



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

**OKANOGAN- WENACHEE NATIONAL FOREST
FOREST ORDER # 06-17-00-23-04**

**COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST
FOREST ORDER # 06-21-00-23-02**

OCCUPANCY AND USE/ CAMPING RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited upon lands within the National Forest System to include National Forest System lands administered by the OKANOGAN-WENACHEE NATIONAL FOREST and the COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST as described in this order and shown in Exhibit A. This Order is effective beginning May 19, 2023 until May 18, 2025 unless sooner rescinded.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Camping or otherwise occupying a single location (including leaving camping equipment and/or related supplies) for a period longer than 14 consecutive days. Occupant must move off the Forest after 14 consecutive days and return to the Forest must not occur before 30 days have passed. **[36 CFR § 261.58(a)]**
2. Camping, occupying, or otherwise leaving camping equipment and/or related supplies at any location on all national Forest lands described in this order for more than 28 days total during a calendar year. **[36 CFR 261.58(a)]**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 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 Order), specifically exempting them from this order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

DEFINITIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.2, the following definitions apply to this order.

- Camping means the temporary use of National Forest Service System lands for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently fixed structure.
- Camping Equipment means the personal property used in or suitable for camping, and includes any vehicle used for transportation and all equipment in possession of a person camping. Food and beverage are not considered camping equipment.
- Location means the occupied area the occupied campsite, and the National Forest System lands in the immediate vicinity thereof, and the lands within a 5-mile radius.
- Special-use authorization means a permit, term permit, lease or easement which allows occupancy, or use rights or privileges of National Forest System land.
- Administrative Unit means a National Forest, a purchase unit, a land utilization project, or other comparable unit of the National Forest System.

These prohibitions are necessary to protect public health and safety and to provide consistent public health and safety guidelines within the Pacific Northwest Region. This order will establish consistent limits of stay for camping across the Forest, protect visual quality, enhance safety by preventing user conflicts, and reduce resource damage and sanitation issues associated with long term camping.

