

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST, BARLOW RANGER DISTRICT

ORDER NO. 06-06-01-23-09

Boulder Fire Closure Order

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), and to provide for public and firefighter safety, the following acts are prohibited upon the National Forest System roads and trails on the Barlow Ranger District of the Mt Hood National Forest, as shown on the attached map (Exhibit A). This order supersedes and withdraws order number 06-06-01-23-07, signed on October 19, 2023 by Meta Loftsgaarden, Mt. Hood National Forest Supervisor. This Order is effective beginning at 12:01 AM October 20, 2023 and will remain in effect until April 30, 2024, or until rescinded.

PROHIBITIONS:

Going into or being upon National Forest System roads or trails within the Boulder Fire closure area.

- 1. Going into or being upon an area closed for the protection of public health or safety. (36 CFR 261.53(e))
- **2. Being on a road.** (36 CFR § 261.54(e))
- **3. Being on a trail.** (36 CFR § 261.55(a))

List of Closed Roads within the Closure Area

- Forest Road 4880, north of the junction with Forest Road 4881
- Forest Road 4880-014
- Forest Road 4880-015
- Forest Road 4881-120
- Forest Road 4881-121
- Forest Road 4881-122
- Forest Road 4881-123
- Forest Road 4881-124

List of Closed Trails within the Closure Area

- Boulder Lake Trail #463
- Boulder Lakeshore Trail #463B
- Forest Creek Trail #473
- Little Boulder Trail #463A

List of Closed Recreation Sites within the Closure Area

- Boulder Lake Campground
- Boulder Lake Trailhead

EXEMPTIONS:

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

- (1) Any person with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- (2) Any Federal, State, or local official or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- (3) Owners or lessees of land within the closed area.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR part 261, subpart A.

PURPOSE:

This closure is necessary to provide protection for forest users, firefighting personnel and natural resources from the current fire hazards associated with existing and predicted wildfire activity.

Executed in Sandy, Oregon this 19th day of October 2023.

Meta Loftsgaarden Forest Supervisor Mt. Hood National Forest

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. 3559 and 3571).