

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
NATIONAL FORESTS IN NORTH CAROLINA
APPALACHIAN RANGER DISTRICT
BIG IVY / STONEY FORK AREAS**

FOREST ORDER #08-11-08-25-06

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b) for the protection of public health and following Tropical Storm Helene, the following acts are prohibited in the Big Ivy / Stoney Fork Areas on the Appalachian Ranger District of the Pisgah National Forest. This closure is effective until 10/1/2026 or until rescinded by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

1. Going into or being in the described closure area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e)
2. Being on a National Forest System trail listed below - 36 CFR § 261.55(a)
3. Use by any type of traffic (motorized, pedestrian, bicycle, etc.) and/or being on a National Forest System Road listed below - 36 CFR § 261.54(b)(e)

Under 261.53(e), the following closure areas have been identified (descriptions below):

The described closure areas are within Buncombe County and include all NFS lands within the following boundaries:

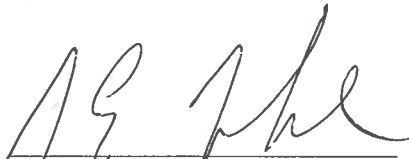
The closed area is described as all National Forest Lands within the following boundary: All contiguous National Forest System (NFS) lands, west of the Buncombe and Yancy County line, east of Barnardsville, NC and north of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Beginning at Balsam Gap, proceeding north along the ridge that includes Pt. Misery, Locust Pen Gap, Big Butt, Cane River Gap and Ivy Gap. Continue west to Coxcombe Mountain, then southwest to Tharp Mountain. Includes all NFS lands south to Ivy Knob, Ceasar Cliff Knob, and Pinnacle Mountain. Includes all NFS lands in the Big Ivy and Walker Creek drainage, southwest to Little Snowball Mountain. Continue southeast to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Continue northeast to Balsam Gap. This closure area includes the following roads and trails:

FSR 74 Big Ivy (Coleman Boundary)	TR 166 Elk Pen
FSR 231 Lower Staire(Ranger Road)	TR 165 Walker Creek
FSR 63 Stoney Fork	TR 175 Perkins
FSR 63A Hawksbill Creek	TR 183 Staire Creek
TR 174 Little Andy	TR 176 Bear Pen
TR 173 Upper Corner Rock	TR 162 Douglas Falls
	TR 170 Snowball (portion of trail from Hawkbill Rock to old Snowball fire tower site)
TR 440 Mountains-to-Sea – Appalachian RD – portion closed from Forest boundary, segment 3 of MTS mm 47 to mm 48 adjacent to the BRP)	

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 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.