

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

FOREST ORDER# 08-11-04-25-03

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 including traffic control off of Interstate 40, the following acts are prohibited in the Buzzard Roost Area on the Appalachian Ranger District. This closure is effective until October 1, 2027, or until rescinded by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.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)**

Closure area is directly east of the junction of Buzzard Roost Road (FSR 288) and Hicks Branch Road (FSR 453) and following the drainage to the confluence of the Pigeon River and along 0.6 miles of the Pigeon River to the confluence of Hicks Branch. At the confluence of Hicks Branch, heading northwest, along the national forest boundary line and FSR 288 for 1.9 miles to the junction of FSR and FSR 453.

The following roads are closed within the closure area:

Road Name	Road Number
Buzzard Roost *This applies to this road when the gates are closed and locked on FSR 288.	288

Additionally, the following roads are closed:

Road Name	Road Number
Haynes Road	233
Haywood Hurricane Spur	3573

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, 9/11/25.



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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.