

**File Code:** 2300; 5300**Date:** May 17, 2016**Route To:****Subject:** Closure Order- Acker Rock, Butler Butte, Whiskey Camp, & Pickett Butte  
Lookout - 06-15-02-16-354**To:** Files

This letter documents my decision to issue a Code of Federal Regulation Closure Order for the use of motor vehicles behind locked gates for public health and safety. The Acker Rock Lookout Closure Area consists of Road Number NF-2838-950, Township 29 South, Range 1 East, Section 18, as shown on attached map (Exhibits A). The Butler Butte Cabin Closure Area consists of Road Number NF 2925-810, Township 31 South, Range 1 East, Section 10, as shown on attached map (Exhibits B). The Whiskey Camp Guard Station Closure Area consists of Road Number NF 2925-645, Township 30 South, Range 1 East, Section 32, as shown on attached map (Exhibits C). The Pickett Butte Lookout Closure Area consists of Road Number NF 3113-300, Township 30 South, Range 1 West, Section 29, as shown on attached map (Exhibits D). 36 CFR § 261.54(a)(b). Closures begin at the gate and end as shown on attached maps.

All roads receive use as access to recreational rental cabins and have required use for emergency access several times in recent years. The road conditions, especially to Whiskey Camp and Butler Butte is rough and narrow with no turnouts for passing and very minimal road shoulders. Some sections of the roads are exposed to sheer cliffs. Climatic conditions such as routine fog, increases the difficulty of navigating these roads

The Acker Rock and Pickett Butte closures are needed to protect equipment that is used for emergency and non-emergency radio communications and weather analysis during severe weather and wildfires. The Whiskey Camp and Butler Butte closures are needed to ensure emergency access to the lookout and guard station for the recreation rental and resource protection and to protect the structures by reducing vandalism. The Order will also protect users of the Acker Rock, Pickett Butte, Butler Butte & Whiskey Lookout Camp from potential motor vehicle access safety concerns and ensure these narrow roads do not become obstructed.

The closure order will be posted on the ground near the gates and this closure will be in effect until May 17, 2018, or until rescinded.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR § 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

It is my decision to approve this closure order to protect equipment and ensure it is in operable condition for use by the County Sheriff, Forest Service, and other emergency and non-emergency personnel to



perform their critical functions of public and resource protection and to ensure emergency access to the listed facilities.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alice Carlton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

ALICE CARLTON  
Forest Supervisor

cc: Javier Masiel, Donna Owens, Margaret Ownby, Vern Shumway

ORDER NO. 06-15-02-16-354  
ACKER ROCK, PICKETT BUTTE, BUTLER BUTTE & WHISKEY CAMP AREA CLOSURE  
UMPQUA NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following act is prohibited within the Tiller Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest. This Order is effective from the May 17, 2016, until May 17, 2018, unless sooner rescinded.

1. Use of motorized vehicles, including over-snow vehicles as defined in 36 CFR § 212.1, on the Acker Rock, Pickett Butte, Butler Butte & Whiskey Lookout Closure Area, Road Number NF-2838-950, Township 29 South, Range 1 East, Section 18, Road Number NF 1331-300, Township 30 South, Range 1 West, Section 29, Road Number NF 2925-810, Township 31 South, Range 1 East, Section 10, Road Number NF 2925-645, Township 30 South, Range 1 East, Section 32. Closures areas began at the gate and end as shown on attached maps. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a)(b).

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

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

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. 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, and 3581.

