Pursuant to the provisions of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 261.50 (a), and for the health and safety of the public, and for the protection of resources, the following act is prohibited on all National Forest System land within the entire George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.

1.) For the protection of public health and safety, it is prohibited to possess a controlled substance unless such substance was obtained by the possessor directly, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order from a practitioner acting in the course of professional practice or otherwise allowed by Federal or State Law.
(36 CFR 261.53(e))

Controlled substance means a drug or other substance, or immediate precursor, included in schedules I, II, III, IV, V or Part B of the Controlled Substances Act (21 USC 812) or a drug or substance added to these schedules pursuant to the terms of the act.

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 261.50(e) the following persons are exempt from the prohibitions contained in this order:

Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty.

Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area such as medical professionals, paramedics, rescue personnel or others where the possession of controlled substances is allowed by Federal or State Law.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Executed in Roanoke, Virginia this 13th day of December, 2014.

H. THOMAS SPEAKS, JR.
Forest Supervisor

Violations of the above prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000.00 for an individual and $10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than (6) six months or both.

Title 16 United States Code, Section 551 / Title 18 United States Code, Sections 3559 and 3571