



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION  
PORTLAND, OREGON

ORDER NO. 06-00-00-20-03

REGIONAL ORDER  
Explosives and Exploding Targets Prohibition

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited upon lands, roads and trails within the National Forest System to include National Forests, National Scenic Areas, National Monuments and National Grasslands administered by the Pacific Northwest Region (Region 6) within the states of Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho as described below. This Order is effective from June 12, 2020 through June 12, 2022, unless rescinded sooner.

National Forest System lands administered by the Pacific Northwest Region:

Colville National Forest	Umatilla National Forest
Deschutes National Forest	Umpqua National Forest
Fremont-Winema National Forest	Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Willamette National Forest
Malheur National Forest	Crooked River National Grassland
Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest	Hells Canyon National Recreation Area
Mt Hood National Forest	Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area
Ochoco National Forest	Cascade Head Scenic Research Area
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area
Olympic National Forest	Mount St Helens National Volcanic Monument
Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest	Newberry National Volcanic Monument
Siuslaw National Forest	

PROHIBITIONS:

1. **Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device.** [36 CFR § 261.52 (f)]

*This order prohibits possessing, discharging or using fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices capable of igniting fires or creating safety hazards to forest visitors.*

*This prohibition does not apply to persons possessing or using highway fuses and flares on paved or dirt road surfaces cleared of flammable material to warn others of accidents or other emergency incidents; or Persons engaged in the use of black powder or other propellant and associated ignition source or device for legal hunting or recreational shooting with a muzzle loading firearm.*

2. **Using an explosive; (including exploding targets.)** [36 CFR § 261.52 (b)]

*An explosive is defined as any chemical compound, mixture, or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion.*

## EXEMPTIONS

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 member of any organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any person engaged in the use of black powder or other muzzleloader propellant, and the use of its associated ignition source, for legal hunting or recreational shooting with a muzzleloader. This exemption does not include the firing at, or use of exploding targets.

These prohibitions are necessary to protect public health and safety, reduce the likelihood of wildfires and the loss of property, and to provide the public consistent public health and safety guidelines in the Pacific Northwest Region in alignment with similar State and local laws and regulations.

These prohibitions are in addition to general prohibitions pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A. This Regional Order does not rescind or replace any Forest Order issued under 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B or other special restrictions pertaining to the described lands.

Executed in Portland, Oregon, this 10th day of June, 2020.

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Violations of these prohibitions is punishable as a Class B Misdemeanor, 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; 18 USC § 3559 and 18 USC § 3571).