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George Washington and Jefferson National Forests temporarily shut down Off-Highway Vehicle trail systems

Roanoke, VA. – March 26, 2020 – The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests are shutting down Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trail systems. This applies to the following OHV areas:

Glenwood-Pedlar Ranger District – South Pedlar ATV Trail System

Lee Ranger District – Peters Mill Run/Taskers Gap OHV System

These actions are consistent with federal and state health and safety direction to help reduce the impact on emergency responders and limit the spread of COVID-19. Use of the OHV trails strains emergency resources, especially search and rescue crews, at a time when the resources are already limited within the local communities.

Contact a District Office for status updates on George Washington and Jefferson National Forests facilities and sites, or visit

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/gwj/recreation>.

As we work through an unpredictable and rapidly changing situation, health and safety is our number one priority. We are committed to continuing to support our communities and fulfill our mission as we all work together to minimize the impacts and spread of COVID-19.

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