

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
PISGAH and CHEROKEE NATIONAL FORESTS
APPALACHIAN and UNAKA RANGER DISTRICTS

ORDER NO. # 08-11-04-25-02

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in the area of National Forest System lands in the "Paint Rock" on the Appalachian Ranger District of the Pisgah National Forest and the Unaka Ranger District of the Cherokee National Forest. This closure order is effective until May 1, 2035

- 1. Going into or being upon or in the area of closure (this includes all forms of presence, including as a pedestrian or by any and all other means), pursuant to 36 CFR 261.53(c) and (f).**

This order is intended to protect the Paint Rock from vandalism and degradation.

Area restrictions cover North Carolina north of River Road (SR1304) and approximately 9 acres in size. Area restrictions cover Tennessee between the French Broad River and the Paint Rock trail and approximately 11 acres in size

The areas are divided by Paint Creek, NFSR # 41, and NFSR # 54 which are excluded from this closure order (see attached map).

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

1. Persons with a special use permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission issued by the District Ranger.
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 21st day of May 2025.

Executed in Cleveland, Tennessee on this 28th day of May 2025.


James E. Melonas

Forest Supervisor

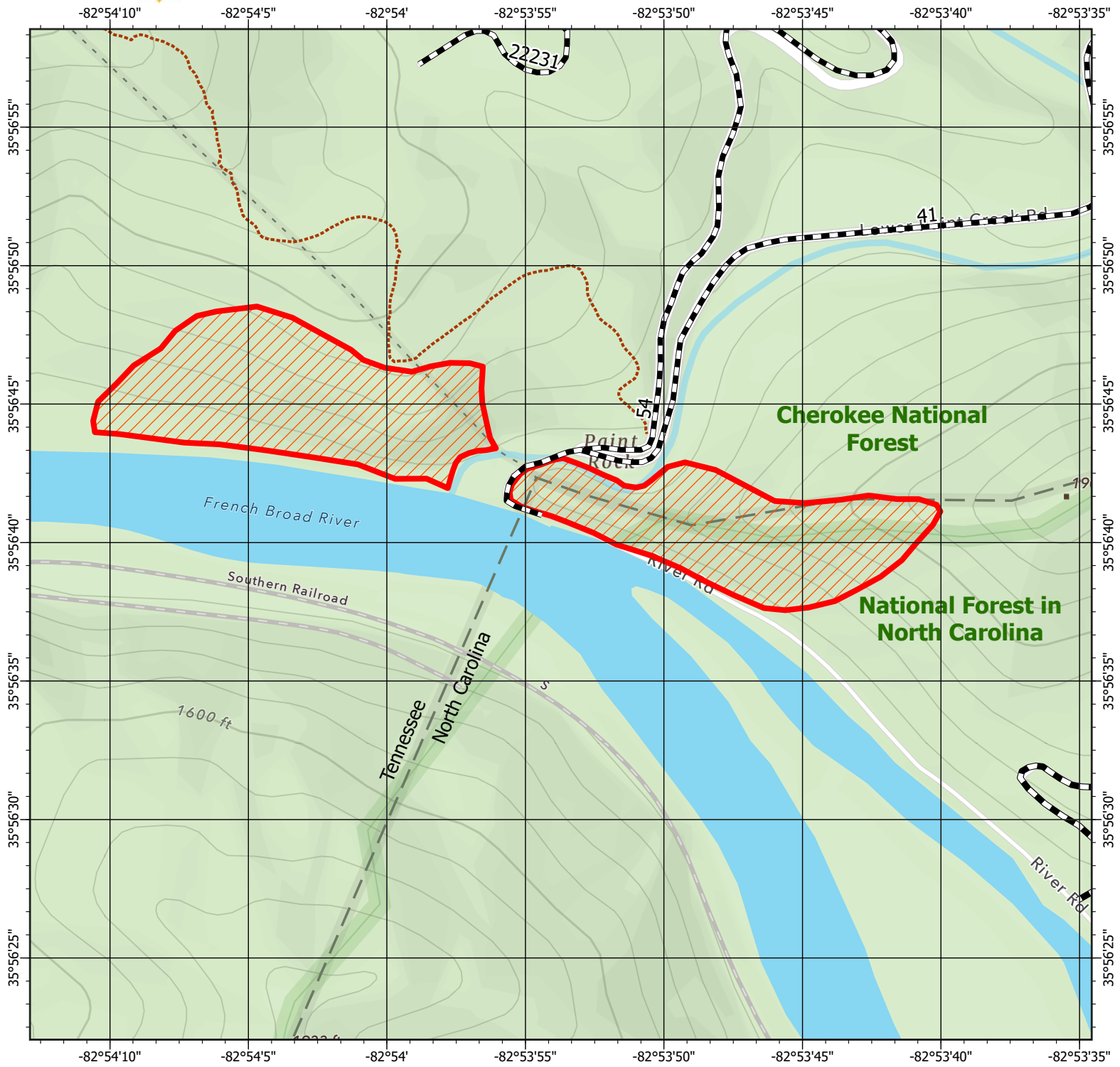
National Forests in North Carolina


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Forest Supervisor

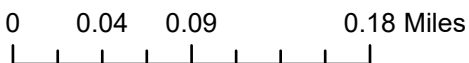
Cherokee National Forest

Violations of the above prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC 3559 and 3571.





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Legend

-  Paint Rock Closure Area
-  FS Trails
-  FS Roads



All Access Restricted to the Closure Areas