Executed in Roseburg, Oregon, this 17th day of May, 2016



Alice Carlton  
Forest Supervisor  
Umpqua National Forest

Exhibit A

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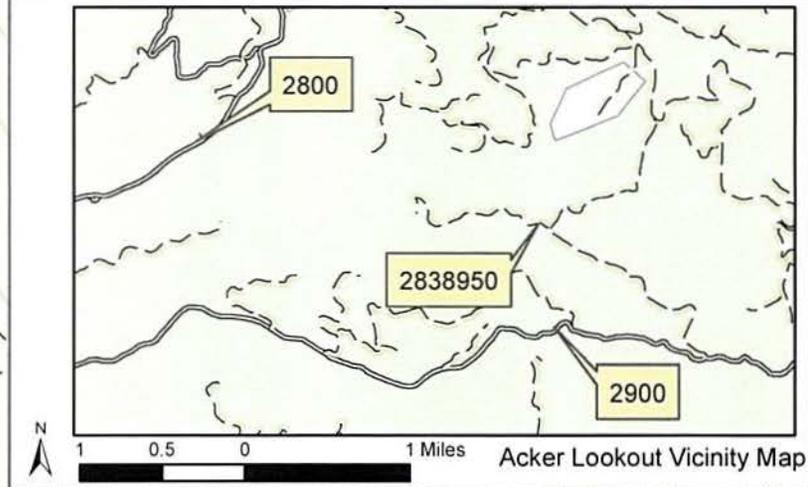
Acker Lookout Road Closure  
 Order # 06-15-02-16-354  
 Tiller Ranger District  
 Umpqua National Forest

**Legend**

- Closed to Motorized Vehicles
- Not Suitable For Passenger Cars
- GATE
- Lookout

