

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNITED  
STATES FOREST SERVICE  
FRANCIS MARION AND SUMTER NATIONAL FORESTS  
FOREST-WIDE CLOSURE**

ORDER NUMBER: 08-12-00-25-04

**OCCUPANCY AND USE - RIFLE RANGES**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all shooting ranges within the boundaries of the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests. This Order will expire two (2) years after execution.

1. **Firing a weapon except from the designated firing line, in the designated firing direction, and into the designated impact area. 36 CFR 261.53(e)**
2. **Shooting at items not specifically designed as stationary targets in front of the designated impact area. 36 CFR 261.53(e)**
3. **Trap and/or skeet shooting, or the firing at any airborne targets. 36 CFR 261.53(e)**
4. **Use of the range before-sunrise or after sunset. 36 CFR 261.53(e)**
5. **Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages. 36 CFR 261.53(e)**


As used in this Order, the term alcoholic beverages means beer, distilled spirits and wine containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume. The term public possession means the possession of any alcoholic beverage for any reason, including consumption on any street or highway or any public place open to the public. 23 CFR 1208.3

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the provisions of the above order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A

Executed at Columbia, South Carolina this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

  
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Jasal Morris, Forest Supervisor  
Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests

Violations of this prohibition is 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 (6) months or both. Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.