

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

FOREST ORDER NO. 06-22-01-24-02

Dog Mountain Trail System – Public Safety Closure / Permit System

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), and to provide for the protection of public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the boundaries of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area in Skamania County, Washington as described in this order and shown in attached map (Exhibit A). This Order is effective beginning April 27, 2024 and ending June 16, 2024, only on the following days: each Saturday and Sunday, including Memorial Day 5/27/2024, unless rescinded sooner.

Prohibitions

1. Going into or being upon any area which is closed for the protection of public health or safety (36 CFR 261.53(e)).

Closure Area Description

Vehicles entering or being within the Dog Mountain Trail System closure area without a Forest Service-issued permit. Closure area is described as National Forest System lands within ¼-mile of the following: the Dog Mountain Trail #147, the Dog Mountain Trail #147C, the Dog-Augspuriger Tie Trail #147A, and the southern portion of the Augspuriger Trail #4407 between the Dog Mountain Trailhead (on State Route 14) and the intersection with the Dog-Augspuriger Tie Trail #147A. T.3N, R.9E, Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32. See Attached Exhibit A.

Permits are available on a first come, first served basis for visitors who use Columbia Area Transit (CAT) shuttle services. Shuttles depart from the Skamania County Fairgrounds at 710 SW Rock Creek Drive, Stevenson, WA 98648. Permits are available per day through the national online reservation system at www.recreation.gov.

Exemptions

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons 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 or Order) or other permit specifically exempting them for 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.
- (3) Volunteers and hosted enrollees (defined as any non-Forest Service employee that is officially participating in a Forest Service human resource program).

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both, for each offense. [16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.]

Executed in Hood River, Oregon this 15th day of March 2024.

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