

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
NATIONAL FORESTS IN NORTH CAROLINA
Pisgah Ranger District**

Order Number: 08-11-7-17-2

Emergency Food Storage Order

For the purpose of mitigating adverse interactions between bears and humans and pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), for the protection of public health and safety, the following act is prohibited within 1000 feet of Avery Creek Road (FSR 477) as shown on the attached map (Exhibit A) This closure includes roadside campsites, trailheads, the Pisgah Riding Stable, and White Pines Group Camp in the Pisgah National Forest. This closure is effective from June 7, 2017 - October 5, 2017.

1. Possessing or storing any food or refuse as specified in the Order (36 CFR 261.58cc)

Under This Order It Is Required That

Keep all food and food related items to include refuse inside a closed, hardsided special bear resistant container or trunk of vehicle except when preparing or eating food. The following are examples of areas that are not sufficiently bear resistant: ice chests, coolers, boxes, cans, tents, soft sided campers, and passenger areas of vehicles.

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.
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 8th day of June, 2017.



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