

TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST
FOREST ORDER

Emergency Area Closure

Forest Order No. 10-05-31-20-04

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50 (a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Sitka Ranger District of the Tongass National Forest. This Order is effective from May 27, 2020 until November 1, 2020.

Entering or being upon the following National Forest System lands within the Tongass National Forest:

- A. **State of Alaska Hidden Falls Hatchery Closure Area:** Using projection NAD 1983, the boundary of this Closure Area begins at coordinates (-134.872, 57.221) and proceeds E, including shoreline above mean high tide to coordinates (-134.865, 57.22); W including shoreline above mean high tide to coordinates (-134.872, 57.22); S following shoreline above mean high tide to coordinates (-134.875, 57.217); E following shoreline above mean high tide and including Island to coordinates (-134.868, 57.218); S from the Island to point along shoreline of Baranof Island with coordinates (-134.871, 57.217); S along shoreline above mean high tide to coordinates (-134.87, 57.216); SW to Hidden Falls Lake coordinates (-134.875, 57.215); NW within Hidden Falls Lake to coordinates (-134.882, 57.216) and then N to starting point, as shown on the attached map, Exhibit A.
- B. **The section of the Sashin Lake Trail that passes through the NOAA Little Port Walter Research Station Closure Area:** Using projection NAD 1983, the boundary of this Closure Area begins where the trail starts at coordinates (-134.651, 56.381), and continues to where the trail crosses out of the Closure Area at coordinates (-134.655, 56.379), as shown on the attached map, Exhibit B.
- C. **NOAA Little Port Walter Research Station Closure Area:** Using projection NAD 1983, the boundary of this Closure Area begins at coordinates (-134.953, 56.384) and follows shoreline, along mean high tide NE, including barrier islands to coordinates (-134.639, 56.839); SW, including barrier islands to coordinates (-134.644, 56.386); SW following the shoreline at mean high tide to coordinates (-134.654, 56.379); NE following shoreline at mean high tide to coordinates (-134.638, 56.386); S to coordinates (-134.639, 56.382); SW to coordinates (-134.644, 56.379); W to coordinates (-134.653, 56.377); NW to coordinates (-134.655, 56.378), and then N to starting point, as shown on the attached map, Exhibit B.

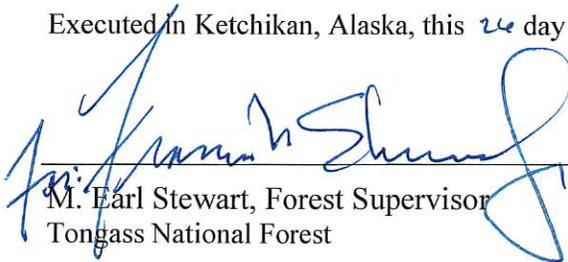
Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. §261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty; and,
2. Persons, including employees, sub-contractors, and agents, necessary to the operations of the State of Alaska Hidden Falls Hatchery and NOAA Little Port Walter Research Station are exempt from this Order.

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

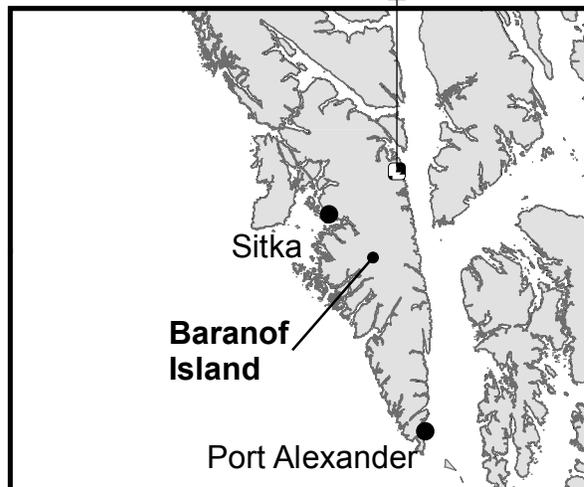
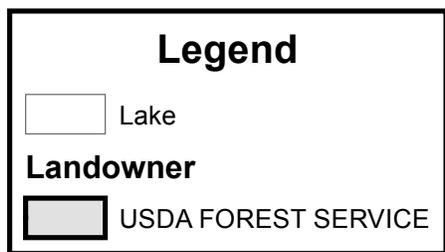
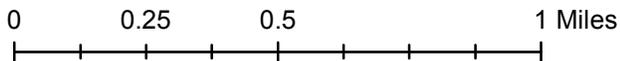
A violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C., 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Executed in Ketchikan, Alaska, this *20* day of *MAY* 2020.



