



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
U.S. FOREST SERVICE
WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST
SACO RANGER DISTRICT**

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING CAMPING AND FIRES ON FOREST ROAD 17 (SLIPPERY BROOK
RD) AND FOREST ROAD 38 (EAST BRANCH RD) PROHIBITIONS**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) roads in the Saco Ranger District, White Mountain National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “restricted area”):

1. Camping within ¼ mile of a road, EXCEPT at designated campsites (36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)).
2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a wood or charcoal fire, within ¼ mile, EXCEPT at designated sites. Portable camp stoves using pressurized liquid or gas, or other manufactured fuels are allowed (36 C.F.R. § 261.58(a)).

Definitions:

Designated campsite: campsites are identified by a post with a tent symbol.

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. [Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2)].

[Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty ((36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e)(4)).

RESTRICTED AREA

The area covered by this prohibition is within the towns of Jackson and Chatham, NH, specifically National Forest System Road 17 Slippy Brook Road and National Forest System Road 38 East Branch Road. These two roads make up a 7-mile road system commonly known as Town Hall Road. The prohibition covers Slippy Brook Road from the forest boundary to Slippy Brook Trailhead and covers East Branch Road from its junction with Slippy Brook Road to its terminus at the East Branch Trailhead.

PURPOSE

High visitation of this road system is causing environmental damage including compaction of soils, damage to vegetation, and sanitation concerns due to litter and human waste. Camping restrictions are needed to protect the public health and safety of users recreating on National Forest System (NFS) lands and to prevent further damage to NFS resources. Prohibiting camping and fires outside of designated sites is consistent with the Forest Protection Areas in other high-use areas of the White Mountain National Forest.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on June 1, 2026 and shall remain in effect until June 1, 2031 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581 (b)(7)).
4. Contact the Saco Ranger District in Conway, NH, (603) 447-5448, and White Mountain National Forest Supervisor's Office in Campton, NH, (603) 536-6100, for more information about this Order.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Campton, NH, this 5th day of June, 2026.

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