

**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.** The roads and trails listed in this order are within the Northstar Fire (2015) perimeter and have not been surveyed for imminent hazard trees. In addition, there are existing hazards (stump holes, burned/damaged boardwalk over wetlands, etc.) that remain on the trail systems. This closure order is needed to assist in keeping the public safe until hazard tree surveys are complete, repairs to trail systems have been made, and existing hazards have been mitigated. This closure order will be reduced in size as hazards are mitigated and roads/trails can be opened to public use.
2. **Intent of Subpart B order: The rationale behind the order and what should be accomplished.**

Provide for public safety by restricting access along roads, road segments and trails within the Northstar Fire. There is a high potential of fire weakened trees along the roads and trails within the perimeter of the fire, and per Region Six Danger Tree policy, roads and trails first must be evaluated and public safety hazards posed by Danger Trees shall be mitigated prior to lifting restrictions.

This order will close road and trail access within the perimeter of the Northstar Fire of 2015 until identified safety hazards associated with trees and structures are corrected. Specifically, the order will close the following roads and trails on the Republic Ranger District:

**Roads**

- 5300040, 5300050, 5300060
- 5314030, 5314035, 5314062, 5314425, 5314620, 5314630, 5314645, 5314650
- 5320000, 5320008, 5320010, 5320030, 5320100, 5320580, 5320586, 5320800, 5320810, 5320830, 5320900
- 5330150, 5330160, 5330180, 5330350, 5330400, 5330410, 5330420, 5330640, 5330820

**Trails**

- Swan Lake Trail #14
- Long Lake Trail #5
- Fish Lake Trail #2

By closing the listed roads and trails, the Forest expects to nearly eliminate the potential for people to be harmed by imminent hazard trees or damaged infrastructure associated with these roads and trails.

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)	Eric McQuay – Recreation Program Manager	04/22/2016
District review of proposed order(s)	Travis Fletcher, Acting District Ranger	04/22/2016

Order No. 16-21-02  
FOREST ORDER  
National Forest System Roads and Trails  
COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST  
Republic Ranger District  
Republic, Washington

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Republic Ranger District of the Colville National Forest. This order is effective beginning April 22, 2016, and will remain in effect until terminated.

**Being on a National Forest System road. 36 CFR 261.54 (e).** For the purpose of this order, all methods of travel and use are prohibited on the following National Forest System roads:

- 5300040, 5300050, 5300060
- 5314030, 5314035, 5314062, 5314425, 5314620, 5314630, 5314645, 5314650
- 5320000, 5320008, 5320010, 5320030, 5320100, 5320580, 5320586, 5320800, 5320810, 5320830, 5320900
- 5330150, 5330160, 5330180, 5330350, 5330400, 5330410, 5330420, 5330640, 5330820

**Being on a National Forest System trail. 36 CFR 261.55 (a).** For the purpose of this order, all methods of travel and use are prohibited on the following National Forest System trails:

- Swan Lake Trail #14
- Long Lake Trail #5
- Fish Lake Trail #2

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. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Forest Service Contractors, their agents and employees when in performance of official business.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

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, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559, 3571, 3581).

Executed in Colville, Washington this 22 day of April 2016.

  
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