OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST
Chelan Ranger District
Chelan, Washington

Order No. 06170217994

FOREST ORDER

CAMPING CLOSURE for PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Camping. For the purposes of this order, camping is prohibited at the following campgrounds on the Chelan Ranger District described as:

- Lucerne Campground
- Domke Lake Campground
- Stuart Camp Campground
- Hatchery Camp Campground

Camping is prohibited in the campgrounds described above unless indicated otherwise. [36 CFR 261.58(e)]

The camping closure is depicted on the attached map (Exhibit A).

This closure is effective as of January 16, 2017 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.
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.

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


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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 U.S.C. 551 And 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571)
Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

Prohibition Objective: A closure order is necessary for public safety due to the post-fire effects from the 2015 Wolverine Fire. There is potential for debris flows and flash flooding at Lucerne Campground. There are multiple dead hazard trees within the Domke Lake, Stuart Camp, and Hatchery Camp Campgrounds. This closure is based on recommendations from the District Ranger and the Wolverine Burned Area Emergency Response Team.

Intent of Subpart B Order: The intent of the order is to provide for public safety during the time that hazards remain from potential floods, debris flow and dead trees associated with the Wolverine Fire (2015). A camping prohibition will reduce long term exposure to these hazards since it is not uncommon for the public to occupy a campsite for 12-24+ hours. The hazards will be re-evaluated annually, and the closure will be modified as needed. This closure represents a reduction in the closed area from Railroad Creek/Domke Lake closure (Order #975).

Public Notification Plan: The key to successful implementation of this order will be on-site public information and enforcement. The area will be posted to insure the recreating public is aware of the order. Additionally, campground hosts stationed at the Lucerne Guard Station will make daily contacts with the public to inform them of the closure. Finally, District staff are in the closure area at least once per week during the summer recreation season to insure compliance with the order. The area around the currently affected campgrounds was part of a larger area closure last year, and a similar enforcement plan provided an acceptable level of public compliance.

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

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<td>Prepare proposed order</td>
<td>District Ranger</td>
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<td>Review proposed order (Law Enforcement)</td>
<td>Patrol Captain</td>
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<td>Approve proposed order</td>
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<td>Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51</td>
<td>District Staff Officer and Staff</td>
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<td>Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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Exhibit A:
Lucerne/Domke Area Camping Prohibition

NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING:
Lucerne Campground
Domke Lake Campground
Hatchery Camp
Stuart Camp
T31N, R18E, Sections 8,15,22
The intent of this memorandum is to describe the need for a temporary camping closure of the Lucerne, Stuart Camp and Hatchery National Forest System campgrounds and associated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance.

BACKGROUND AND NEED:
A closure order is necessary for public safety due to the post-fire effects from the 2015 Wolverine Fire. There is potential for debris flows and flash flooding at Lucerne Campground. There are multiple dead hazard trees within the Domke Lake, Stuart Camp, and Hatchery Camp Campgrounds. This closure is based on recommendations from the District Ranger and the Wolverine Burned Area Emergency Response Team. In order to mitigate this risk, a temporary camping closure of the Lucerne, Stuart Camp and Hatchery campgrounds beginning January 20, 2017. The hazards will be re-evaluated annually, and the closure will be modified as needed. The temporary order would be pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(b).

SCOPING:
The area will be posted to insure the recreating public is aware of the order. The closure order will be posted on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest website. Additionally, campground hosts stationed at the Lucerne Guard Station will make daily contacts with the public to inform them of the closure. Finally, Chelan Ranger District staff are in the closure area at least once per week during the summer recreation season to insure compliance with the order. The Chelan District Ranger and staff have discussed the closure with potentially interested parties.

REASONS FOR CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDING THE ACTION:
Based on a review of the proposed order and consultation with District and Forest resource specialists, 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 C.F.R. § 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.

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