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A Forest Service Reminder: No Fireworks Allowed on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests

Roanoke, VA – The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture is reminding visitors and campers that the use of fireworks is prohibited on all national forests and national grasslands. Fireworks and other pyrotechnic devices are prohibited on national forests and grasslands year-round, regardless of weather conditions or holidays. Regulations are enforced and a violation is punishable, as a misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both. Forest visitors are reminded to ensure that all fires are extinguished and cold to the touch before leaving them.

The mission of the U.S. Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

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