

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
NATIONAL FORESTS IN NORTH CAROLINA
APPALACHIAN RANGER DISTRICT
APPALACHIAN TRAIL MM 360.6-365.9
FOREST ORDER #08-11-08-25-07**

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b) for the protection of public health and safety following Tropical Storm Helene, the following acts are prohibited on described section of the Appalachian Trail in the Appalachian Ranger District of the Pisgah National Forest. This closure is effective until 10/01/2026 or until rescinded by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

1. Being on a National Forest System trail listed below - 36 CFR § 261.55(a)

Under 261.55(a), the following closed trails have been identified (descriptions below):


TR1 08 Appalachian Trail (360.6 to mile marker 365.9-mile marker in Mitchell County – use detour provided)

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.

Executed in Asheville North Carolina, on

9/11/25



JAMES MELONAS
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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.