AREA
469A	FALLS BRANCH	1001	BOONE FORK R.A.
106	DOBSON KNOB	188	FRANKUM CREEK
118	BACK-IRISH CREEK	187B	SALLY2
192	ROSEBORO GRAGG	187D	GRASSY RIDGE
117	WOLF PIT	189	SPENCER BRANCH
464	EDGEMONT PINOLA	189A	MITCHELL BRANCH
482	CURTIS CREEK	1188	SUGAR COVE
496	NEW GINGERCake	197	RAVEN CLIFF
4068	SCHOOL HOUSE RIDGE	1204	MORTIMER WORK CENTER
4090	LOWER MACKey CR.	1188A	LICKLOG
981	ROSEBORO-EDGEMONT	2055	BOONE FORK
99	TABLE ROCK	210A	ROSES MOUNTAIN
187A	SALLY1	210B	RICH COVE
198	CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN	210C	BANDY COVE
1186	PARRIS CREEK	228	STEELES CREEK
4102	CLINE CREEK	150	BALD MOUNTAIN
469	ARMSTRONG	149	GRAVEYARD MOUNTAIN
6089	DEEP COVE		GRAVEYARD MOUNTAIN
4043	FISH HATCHERY	149A	SPUR
187	MAPLE-SALLY	150A	BALD MOUNTAIN SPUR
210	ROSES CREEK	150B	MCGREGGERS
1167	BENSON HOLLOW	150C	RUNNING TRAIL

451	MARKS MOUNTAIN	4097B	ADAMS KNOB
469B	WIGGINS RIDGE	4100	SAND MOUNTAIN
469C	LOWER WIGGINS	456	BARKHOUSE
4062	OLD HOUSE GAP ORCHARD	4100A	SAND MOUNTAIN SPUR
470	LITTLE BUCK CREEK	4101	PEARCY CREEK
469D	WIGGINS SPUR	458	WISEMANS VIEW
469E	BUCK RIDGE	4111	GEORGES CREEK
58	KAWANA	4103	HOUSESITE RIDGE
464A	LOSTCOVE	4110	SHOP BRANCH
4030B	FLAT RIDGE	299A	PARKS CREEK
4030	JARRETT CREEK	4003	COLD MTN
4030A	JERDON MOUNTAIN	4001	BILL CRUMP
4053	GRANDMOTHER GAP	4007	HEADQUARTER MOUNTAIN
4049	LIMEKILN	4013	SHOOKS CREEK
4037	BERNARD MTN	4008	GOOD CEMETERY
4043A	HANKINS	4009	WOODY
4052	GRAGG CEM	4012	SEVIER GORGE
4073	DIXON SPRINGS	4026	SWANNANOA CR
4060	LETTERED ROCK RIDGE	4211	RIGHT FORK STEELS CREEK
460	OLD FORT	4027	CHESTNUTWOOD
4067	STACK ROCK CR	4212	THREE KNOB
4071	THUNDERHOLE	982	MORTIMER PIEDMONT
4073B	SIMMONS FIELD	954	FOX CAMP
4073A	SIMMONS RIDGE	972	GRASSY KNOB
4078	RIPSHIN RIDGE	971	WOODLAWN
4077	SIMPSON CR.	974	CAMP ROCK
4075	APPLE HOLE KNOB	986	PIEDMONT HOTEL
4076	ABERNETHY	982A	OLD WAY RIDGE
4079	CHESTNUT VIEW	982B	UPPER RAVEN CLIFF
4081	BARN RIDGE	985	LOWER UPPER CR
4089	JOE POORE	987	ANGLE BRANCH
4094	GLOBE MOUNTAIN	4072	TALBERT CEMETERY
4210	LITTLE FORK	4074	RIPSHIN BRANCH
4095	MIDDLE STEELS CREEK	482A	NEWBERRY CREEK
4097A	LOOSE MTN SPUR	482B	LICKLOG
4099	LITTLE CHESTNUT MTN	187C	ELIJAH ESTES
4097	LOOSE MTN	4093	GUYS CREEK

