



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
U.S. FOREST SERVICE
WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST
IRONTON RANGER DISTRICT**

AREA CLOSURE—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

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 Ironton Ranger District, Wayne National Forest, Lawrence County, Ohio.

Entering and/or occupying the area of the Timber Ridge Lake as outlined on the attached map. [36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e)]

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 fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA

The Restricted Area is specifically the water surface area of Timber Ridge Lake.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to close Timber Ridge Lake to all public access, due to safety concerns. Structural deficiencies have been noted in the dam and there is concern for potential failure. The water level will be drawn down and this order is to facilitate the draw down and ensure public safety.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be effective on the date signed at 1700 hours, and shall remain in effect until April 30, 2027, or until structural deficiencies are remediated and the order is rescinded, whichever occurs first.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. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Ironton Ranger District located in Pedro, OH, telephone number 740-534-6500 and at the Wayne National Forest Supervisor's Office in Nelsonville, OH, telephone number 740-753-0880.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Nelsonville, Ohio, on this 2nd day of May, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lee H. Stewart", is written over a horizontal line.

Lee Stewart
Forest Supervisor
Wayne National Forest