

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST  
APPALACHIAN RANGER DISTRICT  
MARS HILL, NORTH CAROLINA**

**FOREST ORDER# 08-11-04-25-01**

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b), for the protection of public health and safety for Interstate 40 reconstruction, the following acts are prohibited on the Appalachian Ranger District. This closure is effective until September 30, 2025, or until rescinded by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

- 1. Entry into closure area 36 CFR 261.53(e)**
- 2. Roads closed to all forms of traffic. Including but not limited to; motor vehicles, pedestrian, horseback, and bicycle 36 CFR 261.54 (b)**

Closed area is defined as:

This closure order applies to National Forest Service lands and roads south of the Interstate 40 corridor and includes the area south of Slick Rock Branch drainage, and the area west of the Pigeon River, and lands north toward the Tennessee/North Carolina state line.

The following roads are closed within the closure area:

<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Road Number</b>
Flat Branch	3520
Sandy John Ridge Road	3520A
Laurelett	3521
Laurel Creek	3523
Willard Swaney	3536
Sutton	3537
Sutton Tower	3538
Longarm	287
Buzzard Roost	288
Old Buzzard Roost	289
Hicks Branch	453

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 or 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 that require access to their property that falls within closure area as defined by closure order.

Executed in Asheville North Carolina, on, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2025.



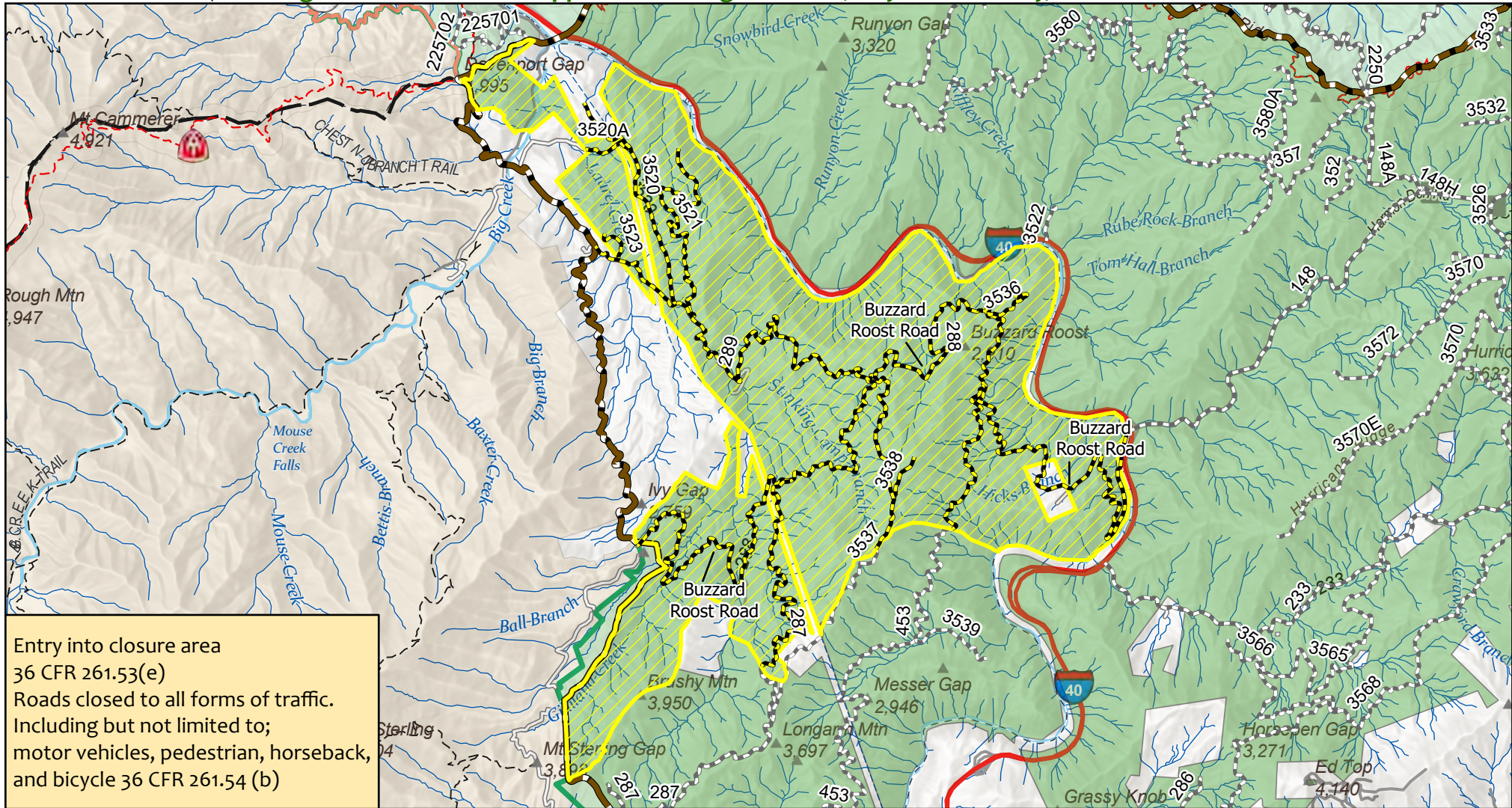
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Violations of the above prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.



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## Pisgah National Forest - Appalachian Ranger District, Haywood County, NC



### Content Advisory

This map is intended to depict the National Forest System Lands as they generally appear on the ground and may not be used to determine title, ownership, legal boundaries, legal jurisdiction, including jurisdiction over roads or trails, or access restrictions that may be in place on either public or private land. Obtain permission before entering private lands, and check with appropriate government offices for restrictions that may apply to public lands. Lands, roads and trails within the boundaries of the National Forest may be subject to restrictions on motor vehicle use. Obtain a Motor Vehicle Use Map, or inquire at the local Forest Service Office for motor vehicle access information. Natural hazards may or may not be depicted on the map, and land users should exercise due caution. This map may not be suitable for navigational use.

### Legend

- Closure Area
- National Forest System Roads Within Closure
- National Forest System Roads Outside Closure

**National Forest System Roads Closed Within Closure Area**  
 287, 288, 289, 3520, 3520A, 3521, 3523, 3536, 3537, 3538, 453

