

**GEORGE WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON  
NATIONAL FORESTS**

**ORDER NO. 12-08-12**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Glenwood and Pedlar Ranger Districts  
Augusta, Botetourt, and Rockbridge Counties, Virginia**

**Food Storage Restriction**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a), it is hereby ordered that the prohibitions hereinafter set forth apply to developed recreation sites within the Sherando Lake Recreation Area, Cave Mountain Lake Recreation Area, North Creek Campground, and Hopper creek Group Camp within the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. This closure Order is effective from May 1, 2012 through October 31, 2017.

1. **Possessing or leaving any food or refuse unless it is:**
  - a. **stored properly in a bear-resistant container, or**
  - b. **being eaten, being prepared for eating or being transported, or**
  - c. **disposed of in a provided trash receptacle.**

**36 CFR 261.58 (cc)**

Definitions

1. "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.
2. "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.
3. "Acceptable storage" means:
  - stored in a 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 vertical support.
  - Disposed of in provided trash recepticals.



Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50 (e), the following persons or areas are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, issued by the District Ranger.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Executed in Roanoke, Virginia, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2012.

  
for H. THOMAS SPEAKS, Jr.  
Forest Supervisor  
George Washington and  
Jefferson National Forests

Violation of these prohibitions set forth above is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. See 16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571.