

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST
NANTAHALA RANGER DISTRICT, FRANKLIN, NC

ORDER NO: 08-11-11-21-123

FOREST ORDER

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), the following act is prohibited as a result of chronic bear/human interactions within all National Forest System lands in Panthertown Valley south and west of the Shuler 230 KV transmission line on the Nantahala Ranger District of the Nantahala National Forest as depicted on the attached map. This closure is effective from April 25, 2022, until April 25, 2024, or until terminated by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

Possessing or storing any food or refuse that is not contained in a bear-resistant container (approved by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee). **36 CFR § 261.58(cc)**

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e) the following persons are exempt from the above prohibitions:

1. Persons engaged with logging operations of the adjacent area.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of their official duty.

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

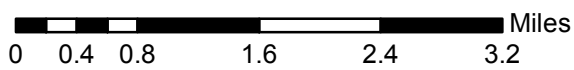
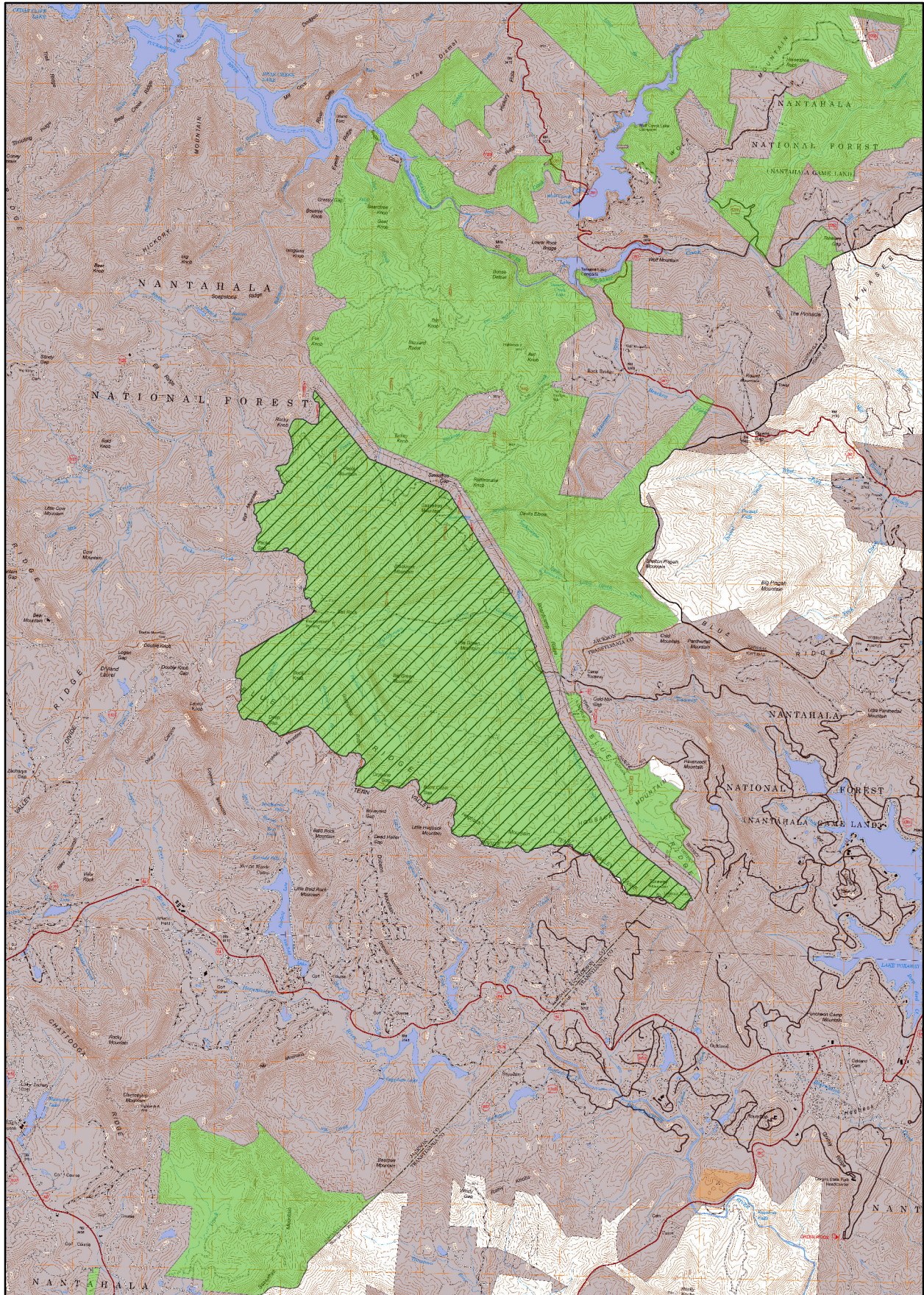
Executed in North Carolina this 3rd day of May, 2022.



James Melonas
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North Carolina

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 USC § 551 and 18 USC §§ 3559, 3571 and 3581.

Panthertown Valley Closure Order Area



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