Trails

TRBM7	BROWN MOUNTAIN 7	TR218	WOODS MOUNTAIN
TR270	PERSIMMON RIDGE	TR216	MACKEY MOUNTAIN
TR242A	DEVILS CELLAR	TR219	SUGAR COVE
TR271	BIG LOST COVE CLIFFS	TR268	GREENTOWN
TR260	HARPER CREEK	TR256	WOODRUFF RIDGE
TR211	SNOOKS NOSE	TR258	WILSON CREEK
TR212	LEAD MINE GAP	TR228	PINCH-IN

TR247	ROCK JOCK	TR268B	UPPER CREEK FALLS
TR1101	FOUNDATION	TR217	BUCKEYE
TR1100	GATEWAY	TR246	CABIN
TR214	TOMS CREEK FALLS	TR232	BRUSHY RIDGE
TR224	WISEMANS VIEW	TR1102	BETTY'S RUN
TR266	NORTH HARPER CREEK		OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY NHT
TR239	NORTH HARPER CREEK FALLS	TR308G	GRF
TR250	CHINA CREEK	TR253	THUNDERHOLE FALLS
TR233	SPENCE RIDGE	TR248	HAWKSBILL
TR204	HARRIS CREEK HORSE	TR277	RAIDER CAMP
TR240	BABEL TOWER	TR271A	LITTLE LOST COVE CLIFFS
TRBM10	BROWN MOUNTAIN 10	TR1107	MEADOWS LOOP
TR227	BAD FORK	TR1200	ESTES MILL
TR263	HUNT FISH FALLS	TR279	SCHOOLHOUSE RIDGE
TR229	CONLEY COVE	TR252	PHILLIPS BRANCH
TRBM1B	BROWN MOUNTAIN 1B	TR244	DEVILS HOLE
TRBM2	BROWN MOUNTAIN 2	TR262	LOST COVE
TR1104	SALT GAP CONNECTOR	TR440-G	MTS - GRANDFATHER RD
TR208	HEARTBREAK RIDGE	TR203	POINT LOOKOUT
TR230	LINVILLE FALLS	TR267	SIMMONS RIDGE
TR245	JONAS RIDGE	TR273	HOLLY SPRINGS
TR1105	FORAGER	TR268A	GREENTOWN SHORTCUT
TR255	PINE RIDGE	TR243	TABLE ROCK GAP
TR289	BILL VINES	TR272	DARKSIDE CLIFFS
TR224A	WISEMANS VIEW LOOP	TR257	BILL CRUMP
TR220	WOODLAWN FITNESS	TRBM8	BROWN MOUNTAIN 8
TR236	LITTLE TABLE ROCK	TR205A	KITSUMA PEAK
TR209	STAR GAP	TR225	CATAWBA FALLS
TR1103	JARRETT'S RUN	TR235	SHORTOFF
TR1106	OAK HOLLOW	TRBM3	BROWN MOUNTAIN 3
TR291	THORPES CREEK	TRBM6	BROWN MOUNTAIN 6
TR261	TIMBER RIDGE	TRBM5	BROWN MOUNTAIN 5
TR241	BYNUM BLUFF	TR259	YANCEY RIDGE
TRBM1A	BROWN MOUNTAIN 1A	TR210	NEWBERRY CREEK
TR266A	NORTH HARPER SHORTCUT	TR255A	PINE RIDGE CONNECTOR
TR1120	OLD FORT PICNIC AREA	TR202	GEM
TRBM9	BROWN MOUNTAIN 9	TR264	WHITE ROCKS
TR269	WILSON RIDGE	TR242	TABLE ROCK SUMMIT
TR265	YELLOW BUCK	TRBM1	BROWN MOUNTAIN 1
TR258A	WILSON CREEK SPUR	TR237A	STEELES CREEK CONNECTOR
TR205	KITSUMA	TR1121	BERNARD MOUNTAIN
TRBM4	BROWN MOUNTAIN 4	TR213	HICKORY BRANCH
TR237	STEELES CREEK	TR223	ARMSTRONG CREEK
TR231	LINVILLE GORGE		

Pursuant to 36 CFR, § 261.50 (e), the following persons or areas are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use permit or contract specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act of omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Owners or lessees of land in the area are exempt from road closures that access property.
4. Residents in the area are exempt from road closures that access residence.

Executed in Asheville North Carolina, on 10/9/2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Melonas', written over a horizontal line.

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Violations of the above prohibition are 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.