



ORDER NO. 09-12-21-05

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR  
RESTRICTING OCCUPANCY AND USE, TO WIT:  
HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST, INDIANA**

Under the authority of the Act of Congress dated June 4, 1897, as amended (16 U.S.C. 551), and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth as 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b)), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the Hoosier National Forest located within Indiana.

1. Possessing, storing, or transporting any part of a tree EXCEPT as described below (36 CFR 261, 58(t):
  - Processed lumber;
  - Downed dead wood which is collected and used within the developed recreational area that the campsite is located, or collected and used within the immediate vicinity of a dispersed campsite on the Hoosier National Forest;
  - Downed dead wood obtained on the Hoosier National Forest within the same defined county, or from the Hoosier National Forest from those counties directly adjoining, and which is obtained by the holder of a valid firewood permit;
  - Wood from your home or other Indiana location that has all bark removed;
  - Wood with an Indiana state compliance stamp.

Firewood means any part or portion of a tree that has been cut and removed from its original location and is to be used as fuel for heating or cooking in open pit, grill, fireplace, or stove.

**THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO PROTECT NATIONAL FOREST PROPERTY/RESOURCES. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN 36 CFR PART 261. THIS ORDER WILL WHEN AMENDED OR WITHDRAWN BY A TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.**

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

1. Persons with permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)); and,
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty (36 CFR 261.50(e)(4)).

**Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C., 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).**

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021, at Bedford, Indiana.

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Hoosier National Forest