

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. **Background:** Description of problem and why the order is proposed. The appropriate staff prepares the order and ensures all other required documentation is completed.

Due to the nature of the fires in the Kettle Complex (Stickpin, Renner, and Graves Mountain Fires) and the significant potential for rolling debris, landslides, and fire weakened trees it's not safe for hikers or any type of traffic. The large number of hazards associated with the fire makes the roads in these areas unsafe for the public.

The Kettle Complex Closure Area is the NFS Lands within the areas described in the Closure Area notice attached at the end of this document, and on the attached maps for each fire. Generally, the areas described closely outline the footprints of the fire perimeters within NFS Lands.

2. **Intent of Subpart B order:** The rationale behind the order and what should be accomplished. Provide for public safety by controlling vehicle movement and activities including hunting, hiking, camping, and forest product collection in the indicated areas. There are significant amounts of fire weakened trees, increased potential for landslides, and rolling debris found within the burn areas associated within the perimeters of the Stickpin, Graves Mountain, and Renner Fires.

Two roads that have sections that go through the Stickpin Fire are safe from imminent hazards and are to be open for travel. These roads will be indicated in the Closure Order. They are:

- **County Road 602- Boulder Deer Creek Road**
- **NFS Road 6113000- Bulldog Cabin Road**

These restrictions will be in effect from October 8th, 2015 until the fire under control and/or the area is safe.

3. **Enforcement Plan:** The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety.

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order(s)	Shane Robson	10/06/2015
Law Enforcement	Robert Moelder	10/07/2015
Approve proposed order(s)	Rodney Smoldon, Forest Supervisor	
Post Order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51.		
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	Franklin Pemberton	
Describe implementation/action taken for order, such as planned patrols, enforcement strategies, tolerance, contacts to local public agencies. Implement plan.	Monitor/enforce orders through routine patrols conducted by Law Enforcement Officers assigned to the Colville NF and Three Rivers and Republic RDs' FPOs. Post signs (type III barricades with "area Closed" signs) at road junctions to notify users of changed conditions and closures. Post information boards on north and south ends of Bulldog Cabin Road where they enter the fire area. Information boards will provide updated 'Area Closed' information.	Ongoing

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:


Rodney Smoldon
Forest Supervisor

10/07/15
Date

COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST
Three Rivers Ranger District
Kettle Falls, Washington
And
Republic Ranger District
Republic, Washington

Order No. 15-21-18
FOREST ORDER
FIRE CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System (NFS) Lands as shown on the attached map and described below within the Three Rivers and Republic Ranger Districts of the Colville National Forest. This closure is effective beginning October 8th, 2015, and will remain in effect until this closure order is terminated.

- 1. Going into or being upon NFS lands within the Fire Closure Area.** [36 CFR 261.53(e)]
The Kettle Complex Closure Area is described as the NFS Lands within the Stickpin, Graves Mountain, and Renner Fire areas as described below and on the attached map:

Stickpin – west boundary closure area going south of Boulder Deer Creek County Road (County Road 602) to Old Stage Trail #1 is as follows:

- Follow south along section lines 24/19, 25/30 and 36/31 and then west along section lines 36/1 and 35/2.
- Northwest along administrative boundary to NFS Road 2160570.
- NFS Road 2160570 west to NFS Road 2160500.
- Off the eastern edge of NFS Road 2160500 into the burned area, south to NFS Road 2160000.
- Off the eastern edge of NFS Road 2160000 into the burned area, to NFS Road 2160260.
- Off the eastern edge of NFS Road 2160260 into the burned area, southwest to NFS Road 2160280.
- NFS Road 2160280 west to administrative boundary.
- Administrative boundary south to NFS Road 2157000
- Off the eastern edge of NFS Road 2157000 into the burned area, south to NFS Road 2157400.
- Due south from NFS Road 2157400 to Lambert Trailhead #47.
- Lambert Trailhead #47 southwest to Lambert Campground.
- West on Old Stage Trail # 1 to NFS Road 6110000, Albion Hill Road, (Old Stage Trail # 1 and to the north is closed.)