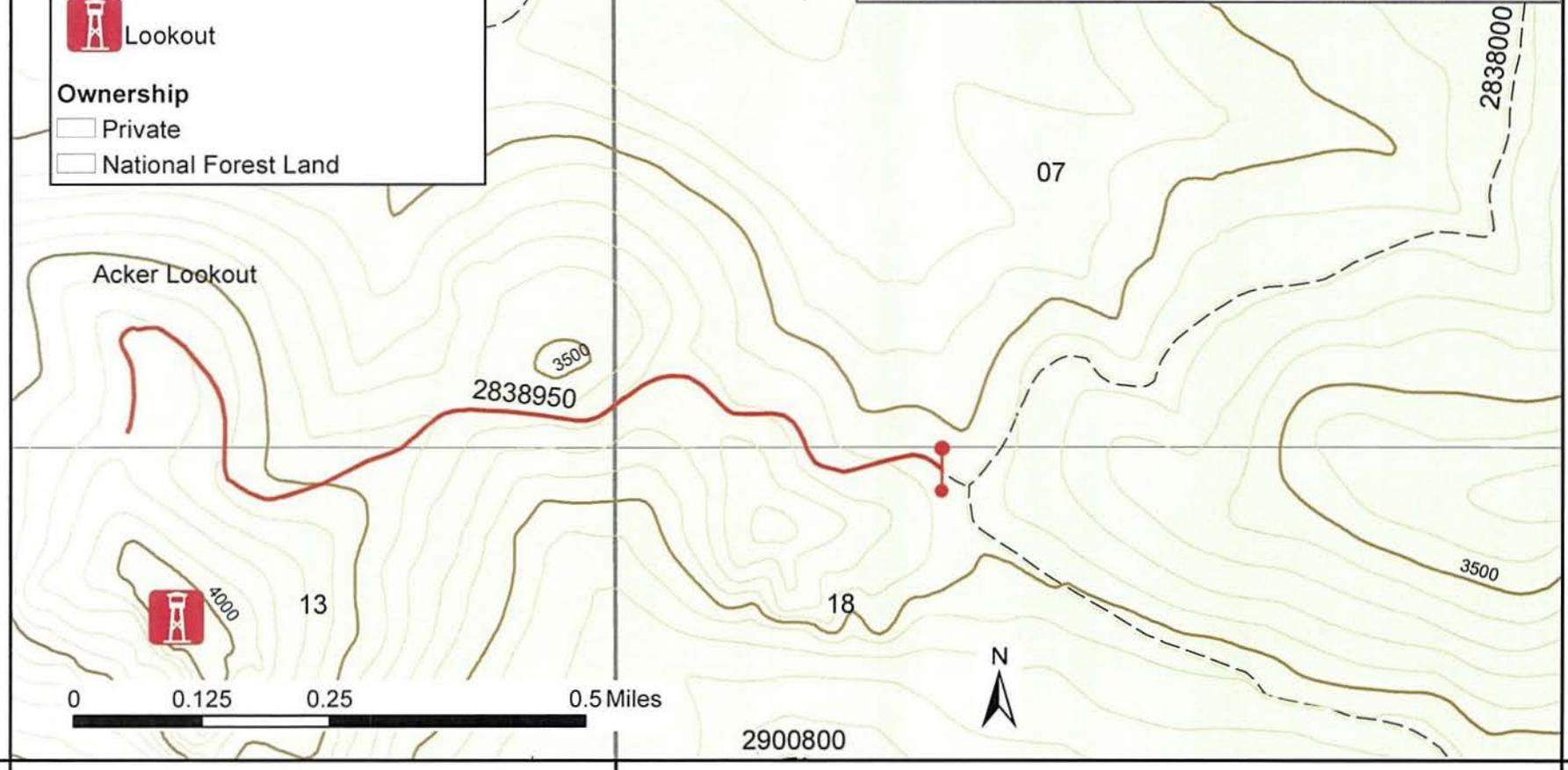
**Ownership**

- Private
- National Forest Land



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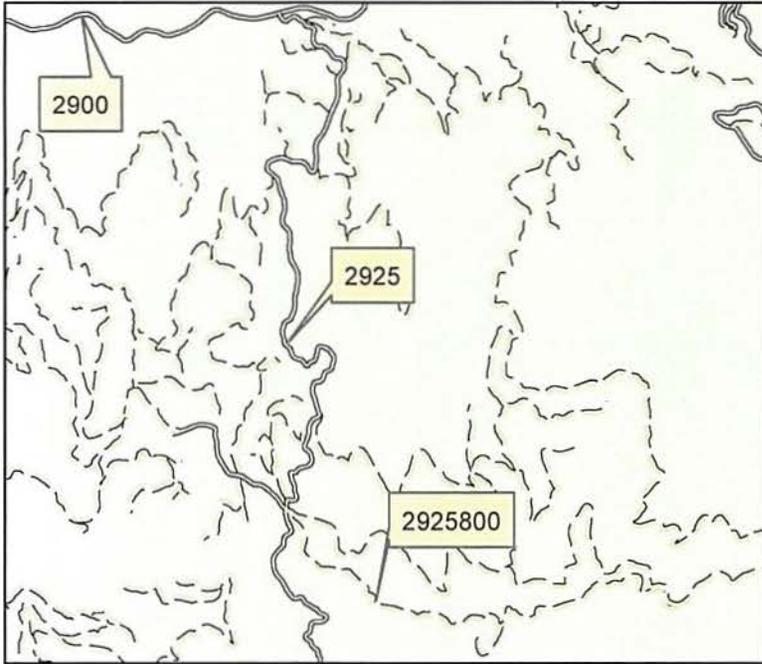
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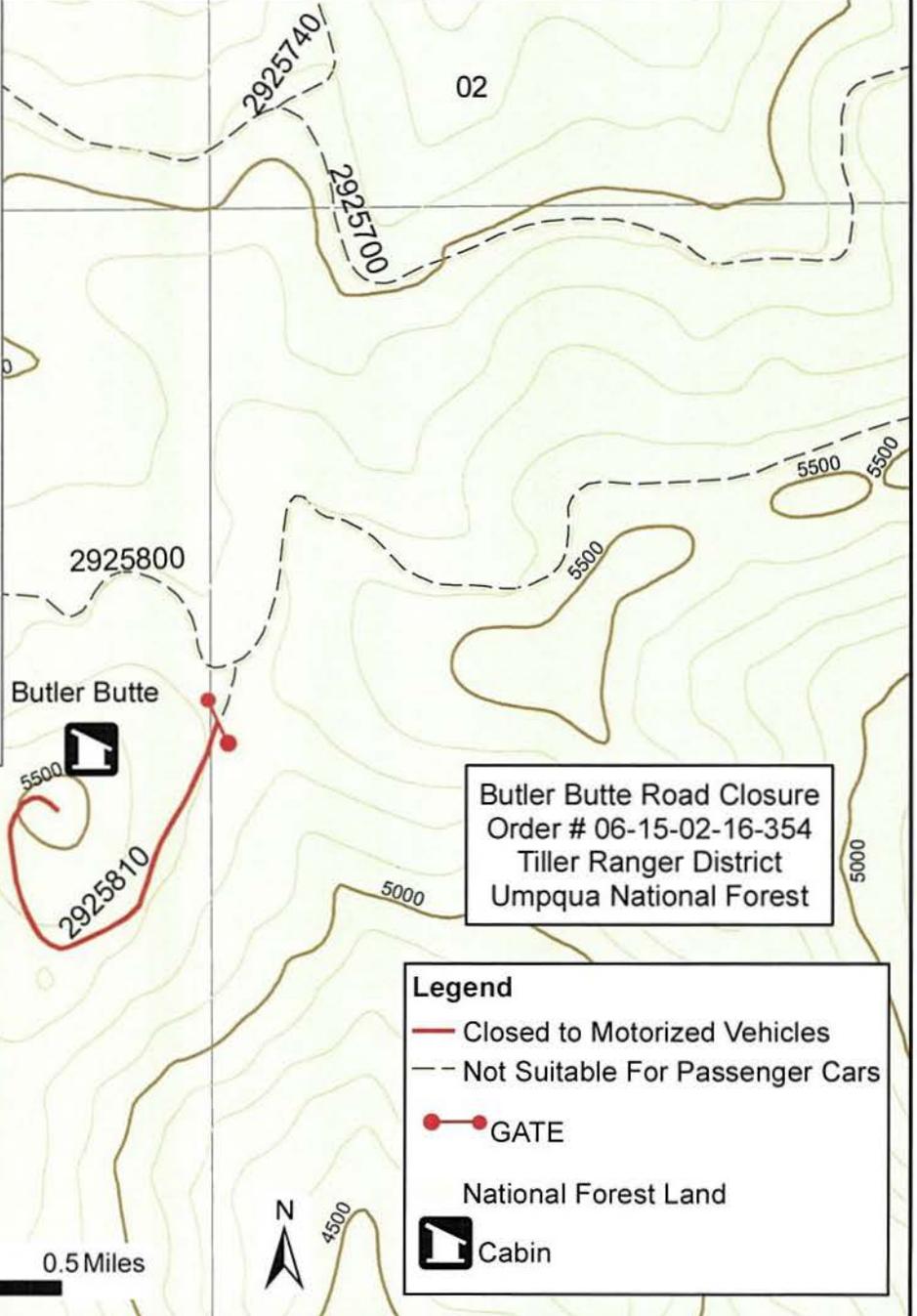
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Butler Butte Vicinity Map

