ORDER

CAMPING REGULATION

WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Under the authority granted me by 36 CFR 261.50(a), the following act is prohibited within the Wenatchee National Forest on the Leavenworth Ranger District until further notice.

(1) Camping in the Icicle Drainage between the Icicle River and the Icicle Road (Forest Service Road #7600). Starting at a point known as Snow Lakes Trailhead and continuing westerly to Rock Island Campground. This restriction does not apply in the developed campgrounds (Eighthmile, Bridge Creek, Johnny Creek, Ida Creek, Rock Island, and Chatter Creek Gravel Pit). 36 CFR 261.58(e)

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following exemptions apply:

(1) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

(2) Forest Service Administrative vehicles.

(3) Persons with a written permit from the Forest Supervisor or District Ranger

Done at Wenatchee, Washington this 30 day of March, 199-

SONNY J. O'NEAL
Forest Supervisor
Wenatchee National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000. or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months or both.

Title 16 USC Section 551.

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JUSTIFICATION

During the snowfree months recreational camping is extremely heavy in the Icicle drainage. Campgrounds fill often and many campers try to park on the Icicle road and camp in the riparian zone between the road and the River. This has caused damage to the river bank and riparian areas as well as hazards to road traffic.

In 1987 an Order was executed to prevent camping in this area, from Snow Lakes Trailhead to Chatter Creek Guard Station, (S.O. Order #140). This Order extends the closure area to Rock Island Campground and cancels Order #140. A new trail system has been build between the Road and the River from Chatter Creek Guard Station to Rock Island Campground.

This new Trail, Icicle Gorge, would have conflict with Dispersed campers wanting to park along the Icicle Road and walk into the cleared trail area to camp on the trail. This occurred several times last Fall. There were no dispersed camps in this area before the trail was built.
ENFORCEMENT PLAN

The areas will be posted where violations might occur.

The Icicle Camping handout will cover this closure.

The area will be patroled by the Icicle gaurd/Recreation patrol.

Public will be informed through posters, signs, bulletin boards, and:
- Forest Recreation Report
- Local news release
- Radio Recreation Report
- On site signing

Enforcement will be through the issuing of NOV's.