

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
GEORGE WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON NATIONAL FORESTS

Order Number 08-08-15

OCCUPANCY AND USE OF GUEST RIVER GORGE,
CLINCH RANGER DISTRICT

Pursuant to the provisions of 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), it is hereby ordered that the following acts and omissions are prohibited in the areas (see attached map) of the Guest River Gorge of the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, located on the Clinch Ranger District in Scott County, VA:

Rock climbing, rappelling, bouldering, or related activities on National Forests System lands within the area described from February 15, 2015 through August 1, 2015 .
36CFR 261.53a

Note: These restrictions are necessary to protect the Federally threatened Virginia Spiraea and the nesting habitat for the sensitive bird species Peregrine Falcon. Specified closure dates are for protection and limited disturbance of nesting habitats.

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e) the following persons are exempt from all prohibitions set forth herein:

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

Executed in Roanoke, Virginia this 13 day of February, 2015.


H. THOMAS SPEAKS, Jr.
Forest Supervisor

Violations of the above prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571.



Closure Area



Jefferson National Forest

1:10,000

