UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
GEORGE WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON NATIONAL FORESTS
FORESTWIDE BAN

Order Number 04-08-17

EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER FOR FIRES

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 261.50 (a), it is hereby ordered that the prohibition hereinafter set forth apply to all areas of the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, located in 32 counties in Virginia, 6 counties in West Virginia and 2 counties in Kentucky as shown on the attached map:

1. **Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, charcoal, outside of developed recreation sites. 36 CFR 261.52 (a)**

2. **Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR 261.52 (d)**

3. **Open fires may not be ignited or maintained at any shelter along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail within the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. Exceptions noted above relating to the use of stoves and lanterns are authorized. 36 CFR 261.52 (a)**

THE USE OF PORTABLE LANTERNS, STOVES OR HEATING EQUIPMENT THAT UTILIZE GAS OR PRESSURIZED LIQUID FUEL IS ALLOWED. FIRES AT DEVELOPED RECREATION AREAS MUST BE CONFINED TO RECEPTACLES DESIGNED FOR FIRE.

The above-prohibited act is set forth in Title 36 CFR Section 261.52.

THIS ORDER WILL EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2017.

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 261.50(e) the following persons are exempt from the prohibitions contained in this order:

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

2. **Persons with a special use permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, issued by the District Ranger.**

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.
Executed in Roanoke, Virginia this 15 day of Nov., 2017.

JOBY P. TIMM
Forest Supervisor

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

NO CAMPFIRES!

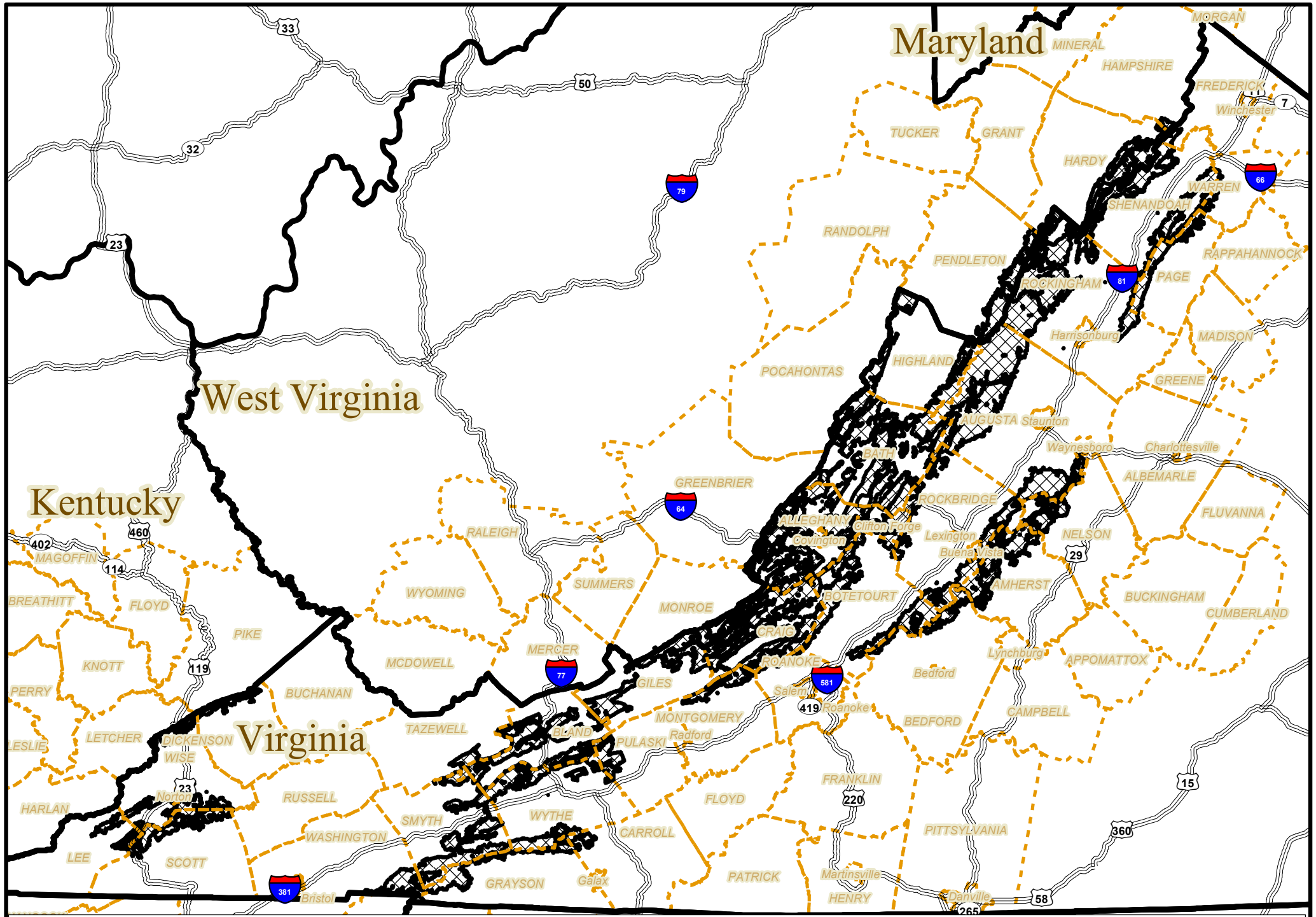
VERY HIGH FIRE DANGER

There is a fire ban in place for the entire George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.

The following is **prohibited** in George Washington and Jefferson National Forests:

- **Building,** maintaining, attending or using a fire, charcoal, or stove fire inside or outside developed recreation sites. **36 CFR 261.52(a)**
- **Smoking**, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. **36 CFR 261 52(d)**

◊ **The use of portable lanterns, stoves or heating equipment that utilize gas or pressurized liquid fuel is allowed.**



George Washington and Jefferson National Forest Fire Ban Map

Closure Order: 08-04-17
Effective November 15, 2016

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