UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE GEORGE WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON NATIONAL FORESTS Roanoke, Virginia

FOREST ORDER NO. 08-08-00-23-2

OCCUPANCY AND USE Food Storage and Disposal

Pursuant to Title 16 U.S.C. § 551 and Title 36 C.F.R. § 261.50, for the health and safety of the public, and for the protection of resources, the following acts are prohibited within the listed areas on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests: This Forest Order is effective from the date signed by the Forest Supervisor until August 30, 2028, or until terminated by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

- 1. Possessing or leaving any food or refuse unless it is:
 - a. Stored properly or
 - b. Being eaten, being prepared for eating or being transported or
 - c. Disposed of in a bear resistant trash receptacle. 36 CFR § 261.58(cc)

Definitions:

- "Bear resistant container or trash receptacle" means a securable container constructed of solid non-pliable material capable of withstanding 200 foot-pounds of energy (using the approved bear resistant container impact testing machine). When secured and under stress the container will not have any cracks, openings, or hinges that would allow a bear to gain entry by biting or pulling with its claws. Wood containers are not considered bear resistant unless they are reinforced with metal.
- 2. "Food or refuse" means any nourishing substance, solid or liquid (excluding baled hay or water) or refuse thereof, that is not native to the immediate area, which is or may be eaten or otherwise taken into the body to sustain life, provide energy, or promote growth of any person or animal.
- 3. "Stored Properly" means
 - Stored in a bear-resistant container or,
 - Stored in a closed vehicle constructed of solid, nonpliable material or,
 - Suspended at least ten feet clear of the ground at all points and four feet horizontally from any supporting limb or pole.
 - Disposed of in bear resistant trash receptacles.

Clinch Ranger District

Bark Camp Recreation Area Cane Patch Campground Cave Springs Recreation Area Flatwoods Group Picnic Area Hanging Rock Campground High Knob Recreation Area North Fork of Pound Boat Launch Phillips Creek Campground Wise Boat Launch

Eastern Divide Ranger District

Steel Bridge Campground
The Pines Campground
Walnut Flats Campground
White Rocks Campground
Boley Fields Group Campground
Caldwell Fields Group Campground
Craig Creek Recreation Area
White Cedar Horse Camp

Glenwood-Pedlar Ranger District

Cave Mountain Lake Recreation Area North Creek Campground Oronoco Campground Sherando Lake Recreation Area Hopper Creek Group Campground

James River and Warm Springs Ranger District

Coles Point Boat Ramp
Fortney Boat Ramp
Morris Hill Campgrounds
Jackson River Canoe Access Points
Walter Robinson Canoe Access Points
Blowing Springs Campground
Bolar Mountain Recreation Area
Greenwood Point Campground
Hidden Valley Recreation Area
Walton Tract Canoe Access Point
McClintic Point Campgrounds

Mount Rogers National Recreation Area

Beartree Recreation Area
Comers Rock Recreation Area
Fox Creek Horse Campground Grindstone
Recreation Area
Hurricane Campground
Raccoon Branch Campground
Raven Cliff Recreation Area
Stony Fork Campground
Collins Cove Group Horse Campground
Hussy Mountain Horse Campground
Old Virginia Group Horse Campground

Lee Ranger District

Camp Roosevelt Recreation Area
Elizabeth Furnace Recreation Area
Hawk Recreation Area
Little Fort Campground ·
Trout Pond Recreation Area
Wolf Gap Recreation Area
Batzell Boat Launch
Bealers Ferry Boat Launch
Bealers Ferry Pond Accessible Fishing Site
Moody Boat Launch
Seekford Boat Launch

North River Ranger District

Brandywine Recreation Area Camp Rim Campground Hone Quarry Campground North River Campground Shaws Fork Equestrian Campground Todd Lake Recreation Area **Exemptions:** Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 1. Any Federal, State or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty,
- 2. Any authorized person engaged in official administrative duties regarding National Forest Administration,
- 3. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Executed in Roanoke, Virginia this 30th day of August 2023.

Joby P. Timm Forest Supervisor

George Washington and Jefferson

National Forests

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 USC § 551 and 18 USC §§ 3559, 3571 and 3581.