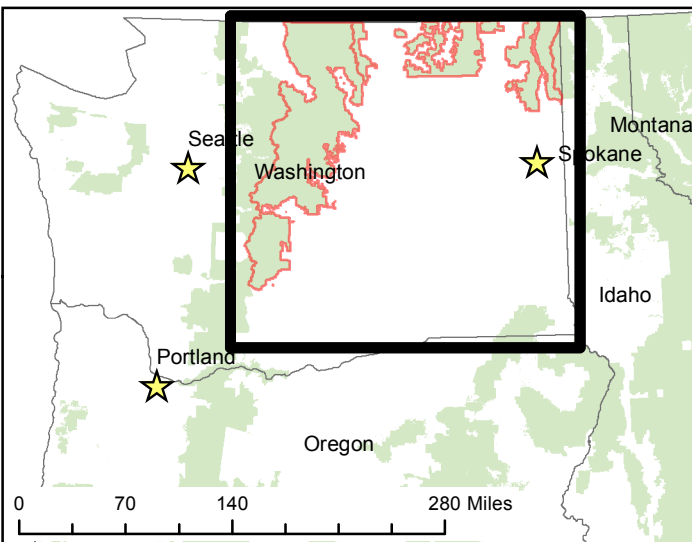
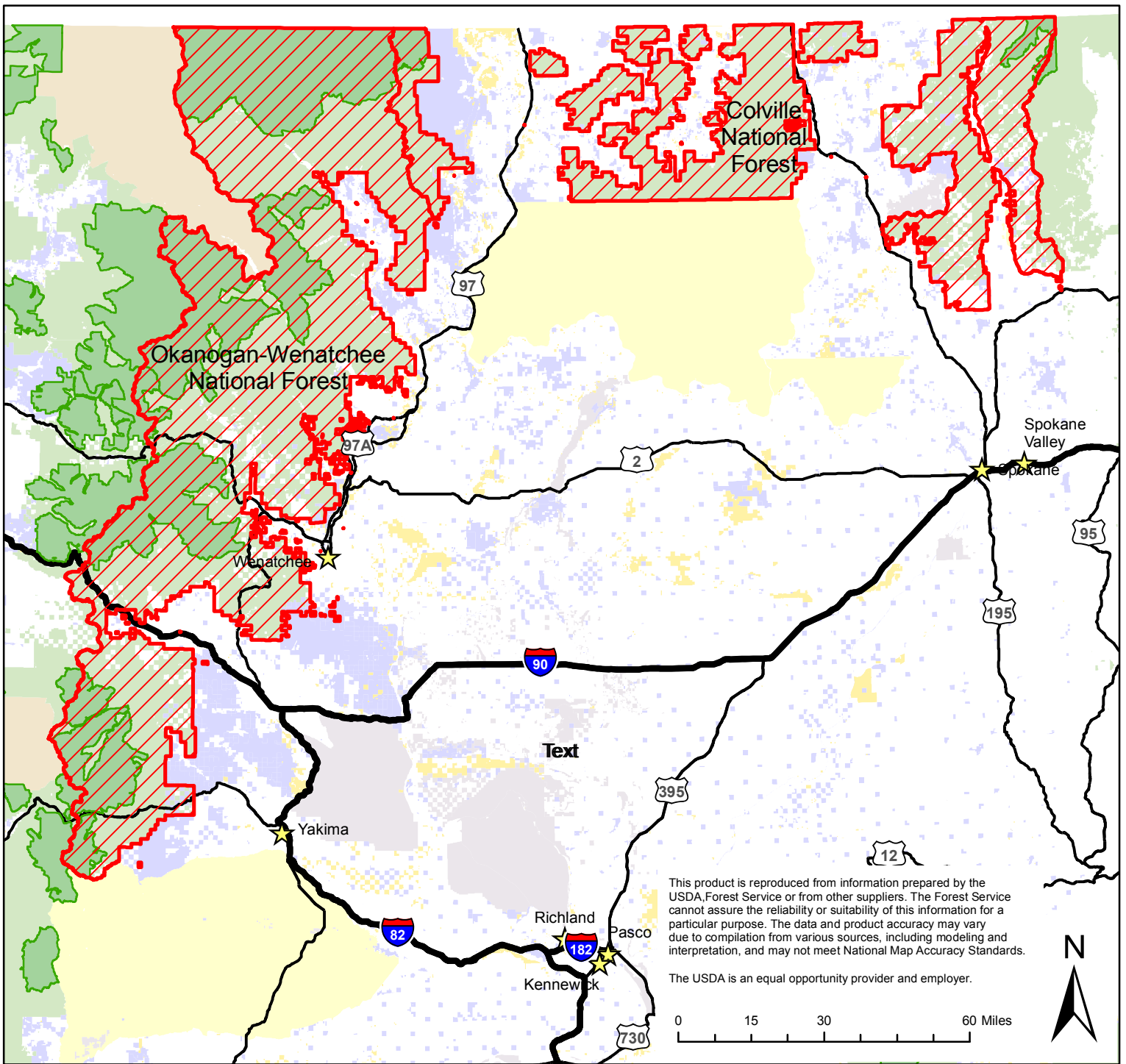
These prohibitions are in addition to general prohibitions pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A. This Forest Order does not rescind or replace any other special restrictions pertaining to the described lands.

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable as a Class B Misdemeanor, 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; 18 USC§§ 3551, 3559, 3571, and 3581*).

Executed this 19th day of May, 2023.

Kristin Bail
Forest Supervisor
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Rodney Smoldon
Forest Supervisor
Colville National Forest



Occupancy and Use/Camping Restrictions Exhibit A
Okanogon-Wenatchee National Forest Order No. 06-17-00-23-04
Colville National Forest Order No. 06-21-00-23-02

Legend

- Restricted Area
- National Forest Land
- Wilderness
- Interstate Highway
- US Highway
- Towns
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- National Park Service
- Other Federal Land
- State Land
- Other Land, Including Private

Date: 5/8/2023

