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Subject: Incidental Use of Special Forest Products Botanicals, Mushrooms and Berries

To: Brad Goehring

I am exercising my authority to waive the Mt. Hood National Forest's requirement for individuals to obtain a free use permit to collect limited quantities of berries, cuttings, mushrooms, and transplants, for personal use. I have determined that foraging for the products under the quantities listed below, constitutes incidental use which may be allowed without a permit (Forest Service Handbook 2409.18, Chapter 80, Section 87.51 [Free Use]).

The following annual limits ensure appropriate protection of resources and adequate availability:

- ❖ Berries: 1 gallon/day, up to 3 gallons per person, per year.
- ❖ Cuttings: 20 pounds of cut greenery per person, per year.
- ❖ Mushrooms: 1 gallon/day, up to 10 gallons per person, per year.
- ❖ Transplants: 15 (under 2 feet tall), per person, per year.

Harvest shall occur only in areas designated for incidental or free use. Collection is prohibited in designated wilderness, protection areas, research natural areas, municipal watersheds, heritage, or administrative sites; within riparian areas, streams (Class 1 thru 4), ponds, reservoirs, lakes, or wetlands unless the product occurs within a road prism open to motor vehicle use. Incidental use of truffle harvesting is prohibited due to ground disturbance. Transplants may be collected within the road prism of roads open to motor vehicle use. Harvest Area and Motor Vehicle Use maps are provided online and in print at our visitor centers.

In effect until rescinded. Persons availing themselves of this privilege would be expected to exercise reasonable care in protecting the resource from damage. Selling or exchanging forest products gathered incidentally for personal use is a violation of Federal Regulations (Title 36 CFR 261.6F), punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment up to 6 months, or both.

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