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

## ORDER NO. 08-08-00-23-16

## WILDERNESS PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to Title 16 U.S.C. § 551 and Title 36 C.F.R. § 261.50, the following acts are prohibited in all Congressionally designated Wilderness Areas on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, as shown on the attached map. 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.

**Prohibitions.** The following acts are prohibited:

- 1. Entering with, or being in, the area in a group larger than ten (10) people. 36 CFR 261.57(a).
- 2. Storing equipment, personal property or supplies. 36 CFR 261.57(f).
- 3. Disposing of debris, garbage, or other waste. 36 CFR 261.57(g).
- 4. Possessing or using a wagon, cart, or other vehicle. 36 CFR 261.57(h).
- 5. Possessing an electric bicycle. 36 CFR 4.30(i)(4).
- 6. Use of a bicycle or other mechanical transport. 36 CFR 293.6(a).
- 7. Shortcutting a switchback in a trail 36 CFR 261.55(e).

Exemptions: Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of their official duty.
- 3. Persons with a Forest Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order, Form FS-7700-48, specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

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.