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Butler Butte Road Closure  
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 Tiller Ranger District  
 Umpqua National Forest

**Legend**

- Closed to Motorized Vehicles
- Not Suitable For Passenger Cars
- GATE
- National Forest Land
- Cabin

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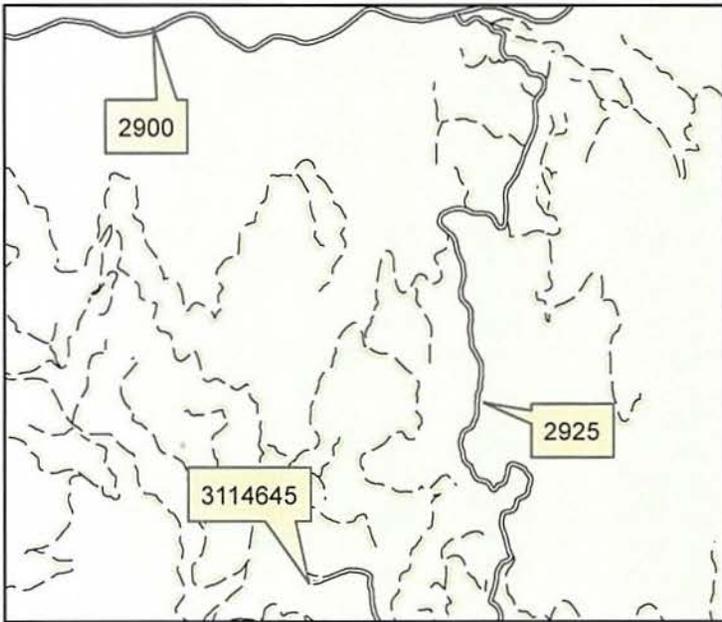


