

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

Clackamas River Ranger District, Mt. Hood National Forest

FOREST ORDER NO. 06-06-05-20-12

Clackamas River Ranger District Fire Closure

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), and to provide for public and firefighter safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Clackamas River Ranger District of the Mt. Hood National Forest, as shown on the attached map (Exhibit A). This Order is effective beginning midnight, October 27, 2020 and will remain in effect until April 1, 2021 or until rescinded.

PROHIBITIONS

This order prohibits going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Riverside, Lionshead, or Beachie Creek Fire perimeters. This order also prohibits using motorized vehicles on additional National Forest System roads and motorized trails that provide access to the fire perimeters.

- 1. Going into or being upon an area closed for the protection of public health or safety.** (36 CFR 261.53(e))
- 2. Being on a road.** (36 CFR § 261.54(e))
- 3. Being on a trail.** (36 CFR § 261.55(a))

AREA CLOSURE DESCRIPTION

As depicted on “Exhibit A” this order prohibits going into or being upon all National Forest System lands administered by the Mount Hood National Forest, Clackamas River Ranger District within the following area:

- All National Forest System lands within the Riverside, Lionshead, and Beachie Creek fire perimeters and within the boundary of the Clackamas River Ranger District. This includes roads, trails, and developed recreation sites. Lands administered by the Clackamas River Ranger District that are outside the fire perimeter are not included in this area closure but may be part of the road and trail closure described below.

ROAD and TRAIL CLOSURE DESCRIPTION

As depicted on “Exhibit A” this order prohibits motorized use on all National Forest System Roads (FSR) and motorized trails within the boundary of the Clackamas River Ranger District is prohibited, with the following exceptions:

- Tumala Mountain Area Roads:
 - All roads north of FSR 4610 are open for motorized use (including, but not limited to 4613, 4614, and 4615).
 - For clarification, the LaDee Flat Off-Highway Vehicle trail system is closed to motorized use.
 - For clarification, the majority of FSR 4610. FSR 4610 is closed from its intersection with Highway 224 on the west side to the point at which the route returns to pavement on the east side of the road near its intersection with FSR 4610-220 in the area known as High Rock (T5S, R7E, Section 1).
- High Rocks and Timothy Lake Area Roads:
 - All open roads north of FSR 57 and FSR 42 are open for public motorized use (including, but not limited to FSR 58, 5810, 5820, and 5830).
 - FSR 57 is closed, except for a segment between its intersection with FSR 58 on the west side and its intersection with FSR 5810 on the east side. This segment will remain open.
 - FSR 42 is open north of its junction with FSR 57.
 - For clarification, this order does not affect open roads on the adjoining Zigzag Ranger District.
- Snowmobile Trail System: The Mt. Hood National Forest snowmobile trail system will remain open to over-the-snow motorized travel during the winter recreation period.
- Non-motorized Uses: For clarification, this order does not prohibit non-motorized uses of the Clackamas River Ranger District outside of the fire perimeters as described above.

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1) Any person with a permit, license, or contract specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- (2) Any Federal, State, or local official or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- (3) Owners or lessees of land within the closed area.
- (4) Persons using snowmobiles during the winter recreation season are exempted from the road and motorized trail prohibitions contained herein.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR part 261, subpart A.

PURPOSE

This closure is necessary to provide protection for forest users, firefighting personnel, and other Forest Service employees and partners conducting emergency response work in the aftermath of the fires. Fire behavior on the Riverside, Lionshead, and Beachie Creek Fires has declined substantially, but a multitude of hazards such as unstable slopes prone to rock fall; fire affected trees prone to windthrow; and infrastructure damaged by the fires has made lands within the fire perimeter unsafe for entry. Most of these hazards are within the fire perimeters; however, to effectively manage the area closure additional Forest Service Roads must be closed to limit access to the fire perimeter.

Executed in Sandy, Oregon this 27th day of October 2020.

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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable 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 U.S.C.551, and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571)