

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

Mt. Hood National Forest

FOREST ORDER NO. 06-06-00-23-02

TEMPORARY PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following special restrictions and prohibitions are established on all areas, roads, and trails within the Mount Hood National Forest, within the State of Oregon, and as depicted on the attached exhibits, hereby incorporated in this Order as Exhibit A. This Order becomes effective on July 10, 2023, at 12:01 am (0001) and will remain in effect through November 10, 2023, or until rescinded.

PROHIBITIONS

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, including a charcoal fire and pellet fire on all areas, roads, and trails throughout Mount Hood National Forest. **36 CFR § 261.52(a).**
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. Discharging a Firearm. **36 CFR § 261.58(m).** Hunting is permissible. Persons possessing a valid hunting license who are legally attempting to take game are exempt from this section of the prohibition.
6. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order meeting either:
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1(d); or
 - Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a). **36 CFR § 261.52(j)**
7. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame. **36 CFR § 261.52(i).**
8. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest System Roads, EXCEPT when operating in compliance with travel management rule and the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). **36 CFR § 261.13, 36 CFR § 261.56.**
9. 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).**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e)(6), the following are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service Permit No. FS7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.
2. Any Federal, State or Local Officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices provided such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety and can be turned off.
4. Persons discharging a firearm while possessing a valid hunting license and legally attempting to take game are exempt from prohibition 5 above.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.

PURPOSE:

1. To enhance area-wide fire prevention and safety objectives by restricting high-risk activities.
2. To lessen the occurrence and threat of human-caused fires during high to extreme fire danger.

Violations of these prohibitions 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, and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3551, 3571 and 3581)

Executed in Sandy, Oregon this 10th day of July 2023.

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