

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
NATIONAL FORESTS IN NORTH CAROLINA
PISGAH AND NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST
Order No. 08-11-07-23-167

FOREST ORDER

FOREST WIDE FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR §§ 261.50 (a) and (b), for the protection of public health and safety, the following acts are prohibited on all lands administered by the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forest. This closure is effective from November 7, 2023, through December 31, 2023, or until rescinded by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

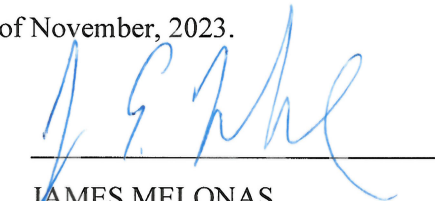
1. **Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire outside of developed recreation sites. 36 CFR § 261.52 (a).**
2. **Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR § 261.52 (f).**
3. **Violating North Carolina state law (NCGS 106-944 & 106-946) concerning burning, or any fire, for the purpose of preventing or restricting the spread of fires. 36 CFR § 261.52 (k).**

Pursuant to 36 CFR, § 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 of omission, issued by the Forest Supervisor or 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.
3. The use of commercially available fuel stoves (portable gas camp stoves or grills) forest wide.
4. Fire or campfire in a Forest Service provided metal fire pit, metal fire ring, or pole mounted grill at a developed recreation area or campground with a camp host (Balsam Lake Lodge, Curtis Creek Campground, Davidson River Campground, Kimsey Creek Group Camp, Lake Powhatan Campground, North Mills River Campground, Sunburst Campground, Standing Indian Campground, Wolf Ford Horsecamp).

These prohibitions are in addition to the General Prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261 (Subpart A).

Executed in Asheville North Carolina, on this 8th day of November, 2023.



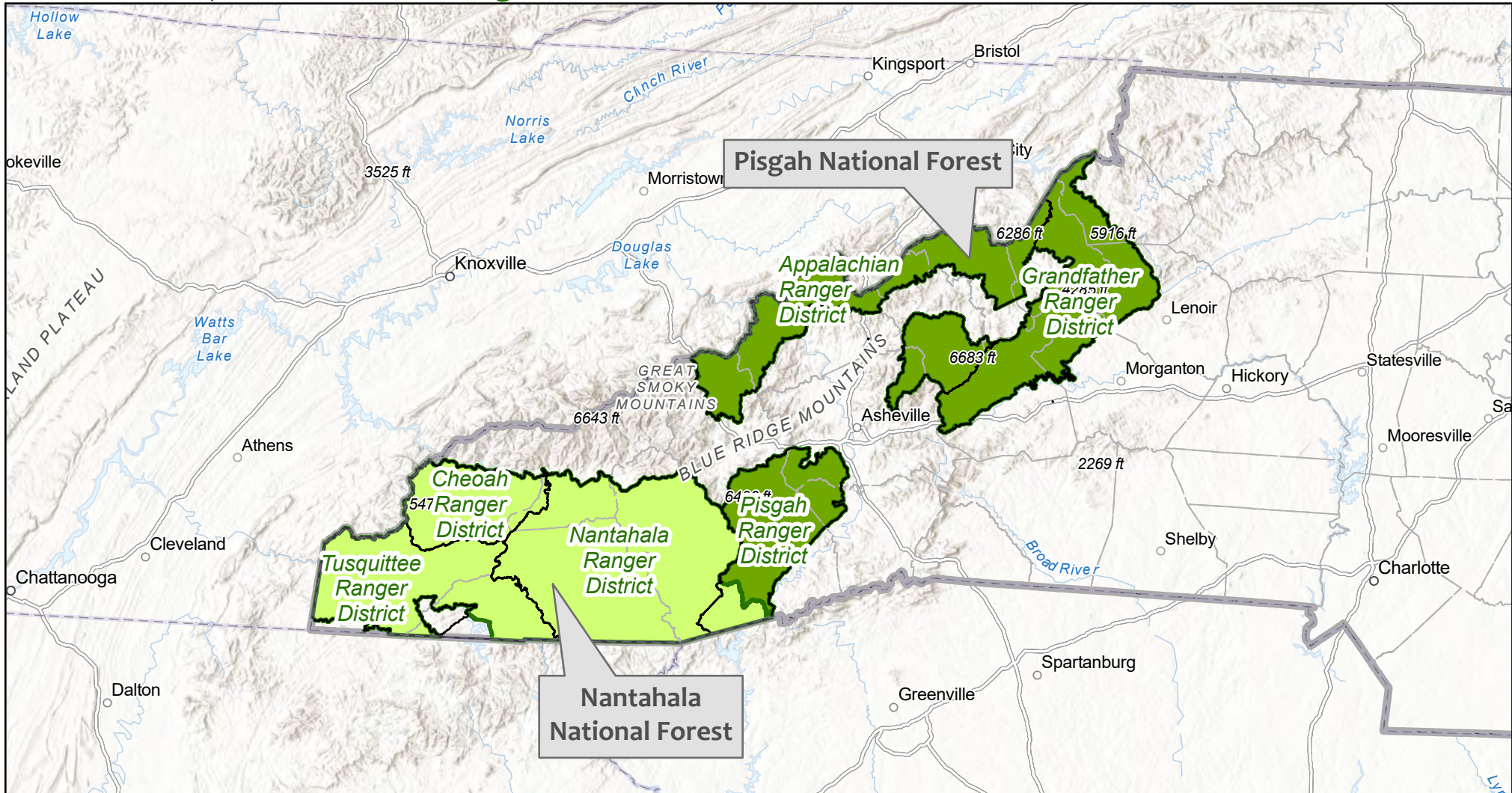
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FOREST SUPERVISOR
NATIONAL FORESTS IN NORTH CAROLINA

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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Content Advisory

This map is intended to depict the National Forest Administrative Boundaries as they generally appear on the ground and may not be used to determine title, ownership, legal boundaries, legal jurisdiction, including jurisdiction over roads or trails, or access restrictions that may be in place on either public or private land. Obtain permission before entering private lands, and check with appropriate government offices for restrictions that may apply to public lands. Lands, roads and trails within the boundaries of the National Forest may be subject to restrictions on motor vehicle use. Obtain a Motor Vehicle Use Map, or inquire at the local Forest Service Office for motor vehicle access information. Natural hazards may or may not be depicted on the map, and land users should exercise due caution. This map may not be suitable for navigational use.

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National Forests in North Carolina

Forest Name

- Croatan National Forest
- Nantahala National Forest
- Pisgah National Forest
- Uwharrie National Forest

