Pursuant to 16 USC 551, 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System Lands, Roads, and Trails within the Colville National Forest, within the state of Washington, effective July 30th, 2021 through October 31st, 2021 unless rescinded earlier. This order supersedes Order # 06-21-00-21-03 Signed by Rodney D. Smoldon on July 1st.

Acts Prohibited Under This Order

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire, including charcoal, and other open flame. 36 CFR § 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated campground, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR § 261.52(d).
3. Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR § 261.52(f).
4. Using an explosive. 36 CFR § 261.52(b).
5. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine in violation of Industrial Fire Precaution directives (IFPL), 36 CFR § 261.52(h).
6. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR § 261.52(i).
7. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest System Roads and Trails, EXCEPT when operating in compliance with travel management rule and the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) pursuant to 36 CFR §261.56
8. Violating any state law concerning burning, fires, or which is for the purpose of preventing or restricting the spread of fires. 36 CFR § 261.52(k).

Persons, activities, or other entities Exempted from This Order

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(c), the following are exempt from this order:
1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
2. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Pressurized or bottled liquid fuel stoves, lanterns, or heating devices are permitted, provided such devices are used in areas that are barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable material within 3 feet of the device and meet the fire underwriter’s specifications for safety.

Penalties for Violations

Violation of these prohibitions is 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 USC § 551 and 18 USC §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
These restrictions are in addition to those prohibitions enumerated in Subpart ‘A’ of 36 CFR § 261 and any other special restrictions pertaining to the described lands.

This Order is necessary to protect the public health and safety due to extreme drought, potential depletion of fire suppression resources, weather conditions and forest health issues, which when added to the specific public, private property and natural resource issues present in these enumerated areas, present a significant community safety hazard in the event of a fire.

Executed in Colville, Washington, on this 30th day of July, 2021.

Rodney D. Smoldon
Forest Supervisor
Colville National Forest