

ORDER NO. JRD-96-001

SPECIAL CLOSURE REGULATION

USDA - FOREST SERVICE

CHATHAM AREA - TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

JUNEAU RANGER DISTRICT

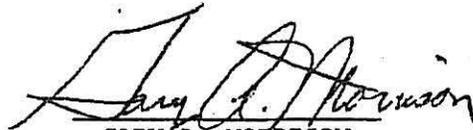
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the recreation areas of Eagle Beach, Lena Beach, Auke Village Recreation Area, Skaters Cabin, Dredge Lakes Unit, West Glacier Trail Head and the Mendenhall Glacier Recreational Area. These sites are located within and/or administered by the Juneau Ranger District, Chatham Area of the Tongass National Forest, until rescinded.

BUILDING, MAINTAINING, ATTENDING OR USING A WOOD PALLET FIRE.
36 CFR 261.52(a).

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

1. Any person(s) or group with a permit or written permission specifically authorizing this prohibited act.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Sitka, Alaska, this 12th day of April 1996.



GARY A. MORRISON
Forest Supervisor

Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than one (1) year or both. Title 16 USC, Section 551.

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SUB PART B ORDER

District

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

1. STATE THE DESIRED PROHIBITED ACT: To exclude the burning of wooden pallets at the described developed recreation sites within the Juneau Ranger District.

2. REASON FOR THE ORDER: At this time, the Juneau Ranger District has several various user groups. These sites have sustained numerous years of abuse from large volumes of wooden pallets which are presently being dumped and burned at these recreation sites. These pallets when burned or left in a partially burned state cause an extreme hazard to people and animals because of the large amount of nails, staples, and tacks that are left in the burnt pallet ash. Especially at risk are small children and dogs. Eliminating hazards and ensuring safety of forest users is a priority of the U.S. Forest Service. Additional problems associated with pallet fires include property and resource damage. Often users will stack the pallets on top of existing grills, stoves, fireplaces and raised fire rings. The intense heat which results from stacking numerous pallets causes the concrete foundations to crumple and the metal grills to warp. Pallet fires are often so large that they extend well beyond the grills and fire rings causing resource damage as well. The nails, staples, tacks, and metal fasteners from burnt pallets and the whole or partially burnt pallets are litter and require extra time and funding for proper disposal.

3. HAVE OTHER METHODS BEEN TRIED TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM? Yes
DESCRIBE: Voluntary compliance and education.

4. PERIOD OF TIME THE ORDER WILL BE IN EFFECT: Until Rescinded

5. LIST THOSE EXEMPT FROM THE ORDER: See Order

6. HAS THIS REQUEST BEEN PRESENTED TO THE DMT FOR THEIR INPUT?: Yes
Juneau Ranger District

7. HAS AN ENFORCEMENT PLAN AND A SIGN PLAN BEEN ESTABLISHED?: Yes
Who will enforce the order?: Law Enforcement & Investigations
Who will ensure proper signing?: Recreation and LE&I Personnel

8. WILL THIS ORDER BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY FOR NEED AND PROPER ENFORCEMENT?: Yes

9. ADVERTISE: YES XXXX NO HOW OFTEN Yearly WHAT PAPER Local

original request to the SO, Attn.: Law Enforcement. The request will be routed to the appropriate staff officer, Public Information Officer, and Forest Supervisor.

Recommended: Aleta L. Ellanna Aleta L. Ellanna 3/05/96
District/Monument Official Date

Approved: Janis S. Burns Buyanski 3/26/96
District Ranger/Monument Manager Date

Reviewed: Aleta L. Ellanna 3/26/96
District Law Enforcement Officer Date

Reviewed: David R. [Signature] 4/9/96
Area Enforcement Supervisor Date

Reviewed: Douglas B. Hochdale 4/9/96
Public Information Officer Date