Exhibit C

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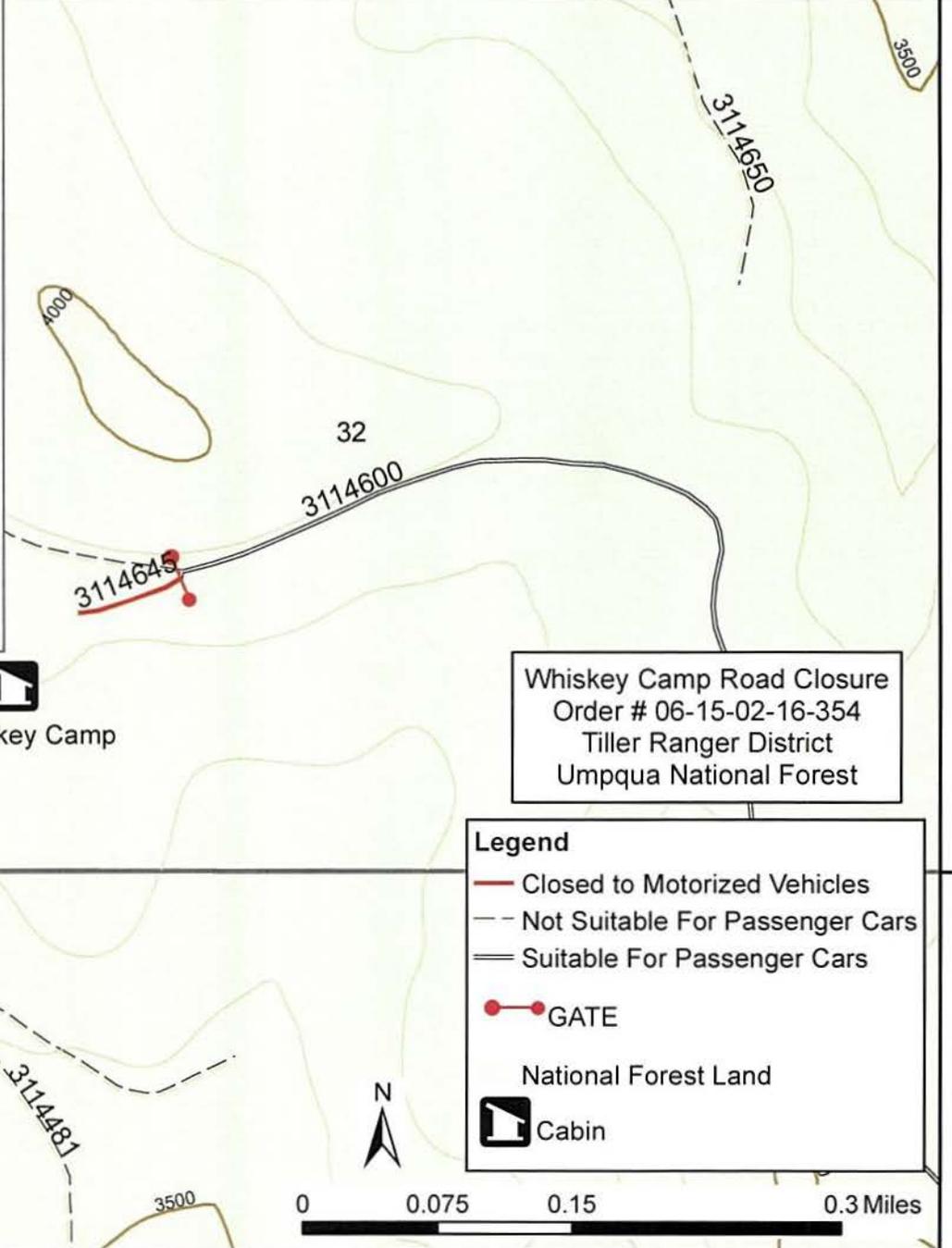
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Whiskey Camp Road Closure  
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 Tiller Ranger District  
 Umpqua National Forest