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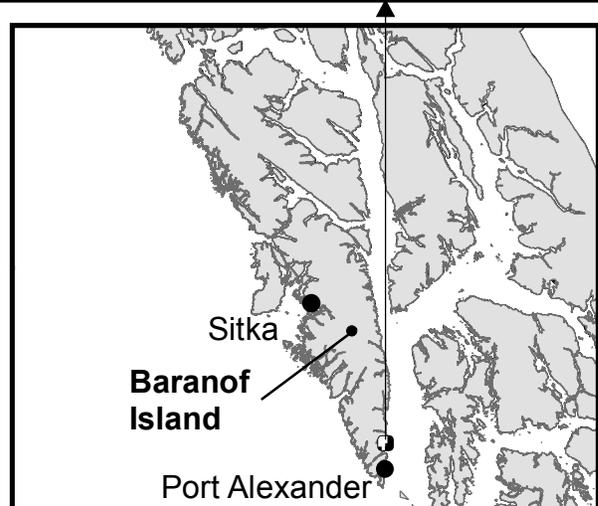
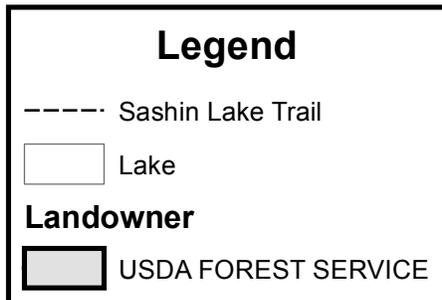
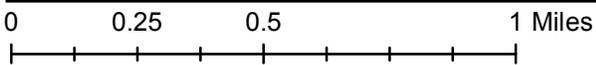
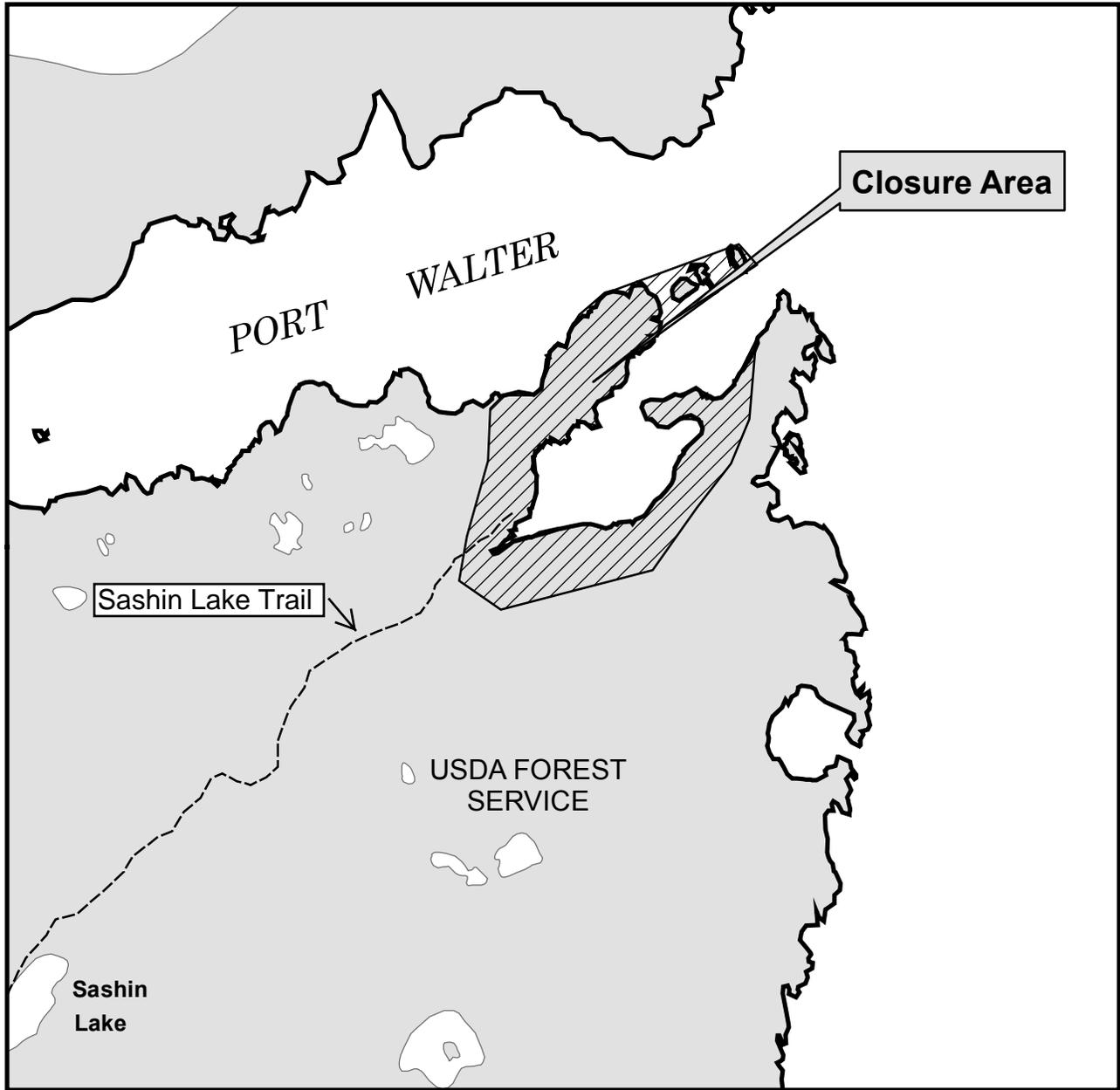
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Exhibit A , Closure Order 20-05-31-20-04
State of Alaska Hidden Falls Hatchery Area



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NOAA Little Port Walter Research Station Area



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