

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST
COWLITZ VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT RANDLE,
WA

FOREST ORDER NO. 06-03-05-23-02

Iron Creek Fire Area, Road, and Trail Closure

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(b), the following acts are prohibited on the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District within the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. These prohibitions will be effective beginning June 08, 2023, and will remain in effect through June 8, 2024, unless rescinded sooner.

Prohibitions:

- 1) Going into or being upon an area closed for the protection of public health or safety. [36 CFR § 261.53(e)]
- 2) Being on a road. [36 CFR § 261.54(e)]
- 3) Being on a trail. [36 CFR § 261.55(a)]
- 4) Entering or using a closed Developed Recreation Site or portion thereof. [36 CFR § 261.58(b)]

Area Closure Description:

All National Forest System (NFS) lands are closed to all occupancy and travel within the described closure area boundary and as shown on the attached map (Exhibit A):

From the NFS boundary junction with NFS Road No. 2500 at mile marker 7.15; then East along the North edge of NFS Road No. 2500 to the junction of NFS Road Nos. 2500 and 7600; then continuing along the North edge of NFS Road No. 7600 to the junction of NFS Road Nos. 7600 and 7600014; then due North from the junction of NFS Road Nos. 7600 and 7600014 to the river left bank of the Cispus River; then following the river left bank of Cispus River downstream to the NFS boundary; then South along the NFS boundary to its junction with NFS Road No. 2500 at mile 7.15.

Developed Recreation Site Closure Description:

Entering or using closed Developed Recreation Sites within the boundaries of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest is prohibited. The closed Developed Recreation sites are listed below and displayed on the attached Map (Exhibit A). “Developed Recreation Site” means an area which has been improved or developed for recreation. [36 CFR § 261.2]

- Iron Creek Campground
- Iron Creek Picnic Area

Road Closure Description:

Travel is prohibited on the following National Forest System (NFS) Roads as described below and shown on the attached map (Exhibit A).

- NFS Road No. 2500107
- NFS Road No. 7600011
- NFS Road No. 7600013

Trail Closure Description:

Travel is prohibited on the following National Forest System (NFS) Trails as described below and shown on the attached map (Exhibit A).

- Trail #83 Iron Creek Old-Growth Trail
- Trail #187 Iron Creek Campground Loop Trail

Exemptions:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Any Federal, State, or County officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation Order), specifically exempting them from this order.
3. Persons traveling for evacuation purposes.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Violations of this prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3551, 3559, 3571, and 3581).

Executed at Vancouver, Washington this 8th day of June 2023.

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