

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
GEORGE WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON NATIONAL FORESTS  
GLENWOOD & PEDLAR RANGER DISTRICTS**

**Order Number 04-08-16  
St. Mary's Wilderness Emergency Closure**

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 261.50 (a) and for the protection of public health and safety, and for the protection of resources, the following acts are prohibited on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.

- 1. Entering an area which is closed for investigations. 36 CFR 261.53(d)**
- 2. Entering an area which is closed for public health and safety. 36 CFR 261.53(e)**

**This order applies to the following St. Mary's Wilderness roads and trails:**

- St. Mary's Road (FR #41)
- St. Mary's Trail (FT #500)
- St. Mary's Gorge Trail (FT #500B)
- Mine Bank Creek (FT #500C)
- Mine Bank Mountain (FT #503)
- Bald Mountain Overlook (FT #504)
- And trailheads associated with these trails including:
  - Lower St. Mary's trailhead at end of St. Mary's road
  - Cellar Mountain trailhead on Coal Road (FR# 42)
  - Mine Bank trailhead at Blue Ridge Parkway

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.

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

Executed in Roanoke, Virginia this 17 day of MARCH, 2016.



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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