

**AREA, TRAIL, & ROAD CLOSURE for PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Chelan Ranger District:

- A. To go into or be upon any area closed for the protection of public health or safety.** For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be in the Railroad Creek /Domke Lake closure area on the Chelan Ranger District described as:

Starting from the public ferry dock at Lucerne, then along the shore of Lake Chelan to the mouth of Railroad Creek, then southwest along Railroad Creek to the Glacier Peak Wilderness Boundary, then southeast along the Glacier Peak Wilderness Boundary to Lake Chelan, then northwest along the shore of Lake Chelan (excluding Domke Campground and the Congdon Recreation Residence) to the mouth of Railroad Creek.

All road and trail sections described in the closure area above are closed for public use unless indicated otherwise. [36 CFR 261.53(e)]

- B. Being on a road.** For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be on National Forest System Road #8301 (Holden Road) on the Chelan Ranger District. [36 CFR 261.54(e)]
- C. Being on a trail.** For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be on National Forest System trails on the Chelan Ranger District described as:

- a. **Domke Mountain Lookout Trail # 1280.1**
- b. **Domke Lake Trail # 1280**
- c. **Emerald Park Trail # 1230**
- d. **Mirror Lake Trail # 1230.1**
- e. **Lower Railroad Creek Trail # 1240**
- f. **Dole Lakes Trail #1240.1**
- g. **Monkey Bear Falls Trail #1273**
- h. **Ten Mile Falls Trail #1270**
- i. **Ten Mile Creek Trails #1241**
- j. **Devore Creek Trail # 1244 (from Tenmile Pass to Hilgard Pass)**
- k. **Lucerne Loop Trail # 1234.1702.** [36 CFR 261.55(a)]

The area, road, and trail closure is depicted on the attached map (Exhibit A).

This closure is effective as of **April 21, 2016** and will remain in effect until terminated.

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

- 1 Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, including Washington State employees in performance of an official duty, and their authorized contractors.
- 2 Any Federal, State or local officer, or a member of any organized search and rescue, emergency services, or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

- 3 Any private land owner exercising an existing right to access their own private property which is otherwise within the closure area as described above.

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

Done at Wenatchee, Washington this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2016.

/s/ Michael R. Williams

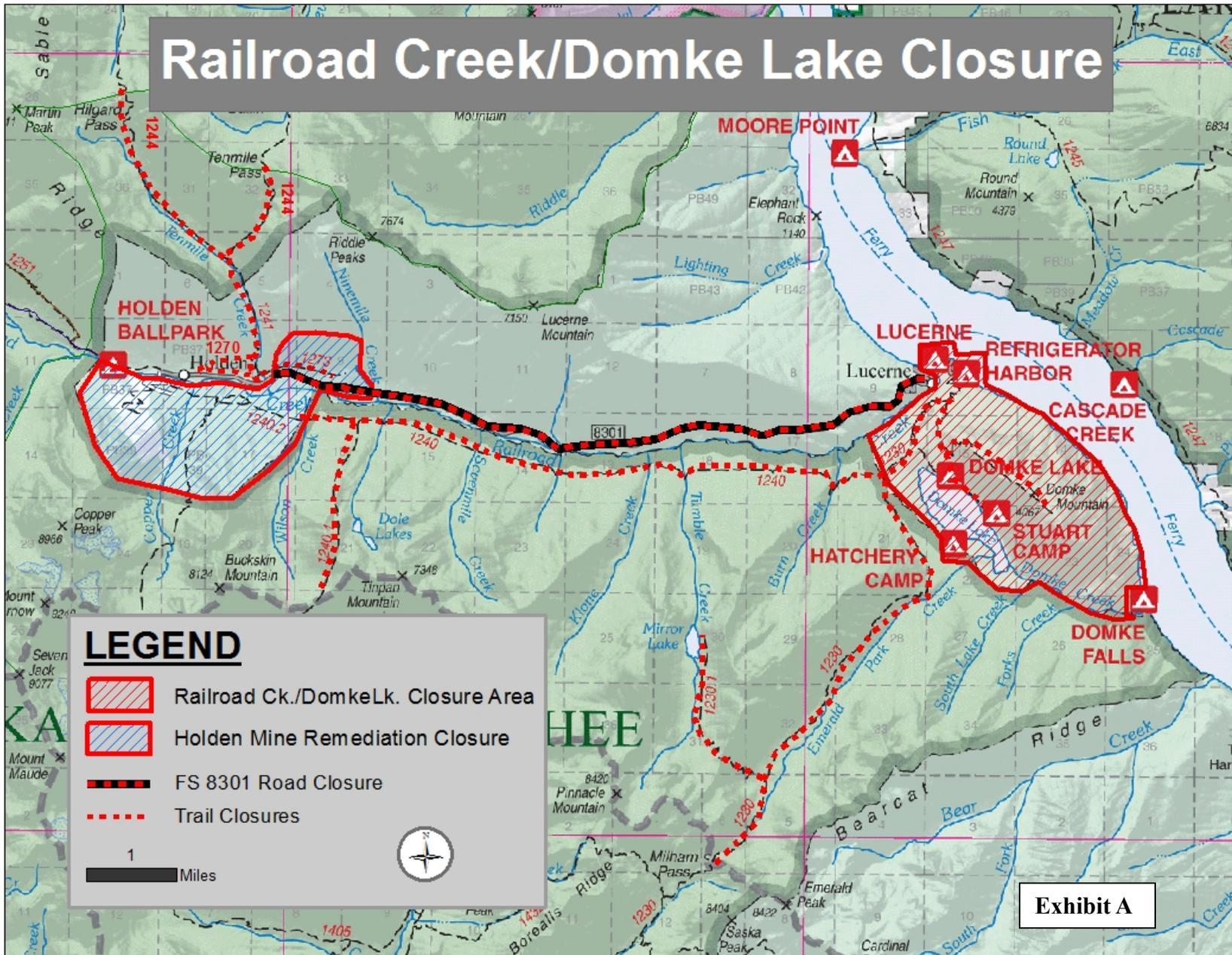
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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 USC 551 And 18 USC 3559 and 3571)

# Railroad Creek/Domke Lake Closure



## **Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan**

**Background:** A closure order is necessary for public safety due to the post fire effects from the Wolverine Fire. There is the potential for debris flows and flash flooding. Impacted trails do not meet the standard for public occupancy due to post fire effects. It is prudent to close specific areas, trails, and roads until the area is acceptable for public occupancy. This closure is based on recommendations from the District Ranger, the Wolverine Burned Area Emergency Response Team, and law enforcement personnel.

**Intent of Closure:** To provide for public safety during the time that hazards remain from post fire effects associated with the Wolverine Fire that burned during 2015.

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

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Official</b>	<b>Date</b>
Prepare proposed order	Chelan RD Staff	3/31/2016
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	4/1/2016
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	4/6/2016
Disseminate order	Chelan RD Public Affairs	4/7/2016
Post order	Chelan RD Personnel	4/2016 – 6/2016

Implement actions for each specific application of the order including: appropriate postings, media contacts, patrols, and enforcement activities.

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4/21/2016  
Date