



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Wenatchee, WA**

**ORDER NO: 06-17-20-23-12
PUBLIC USE RESTRICTION STAGE 2**

Pursuant to **16 USC 551, 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b)**, the following acts are prohibited in all National Forest System areas, National Forest System roads and trails within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, in the state of Washington. This Order supersedes Order #06-17-20-23-10, signed on July 11th, 2023 by Kristin Bail, and will become effective August 18th, 2023 through October 15th, 2023, unless rescinded earlier.

Acts Prohibited Under This Order

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire, including charcoal, and other open flame. *36 CFR § 261.52(a)*. However, pressurized or bottled liquid fuel stoves, lanterns, or heating devices are permitted, provided such devices are used in areas that are barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable material within 3 feet of the device.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated campground, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. *36 CFR § 261.52(d)*.
3. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. *36 CFR § 261.52(f)*.
4. Using an explosive. *36 CFR § 261.52(b)*.
5. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest System Roads and Trails, except minimum travel over bare mineral soil to access dispersed camping. *36 CFR § 261.56*
6. Discharging a firearm. *36 CFR § 261.58(m)*. Hunting is permissible: this section of the prohibition does not apply to persons possessing a valid hunting license who are legally attempting to take game.
7. Violating any state law concerning burning, fires, or which is for the purpose of preventing or restricting the spread of fire. *36 CFR § 261.52(k)*.

Persons, activities, or other entities Exempted from This Order

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

1. 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.
2. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Penalties for Violations

Violation of these prohibitions is 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 USC § 551 and 18 USC §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

These restrictions are in addition to those prohibitions enumerated in Subpart 'A' of 36 CFR § 261 and any other special restrictions pertaining to the described lands, roads, and trails.

This Order is necessary to protect the public health and safety due to elevated fire danger, weather conditions, and forest health issues, which when added to the potential depletion of fire suppression resources and specific public, private property and natural resource issues present in these enumerated areas, present a significant community safety hazard in the event of a fire.

This order was executed at Wenatchee, WA, this August 17th, 2023.

KRISTIN M. BAIL
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