

Order Number: #R9-22-02-26-05



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

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING MOTOR VEHICLE USE
ON WILD RIVER ROAD**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the area described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Androscoggin Ranger District, White Mountain National Forest, Oxford County, Maine and Coos County, NH.

It is prohibited to use any type of motor vehicle on roads where it is posted as closed to motor vehicle use for the protection of public health and safety due to road damage. (36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a)).

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA

The Restricted Area is within Batchelder’s Grant, ME and Bean’s Purchase, NH, specifically all of National Forest System Road 12, Wild River Road, from the road gate near the junction with ME 113 to its terminus at the Wild River Campground.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect the public health and safety of users travelling by motor vehicle on National Forest System (NFS) lands by closing the Wild River Road until repairs to the road are completed in Batchelder's Grant and Bean's Purchase on the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF).

Posting of the Order as required in 36 CFR 261.50 will provide notification to National Forest visitors that activities are restricted in the area shown on attached map. An enforcement plan describes how the public will be informed of the prohibitions, how it will be posted, and planned enforcement strategies.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on June 1, 2026, and shall remain in effect for 2 years or until rescinded.
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. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Androscoggin Ranger District located in Gorham, NH, telephone number 603-466-2713, and at the White Mountain National Forest Supervisor's Office in Campton, NH, telephone number 603-536-6100.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Campton, NH, this 22nd day of June, 2026.

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