



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
MT. BAKER-SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FOREST
ORDER #06-05-23-02

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) & (b), for the purpose of minimizing adverse interactions between humans, bears and other wildlife, and provide for visitor safety, the following act is prohibited within the boundaries of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest as shown in Exhibit A. Also attached, and hereby made part of this Order, Exhibit B - Definitions of terms used in support of the restrictions. This Order is effective April 15, 2023, through April 15, 2025, unless rescinded earlier.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Possessing or storing any food or refuse, except as specified under this order 36 CFR 261.58(cc)
2. Possessing, storing, or transporting any bird, fish, or other animal or parts thereof, except as specified under this order 36 CFR 261.58(s)

This order requires that:

1. All food and refuse must be acceptably stored or acceptably possessed during daytime hours.
2. All food and refuse must be acceptably stored during nighttime hours, unless it is being prepared for eating, being eaten, being transported, or being prepared for acceptable storage.
3. Any harvested animal carcass must be acceptably stored, unless the carcass is being field dressed, transported, being prepared for eating, or being prepared for acceptable storage.
4. Burnable attractants that cannot be completely consumed by fire (i.e., no post burning residue) must be packed out.

PROHIBITION AREA DESCRIPTION:

All National Forest System lands within the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

EXEMPTIONS:


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

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire-fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a Forest Service special use authorization or other authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
3. Any Federal or State officer placing baits to capture animals for research or management purposes as part of their official duties.

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, 3571, and 3581).

Executed in Everett, Washington, this 15th day of April 2023.


Jody L. Weil
Forest Supervisor
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

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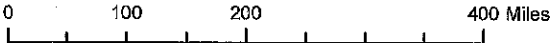
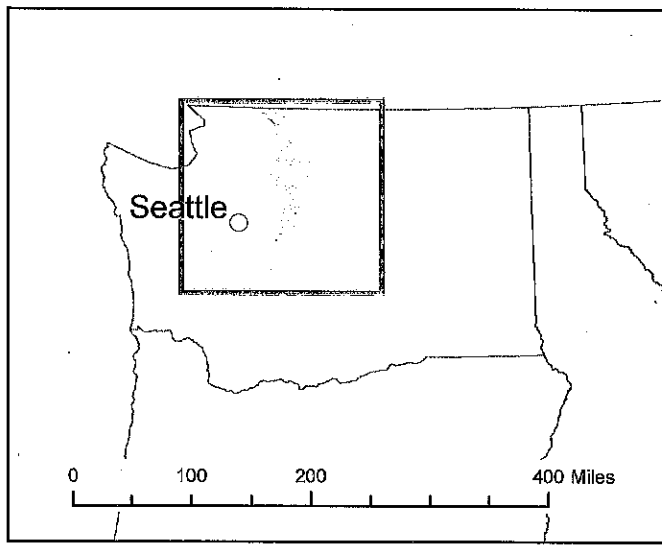
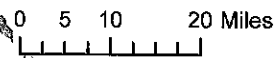
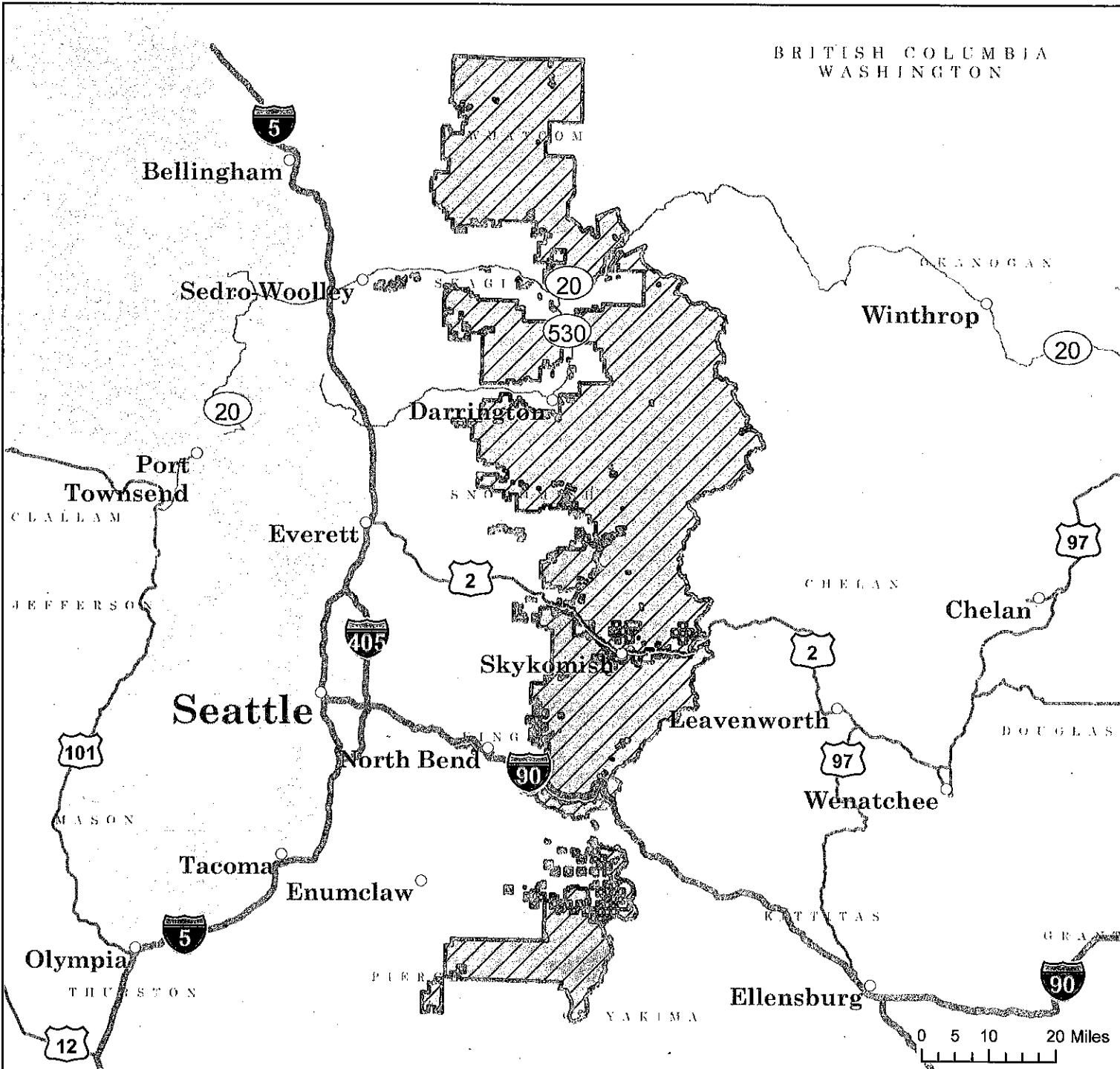