**Legend**

- Closed to Motorized Vehicles
- - - Not Suitable For Passenger Cars
- Suitable For Passenger Cars
- GATE
- National Forest Land
-  Cabin

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Exhibit D

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Pickett Butte Lookout Road Closure  
 Order # 06-15-02-16-354  
 Tiller Ranger District  
 Umpqua National Forest

**Legend**

- Closed to Motorized Vehicles
- Not Suitable For Passenger Cars
- Suitable For Passenger Cars
- GATE
- Lookout

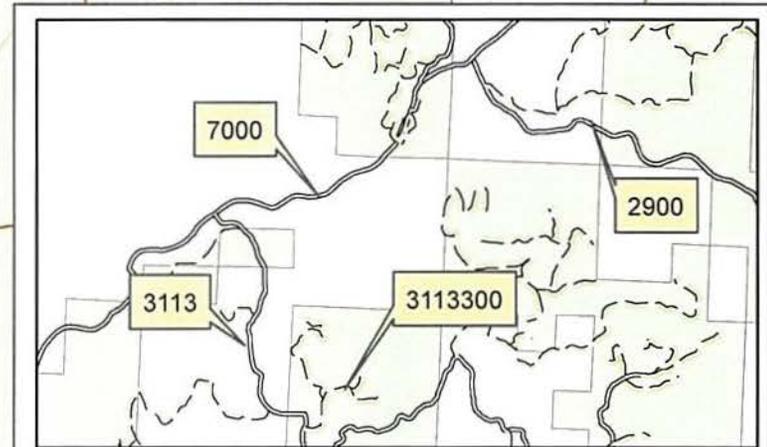
**Ownership**

- Private
- National Forest Land

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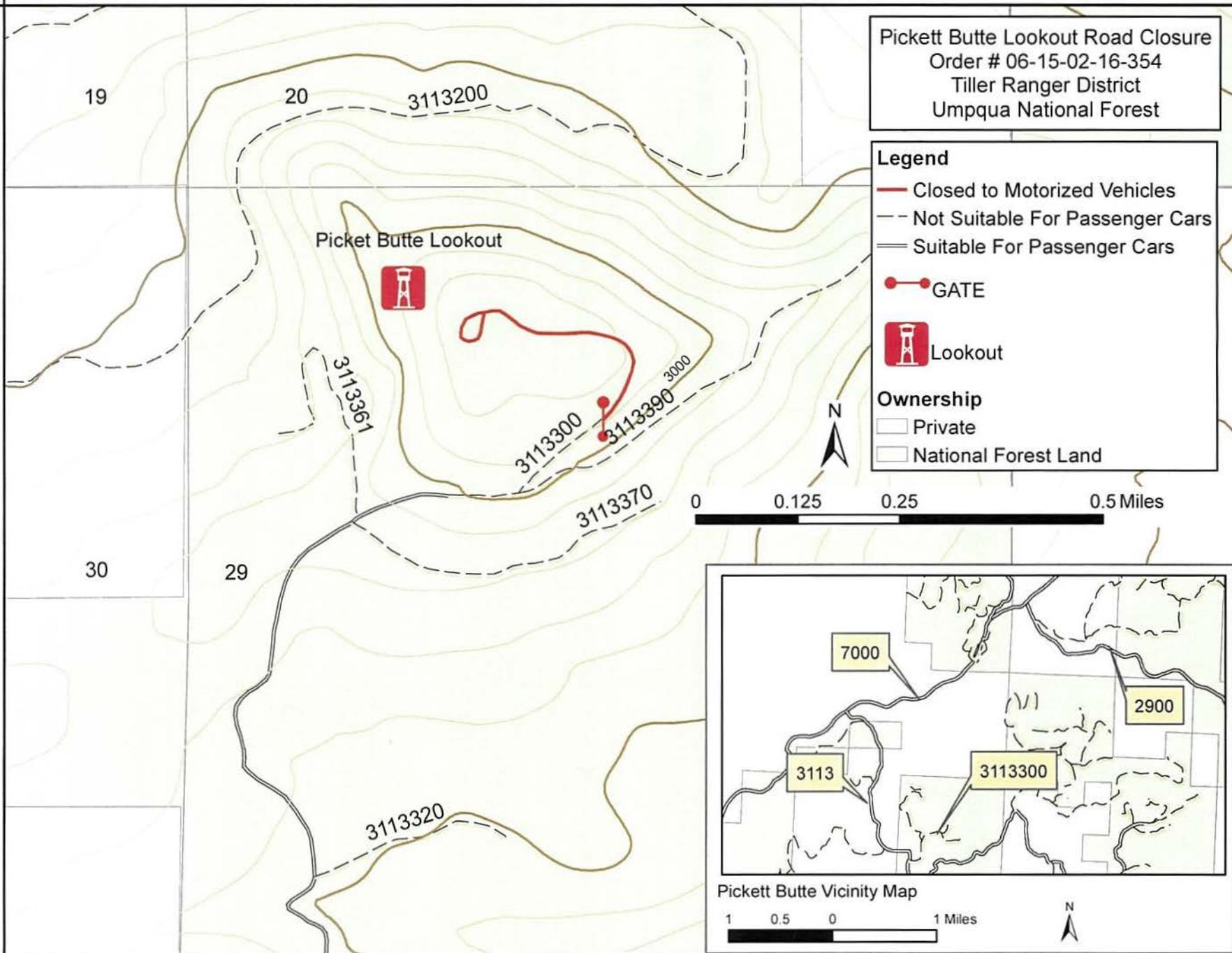
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Pickett Butte Vicinity Map

