Order Number R06-2013-02

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION

REGIONAL CLOSURE ORDER
Explosives and Exploding Targets

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) §551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) §261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands administered as National Forests or National Grasslands within the Pacific Northwest Region (Region 6) of the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service in the states of California, Oregon and Washington (the "Restricted Areas") and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Areas (the "Restricted Roads and Trails"). This Regional Order is supplemental to and does not rescind or replace those restrictions at 36 CFR 261 Subpart A, and/or any Forest Supervisor Order issued under 36 CFR 261 Subpart B.

RESTRICTED AREAS:

The restricted areas include the following National Forests (NF) and National Scenic Area (NSA):

OREGON		WASHINGTON
Columbia River Gorge NSA	Umpqua NF	Colville NF
Deschutes NF	Siuslaw NF	Gifford Pinchot NF
Fremont-Winema NF	Wallowa-Whitman NF	Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF
Malheur NF	Willamette NF	Okanogan-Wenatchee NF
Mt. Hood NF		Olympic NF
Ochoco NF		
Rogue River-Siskiyou NF		
Umatilla NF		

This Regional Order is necessary to protect public health and safety and to provide the public with consistent public health and safety restrictions in the Pacific Northwest Region.

PROHIBITION:

1. Using an explosive; including exploding targets. 36 CFR § 261.52(b)

   An explosive is defined as any chemical compound, mixture, or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion.

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EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e) the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise 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. Any person engaged in the use of black powder or other muzzleloader propellant, and the use of its associated ignition source, for legal hunting or recreational shooting with a muzzleloader. This exemption does not include the firing at or use of exploding targets.

The Regional Order shall be in effect until rescinded.

Done at Portland, Oregon this 21st day of August, 2013.

KENT CONNAUGHTON
Regional Forester
Pacific Northwest Region

Violations of 36 CFR are punishable as a class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C. §551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571).