EMERGENCY FIRE ROAD, TRAIL AND RIVER CLOSURE – Flat Fire

Pursuant to 16 USC § 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited upon general forest areas within the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest as described below and shown in Exhibit A. This Order will be effective beginning July 17, 2023, through October 31, 2023, unless rescinded sooner.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Being upon a closed road. [36 CFR § 261.54 (e)]
2. Going into or being upon a closed area. [36 CFR § 261.52 (e)]
3. Being on a trail. [36 CFR § 261.55(a)]

Area Closure boundary is described as: Starting near Agness: From the Jct of FSR 33 and FSR 2308 in section 7; Boundary follows FSR 2308 east to Gold Beach/Wild Rivers Ranger District boundary in section 31, Follow district boundary south the convergence of North and South Fork Silver Creek in section 9, Follow South Fork Silver Creek to the intersection with the Kalmiopsis Wilderness in section 21, Follow the Kalmiopsis Wilderness boundary east and south to Gold Basin Butte (also intersection of Josephine and Curry County boundary) in section 35, Follow the Josephine/Curry County boundary west to the intersection of Collier Creek in section 6, Follow Collier Creek southwest toward Collier Butte to intersect with FSR 3680 in section 17, Follow FSR 3680 west to the junction of FSR 1503 in section 2, Follow FSR 1503 west to the junction of FSR 3680 in section 8, Follow FSR 3680 north to junction of FSR 3313 in section 4, Follow FSR 3313 north to junction with FSR 33 in section 3, Follow FSR 33 north west to the junction of FSR 2308 in section 7.

Road Closure is described as:
1. FSR 2308 (Burnt Ridge Road) and associated road spurs from FSR 23 (Bear Camp Road) to FSR 33 (Agness Road), 20.1 miles;
2. FSR 2512-091 (Bald Mtn Road) from the Jct with FSR 2512 to road termini, 6.1 miles;
3. FSR 3313 (Quosatana Road) and associated spurs from FSR 33 (Agness Road) to FSR 3680 (Hunter Creek Road), 8.3 miles;
4. FSR 3318 (Wildhorse Road) and associated spurs from FSR 33 (Agness Road) to FSR 3680 (Hunter Creek Road), 16.4 miles;
5. FSR 3680 (Hunter Creek Road) and associated spurs from MP 9.6 (junction with FSR 1503) to end of road near Game Lake, 18.1 miles

Trail Closure is described as: Forest Trails #1117 (Tin Cup Trail), #1140 (York Butte Trail), #1144 (Mud Springs), #1161 (Illinois River Trail), #1174 (Pupps Camp Way Trail), #1219 (Pine Flat Trail).

River Closure is described as: Illinois River from Miami Bar Boat Ramp to the river mouth with the Rogue River.
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 or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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

Violations of this prohibition is 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 USC § 551; 18 USC §§ 3551, 3559, 3571, and 3581).

Executed in Medford, Oregon, this 17th day of July 2023.

JACOB WINN
Acting Forest Supervisor
Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest
**Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan**

**Prohibition Objective:** The closure of the roads, trails, recreation sites and general forest areas to the public access is necessary to ensure public health and safety due to wildfires in the area.

This Forest Order includes an exemption for persons with a Forest Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order (Form FS-7700-48). Authorization under this exemption will be provided only if I or my delegate determine that the risk to personal health and safety is reasonable considering the circumstances of the request. We also may require appropriate personal protective equipment and other necessary safety measures. The Gold Beach District Ranger; another line officer; is delegated the authority to issue permits within the Flat Fire.

**Public Notification Plan:** Information associated with the closure will be made available to the public through media releases, partner organizations, and at Forest Service offices. The affected area will be posted with signs indicating the roads, trails, recreation sites and general forest areas are closed to public entry.

**Enforcement Plan:** Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers (LEO'S), District Forest Protection Officers (FPO'S), and Fire Prevention Technicians will enforce the specified CFR Regulation in the Forest Order within the limits of their authority, jurisdiction and according to Forest Service policy. Forest Service employees will notify the appropriate District Ranger and local LEO if violations of the fire restrictions are noticed.

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<td>Prepare proposed order</td>
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<td>Patrol Captain</td>
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<td>Forest Supervisor</td>
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<td>Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51</td>
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<td>Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives</td>
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District staff will be responsible for the management and enforcement of this closure. Any enforcement actions will be within normal policies and procedures established by the LEI Patrol Captain for the zone.