FOREST-WIDE OCCUPANCY AND USE ON THE SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

Under the authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551), and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture’s Regulations set forth at 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B [36 CFR 261.50(a) and or (b)], and for the health and safety of the public, and the protection of natural resources, the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the Superior National Forest:

1. Possessing or leaving any food, refuse, or other attractant unless it is
   a. Acceptably stored, or
   b. Being eaten, or being prepared for eating, or being transported, or
   c. If applicable, disposed of in a provided trash receptacle.

   (36 CFR 261.58(cc))

Definitions:

“Acceptably stored” means:
- Stored in 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; or
- Disposed of in provided trash receptacles.

“Bear resistant container” 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.

“Food” 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.

“Refuse” means food waste or any containers to include packaging materials of plastic, foil, cloth, and metal, that have contained food, as defined above, or other attractants, as defined below.

“Other Attractant” means an odoriferous item capable of attracting bears and other wildlife (e.g. toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, sunscreen, fishing bait, insect repellent, perfumes, and cooking spray)
THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS IN 36 CFR PART 261, SUBPART A. THE PROHIBITIONS WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER UNTIL SPECIFICALLY WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.

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

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty 36 CFR 261.50 (e)(4).
2. Any holder of a Federal, Tribal, or State authorization providing for other storage of food items.

Violations of these prohibitions are 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 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C 3559 and 3571)

Dated this 27 day of July 2021, at Duluth, MN.

CONSTANCE CUMMINS
Forest Supervisor
Superior National Forest

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