Exhibit A
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Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

-  Prohibition Area
-  Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
-  County Boundary
-  Interstate Highway
-  US Highway
-  State Highway and Route

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EXHIBIT B

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Occupancy and Use

Definitions

1. "Food and Refuse" means any substance, solid or liquid (excluding water, baled hay, or hay cubes without additives) or refuse, which is or may be eaten or otherwise taken into the body to sustain health or life, provide energy, or promote growth of any person or animal. Also includes items such as soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, canned foods, pet foods, processed livestock feed and grains, personal hygiene products, and empty food and beverage containers.

2. "Animal carcass" means the dead body or parts thereof, of any harvested mammal, bird, or fish, including the head or skull plate with antlers or horns and hide or cape of big game animals and any domestic livestock that may be found in the restricted area. Packaged or prepared animal carcass products transported into the restricted area for consumption, game birds, small mammals, or fish harvested for consumption in the restricted area are considered food under the previous definition.

3. "Burnable attractants" include items such as food leftovers, waste products, food grease or residue, food saturated containers or other substances that will not be completely consumed by fire. To be completely consumed, there must be no residual attractant on the surface or in the soil. These items shall not be buried, discarded or burned in an open campfire, unless placed in a suitable container (i.e., tin can or fire pan) to prevent leaching into the ground, and burned over an open campfire. Any remaining attractants unconsumed by burning shall be placed with other garbage, acceptably stored and packed out.

"Acceptably stored":

a. Stored in bear-resistant container certified through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Courtesy Inspection Program. A container may be certified by the local District Ranger or their designated representative(s) if it meets the IGBC criteria, or

b. Stored in a closed vehicle where the storage compartment of the vehicle is constructed of solid, non-pliable material that, when secured, will have no openings, hinges, lids, or coverings that would allow a bear to gain entry by breaking, bending, tearing, biting, or pulling with its claws (any windows in the vehicle must be closed), or

c. Suspended at least 10 feet clear of the ground at all points and four feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole, or

d. Stored within a hard-sided residence, building, or storage container subject to the terms and conditions of a special-use authorization or operating plan, or

e. Stored by other methods approved in a permit issued by the Forest Supervisor responsible for the area where the method is proposed for use.

f. Stored within an Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee approved and operating electric fence.

g. Animal carcasses killed or harvested (and parts thereof) within ½ mile of any established camping area or sleeping area must be acceptably stored, possessed, or moved to a distance beyond ½ mile from any such camping or sleeping area by the party(-ies) responsible for killing or harvesting such animal.

h. For animal carcasses: stored as per 2. a-f when located from 100 yards to ½ mile of a camping or sleeping area or within 200 yards of a National Forest System Trail. Animal carcasses are not considered acceptably stored when within 100 yards of a camping or sleeping area or National Forest System Trail. Animal carcasses more than ½ mile



from a camping area or sleeping area and more than 200 yards from a National Forest System Trail may be left on the ground.

“Acceptably possessed”:

a. Possessed or attended during daytime by a person(s) that is physically present within 100 feet and direct sight of the accessible food, or

b. Possessed or attended by such a person(s) for the purpose of field dressing lawfully taken animal carcasses, transporting any food or animal carcass, preparing any animal carcass or food for eating, or eating any food.

c. “Camping/sleeping area” means National Forest System Lands temporarily used for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently fixed structure or lands temporarily occupied by unattended camping equipment.

d. “Daytime” means ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, Pacific Time.

e. “Night time” means ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise, Pacific Time.

f. “National Forest System Trail” means a trail wholly or partly within, or adjacent to, and serving a part of the National Forest System and which has been included in a forest recreation map.

Note: Additional acceptable methods of storage can be added to this list as they become available.

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