

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ORDER OF THE FOREST SERVICE

Stikine Area  
Tongass National Forest

ORDER NO. 98-03

SPECIAL CLOSURE  
USE OF VEHICLES OFF FOREST DEVELOPMENT ROADS

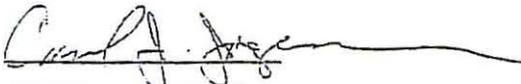
Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the Tongass National Forest, Stikine Area, until further notice. (1) It is prohibited to be upon an area 300 feet within the confluence of Crystal Lake outflow and Blind River between December 1 to April 1. (2) The area from the Blind River bridge connecting Blind Slough Recreation Area with Crystal Lake Fish Hatchery, westward to Big Gulch Creek and between Mitkof Highway and an elevation of 100 feet on the south side of Blind Slough is closed to motorized vehicles. The road surface of Blind Slough Recreation Area and Mitkof Highway are excluded from the closure. (Exhibit A)

- (1) CFR 261.53(a) Threatened, endangered, rare, unique, or vanishing species of plants, animals, birds or fish.
- (2) CFR 261.56 When provided by an order, it is prohibited to possess or use a vehicle off forest development roads.

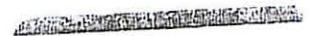
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- (2) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Petersburg, Alaska, this May 28, 1998.



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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both.

Title 16 USC, Section 551.