

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
GEORGE WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON  
NATIONAL FORESTS**

**10-08-15**

**OCCUPANCY AND USE  
APPALACHIAN TRAIL**

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 acts are prohibited on the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, administered by the U.S. Forest Service, located within the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.

1. Vehicles, horses, pack animals and bicycles being on the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. **36 CFR 261.55(c)**

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission 36 CFR 261.50 (e) (1); and
2. 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).
3. Wheelchair users when used as a necessary medical appliance, including in Wilderness areas.

Executed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015, at Roanoke, VA.

**THESE PROHIBITIONS WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER  
UNTIL WITHDRAWN BY TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.**



**H. THOMAS SPEAKS, JR.**

Forest Supervisor

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).