Stickpin – east boundary closure area starting at Midnight Mountain to Boulder Deer Creek County Road is as follows:

- Off the western edge of Albion Hill Road into the burned area, north to NFS Road 6110000 (South Boulder Road)
- Off the northern edge of South Boulder Road into the burned area, east to Laddie Creek.
- Laddie Creek north to NFS Road 6113000 (Bulldog Cabin Road)
- Off the western edge of Bulldog Cabin Road into the burned area, north to NFS Road 6113230.
- NFS Road 6113230 north to unnamed creek, and then north along unnamed creek to 12/13 section line.
- 12/13 section line east to 12/7 section line.
- 12/7 section line north to Bulldog Cabin Road.
- Off the western edge of Bulldog Cabin Road into the burned area, northward to Boulder Deer Creek Road.

Stickpin – boundary closure area north of Boulder Deer Creek Road starting along the east side of the Kettle Crest is as follows:

- At Boulder Deer Creek Road, Rattlesnake Creek north to unnamed creek in section 24.
- Unnamed creek to NFS Road 9576240.

- Off the western edge of NFS Road 9576240 into the burned area, north to NFS Road 9576000.
- Off the western edge of NFS Road 9576000 into the burned area, north to NFS Road 9576350.
- Off the western edge of NFS Road 9576350 into the burned area, north to unnamed creek, then west onto NFS Road 6120930.
- Off the western edge of NFS Road 6120930 into the burned area, north to NFS Road 6120900.
- Off the eastern edge of NFS Road 6120900 into the burned area, southwest to 13/18 section line, then south onto 19/24 section line, and then west along 24/25 section line to 25/26 section line.
- 25/26 section line south, then continuing south along 35/26 section line to administrative boundary.
- Follow administrative boundary east and then south to Boulder Deer Creek Road.

Two roads that have sections that go through the Stickpin Fire are to open for travel for travel only. These roads are:

- **County Road 602- Boulder Deer Creek Road**
- **NFS Road 6113000- Bulldog Cabin Road**

Graves Mountain – east boundary closure area from CC Mountain to BPA powerlines parallel to, and just north of Highway 20 (Sherman Pass)

- Starting near the top of CC Mountain at NFS Road 9565535 and Bailey Creek.
- Bailey Creek south to NFS Road 9565000 (Deadman Road), and then south across Deadman Road to unnamed creek in section 4.
- Follow unnamed creek north to the top of Coyote Mountain.
- Southwest down Coyote Mountain to NFS Road 2000300.
- NFS Road 2000300 to NFS Road 2000220 (Lane Creek Road).
- Off the western edge of Lane Creek Road into the burned area, south down to the BPA powerlines.

Graves Mountain – west boundary closure area from BPA powerlines to CC Mountain

- Off the eastern edge of NFS Road 2000450 into the burned area, north to unnamed creek in southwest corner of section 11.
- Follow north along unnamed creek going past its headwaters, over the top of Coyote Ridge and down to Deadman Creek.
- Follow Deadman Creek east to the confluence with High Bridge Creek, and then north to the top of NFS Road 9565535.

Renner – west boundary closure area from near Davis Lake to Boulder Deer Creek Road

- From the junction of NFS Road 9565260 and Thompson Ridge Trail, go northwest down Thompson Ridge Trail to NFS Road 6110000 (South Boulder Road).
- Off the eastern edge of NFS Road 6110000 into the burned area, north to Boulder Deer Creek Road
- Off to the south of Boulder Deer Creek Road into the burned area, east to the administrative boundary in section 2.

Renner – east and south boundary closure area

- South along administrative boundary starting at Boulder Deer Creek Road in section 2 to Deadman Creek Road (County Road 460)
- Off the northern edge of Deadman Road into the burned area, west an approximate ½ mile to administrative boundary
- Northwest along administrative boundary to 10/11 section line.
- North along 10/11 section line and then northwest to the junction of NFS Road 9565260 and Thompson Ridge Trail (remaining east of Davis Lake).

2. Being on any NFS road within the Fire Closure Area. [36 CFR 261.54(e)]

Two roads are the exception to this. They have sections that go through the closure area in Stickpin are open for travel only:

- **County Road 602- Boulder Deer Creek Road**
- **NFS Road 6113000- Bulldog Cabin Road**

3. Being on any NFS trail within the Fire Closure Area. [36 CFR 261.55(a)].

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

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Owners or lessees of land in the Fire Closure Area, to the extent necessary to access their land.
3. Residents in the Fire Closure Area, to the extent necessary to access their residences.
4. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559, 3571, and 3581).

Executed in Colville, Washington this 15 day of October, 2015.


Rodney Smoldon
Forest Supervisor
Colville National Forest