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**Umpqua Order No. 06-15-02-16-354**

**Enforcement Plan:**

Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) and District Forest Protection Officers will enforce the specified CFR Regulations in the Forest Order within the limits of their authority, jurisdiction and according to Forest Service policy. District employees in the area will notify the District Ranger and local LEO if violations of the order are observed.

Notification to the public regarding the temporary closure will be made by Media Release and Forest Service Staff at the Umpqua National Forest Supervisor's Office and District Ranger Stations. Copies of the closure order and map will be available at the Umpqua National Forest Supervisor's Office, District Ranger Stations and the Umpqua National Forest Website.

The areas will be posted to reasonably notify the public using the area. Signs will be maintained on a regular basis, with the Closure Order and map posted on sign boards in the area.

**CIVIL RIGHTS IMPACT ANALYSIS**  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Pacific Northwest Region (R6)

**CIVIL RIGHTS IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**Prohibited Acts: Use of Motor Vehicles behind Locked Gates for Public Safety and Health**

Tiller Ranger District, Umpqua National Forest

**Purpose**

The purpose for developing a civil rights impact analysis is to provide the Forest Service decision maker information concerning potential civil rights impacts of the proposed action. Civil rights impacts are those which could affect the agency's ability to ensure equal opportunity in employment and in delivery of programs and services.

**Favorable Impacts**

The proposed action would:

- Provide for protection of communication sites, repeater sites, and weather stations on National Forest System lands. The closure order is needed to protect equipment that is needed for emergency and non-emergency radio communications and weather analysis during severe weather or wildfires.

**Unfavorable Impacts**

The proposed action would:

- Restrict the general public from accessing, via motorized vehicle, the communication sites, repeater sites, and weather stations on the Tiller Ranger District.

**Mitigation Measures**

Mitigation measures include signing the gates at these locations that will allow for foot travel and those exempt from this order to access the sites and a news release so the public is notified of the gate closures.

Exemptions include any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer, Forest Protection Officers, members of an organized emergency or firefighting force working in the performance of an official duty, persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, members of the public with a valid camping pass, owners or lessees of communication site facilities, or Forest Service personnel entering the site on official government business.

**Social Impacts**

The proposed action does not impose any unreasonable adverse impacts on the civil rights of any individuals, because non-motorized access is not restricted. The overall benefits are reasonable, compared to the unfavorable impacts.

**Net Civil Rights Impact**

There are no net negative Civil Rights Impacts because the closure is limited in scope and length of time, and there are other places available with public motorized access for forest users.

  
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Donna L. Owens

District Ranger  
Tiller Ranger District

5-11-15