

Tongass NATIONAL FOREST

Juneau Ranger District

Juneau, Alaska

Order No. 10-05-33-19-05

FOREST ORDER

Emergency Area Closure

Pursuant to **36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b)**, the following acts are prohibited on the Juneau Ranger District of the Tongass National Forest, specifically FS Road 8554 in the vicinity of Homeshore near Excursion Inlet.

Using any type of vehicle prohibited by the order. (36 CFR 261.54(a))

Any motor vehicle on Forest Service Road 8554, beginning at MP 0.16 due to an unsafe bridge. The road is shown on the attached map.

Definition; A motor vehicle is defined as any vehicle which is self-propelled, other than:

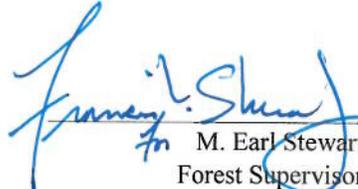
- (1) A vehicle operated on rails; and
- (2) Any wheelchair or mobility device, including one that is battery-powered, that is designed solely for use by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion and that is suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), each of the following are exempt under this order.

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. 36 CFR 261.50 (e) (1).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty. 36 CFR 261.50 (e)(4).

These prohibitions are in addition to the General Prohibitions in 36 CFR 261 Subpart A.

Executed in Ketchikan, Alaska this 29 day of April, 2019


for M. Earl Stewart
Forest Supervisor
Tongass National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (TITAL 16 USC, SECTION 551 AND 18 USC 3559 and 3571)

ASSESSMENT OF NEED AND ENFORCEMENT PLAN

1. Background -Description of problem, why the order is proposed, and what should be accomplished by implementation of the order. The appropriate staff prepares the order and ensures all other required documentation is completed, such as NEPA.

2. Intent of Subpart B order -The rationale behind the order and what should be accomplished. Defines the affected area, road, and trail, the regulated use or user group, exempted persons, and the duration of the order. Any necessary attachments or exhibits shall be prepared by the appropriate staff and included in this plan.

3. Enforcement Plan - Describes action to be taken to inform the affected public and effectively implement the provisions of the order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety (e.g., Planned patrol dates and locations, staffing needs, enforcement strategies, media contacts, and coordination with local public agencies).

ORDER CHECKLIST

| <u>Action</u> | <u>Responsible Official(s)</u> | <u>Initials/Date</u> |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Prepare proposed order | Appropriate staff(s) with LEI input | _____ |
| NEPA requirements completed | Appropriate staff | _____ |
| Review proposed order | Patrol Captain or SAC | <u>WJB 4/24/19</u> |
| Review by OGC | OGC | _____ |
| Approve proposed order | Forest Supervisor or Regional Forester | _____ |
| Post order (36 CFR 261.51) | District Ranger/Forest Supervisor | <u>JD 4/29/19</u> |
| Prepare news releases for order | District Ranger/PAO | _____ |
| Prepare enforcement plan | Appropriate staff with LEI input | _____ |

Approve enforcement plan for implementation:

for /s/ 
FOREST SUPERVISOR or REGIONAL FORESTER

29 Apr 19
DATE

ASSESSMENT OF NEED AND ENFORCEMENT PLAN

1. Background – During a routine bridge inspection, the bridge at Homeshore road system, road# 8554, MP 0.163 was noted to have a critical finding that the bridge is unsafe. The bridge needs to be closed since the substructure is heavily eroded and some of the bridge girders are hanging into the creek.

2. Intent of Subpart B order – Due to equipment operations, and recreational traffic, this road must be closed for public safety. This CFR closure is needed to begin immediately March 28, 2019 for approximately 1 year to allow enough time for complete bridge maintenance and reconstruction.

3. Enforcement Plan – Tongass National Forest Public Affairs office will release a public announcement regarding the closure. Post public notices at multiple locations within the communities on Chichagof Island and Juneau.

