

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
NATIONAL FORESTS IN NORTH CAROLINA
Order Number #08-11-37-22-157

OCCUPANCY & USE GENERAL FOREST ORDERS

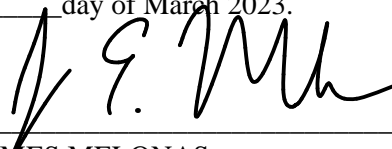
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), for the protection of public health and safety, the following acts are prohibited on all areas of the Croatan, Pisgah, Nantahala and Uwharrie National Forests. These orders are in effect from March 23, 2023, to March 23, 2026, or until rescinded by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

1. Possessing, parking or leaving more than two vehicles, except motorcycles or bicycles per designated camp unit. **36CFR 261.58 (i)**
2. Being publicly nude. **36 CFR 261.58 (j)**
3. Possessing or storing any food or refuse in a manner that makes it accessible to wildlife. **36 CFR 261.58 (cc)**
4. Possessing a beverage which is defined as an alcoholic beverage by State Law, by any person under 21 years of age. **36 CFR 261.58 (bb)**
5. Possessing, storing or transporting any part of a marijuana plant. **36 CFR 261.58(t)**

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50 (e), the following persons or areas are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use permit or contract specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission issued by an authorized Forest Service Official.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Executed in Asheville, North Carolina, on this 23rd day of March 2023.



JAMES MELONAS
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Violation of these prohibitions set forth above is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. See 16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571.