

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
NATIONAL FORESTS in NORTH CAROLINA
NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST
PISGAH RANGER DISTRICT**

Peregrine Falcon Nesting Closure

Order Number 01-02-2004

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited on the areas listed below and further described on the attached list and maps within the National Forests in North Carolina:

1. It is prohibited to go into or be upon the areas within the orange painted or posted boundaries from January 15 to August 15 of each year. This closure is in effect for the protection of Peregrine Falcon nesting sites. 36 CFR 261.53 (a). This closure order is effective January 16, 2009 through January 15, 2014.

Areas to Which This Order Will Apply

Whiteside Mountain, Jackson County, Nantahala Ranger District – Nantahala NF

Big Lost Cove Cliffs, Avery County – Linville Gorge (North Carolina Wall and Shortoff Mountain), Burke County, Grandfather Ranger District – Pisgah NF

Whiterock Cliff, Madison County, Appalachian Ranger District – Pisgah NF

Looking Glass Rock, Transylvania County, Pisgah Ranger District – Pisgah NF

Pursuant to 35 CFR, Sec. 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the 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.

A site not used by falcons or a site where nesting terminates before August 15th, may be opened to public use, as determined by the District Ranger.

Executed in Asheville, North Carolina this __13th__ day of __January_____, 2009.

_/s/ Mariesue Hiliard
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National Forests in North Carolina

Violation of these prohibitions set forth above is punishable by a fine or 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.