

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON



FOREST ORDER NO. 06-03-01-21-01

CLOSURE AREA TWO ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in Closure Area Two of Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument within the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Closure Area Two is as described and shown in Exhibit A. This Order is effective from 04/15/2021 through 04/15/2023.

PROHIBITION:

1. Entering into or being in Closure Area Two which is described in Exhibit A and shown in Exhibit B. This area is closed for the protection of special biological communities and for scientific experiments or investigations. [36 C.F.R. § 261.53(b),(d)]
2. Landing of aircraft, or dropping or picking up any material, supplies, or person by means of an aircraft, including a helicopter. 36 CFR 261.58(y)

Note: The term *aircraft* encompasses Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS or “drones”). 49 USC § 40102 defines an aircraft as “any contrivance invented, used, or designed to navigate, or fly in, the air.” 14 CFR § 1.1 defines an aircraft as “a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air.”

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 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 fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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

Violations of this prohibition 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).

Executed in Vancouver, WA this 19 day of April, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eric M. Veach'.

ERIC VEACH

Forest Supervisor, Gifford Pinchot National Forest

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Exhibit A

The Point of Beginning (POB) for the boundary of Closure Area Two is at the intersection of Trail 216A (Ptarmigan Trail) and Trail 216 (Loowit Trail) in Section 21, T8N, R4E; then north along the north edge of Trail #216 (Loowit Trail) to the western boundary of Section 6, T8N R5E, then north along the western boundary of Section 6 to the southern boundary of Section 36, T9N, R4E, then east along the southern boundaries of Sections 36, 31, and 32 to the top of the ridge, the follows the ridgetop south to the crater rim of Mount St. Helens; then follows the crater rim in a counter-clockwise direction to the south boundary Section 34, T9N, R5E then east along the southern boundary of Section 34 to Section 2, T8N, R5E and then south along the eastern boundaries of Sections 2 and 11 and then south along the eastern boundary of Section 11 until it intersects Trail #216 (Loowit Trail); and then south along the west edge of Trail #216 until Section 23, T8N, R5E, and then west along the northern boundary of Sections 23 and 22 to Section 21, then south along the eastern boundary of Section 21 to Trail 216 (Loowit Trail), then west along the north edge of Trail #216 (Loowit Trail) to its junction with Trail 216A (Ptarmigan Trail) at Point of Beginning (POB). The boundary is described in the attached Exhibit B (Map).



Exhibit B: Area Two Closure Area Map

Not to Scale

