

OCCUPANCY AND USE  
And  
NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS AND TRAILS

OKANOGAN WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on designated portions of the National Forest System (NFS) roads, trails, and lands as shown on attached map and described below within the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests.

1. **To go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of public safety.** For the purpose of this order, this restriction prohibits entry onto National Forest System lands and includes all methods of travel on all roads and trails along the boundary and within the area described below: (36 CFR 261.53 (e)). This restriction is effective beginning August 1, 2014, and will remain in effect until rescinded.

National Forest System Land within the Chewuch Watershed: Beginning at the intersection of the Forest Boundary and the West Chewuch Road #5100 (T36N R21E Section 35) northwest to Buck Mountain (T36N R21E Section 21) continuing northwest along Sweetgrass Ridge to Isabella Ridge (T37N R20E Section 11) then northwest along Isabella Ridge to the end of the Drake Creek Trail #459 (T38N R19E Section 19), then northwest to Rampart Ridge, swinging south along Rampart Lake (T38N R19E section 2) then due north along Rampart Ridge to Dollar Watch Mountain (T39N R20 E Section 7) then east to Ashnola Pass (T39N R20E Section 12) then following the ridgelines south of Peepsight Lake, northeast to Andrews Pass (T40N R 21E Section 33) then west to Rimmel Mountain (T40N R21E Section 34) then southeast to Cal Peak (T39N R22E, Section 5) then continuing southwest to the intersection of Trails #510 (Chewuch) and #561 (Fire Creek), then following the south side of trail #510A to the wilderness boundary (**not including the trail itself**) (T39N R23E Section 18), then southeast along the south side of Forest Road #3900300 (**not including the road itself and not including the Long Swamp Campground**) to the intersection with the Long Swamp Road #39 (T39N R23E, Section 27, then south along the eastern side of Forest Road #39 (**not including the road itself and not including the Tiffany Spring Campground**) to the intersection with Forest Road #37 Boulder Creek (T36N R23E Section 8) then southwest along road #37 (**including the road**) to the Forest Boundary (T36N R21E Section 35, then southwest to the beginning.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a), the following persons are exempt from this order: Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a), 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 fire fighting force in the performance of on official duty.
3. Forest Service employees on official business.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR 261, Subpart A

Done at Wenatchee, Washington, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

/s/ Michael L. Balboni  
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Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest

Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (Title 16 USC Section 551 and USC 3559 and 3571).

## Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. **Background** – A wildfire is burning in the Falls Creek Drainage, and is in danger of crossing the Chewuch Road. If this happens, anyone north of the fire will be trapped in the drainage with no exit route other than hiking into the wilderness.
2. **Intent of Subpart B Order** – The intent of the order is provide for public safety by not allowing people to enter the area in the immediate vicinity of the fire, or into portions of the Chewuch drainage where exit routes could be blocked by the fire.

The order shall remain in effect until no longer needed. The affected area includes portions of National Forest System.

3. **Enforcement Plan** – On-site posting was completed on August 6, 2014 by posting signs on road barricades, and providing National Guard Troops staffing the closures with copies of the order and associated map. The closure information was shared with the Carlton Complex Information Officer, and with local cooperators (Rural Fire District, county and city law enforcement officers, etc). The information was included in all press releases and public information boards associated with the fire.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official(s)</u>	<u>Initials/Date</u>
Approve Order	Forest Supervisor or Regional Forester (Deputy or Acting Should Not Sign)	
Post Order (36 CFR 261.51)	District Ranger/Forest Supervisor	
Prepare management objectives Describe implementation/action taken for order, such as planned patrols, enforcement strategies, tolerance, contacts to local public agencies.	PAO (with Appropriate Staff/LEI)	
Implement plan	LEO/field going personnel	

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8-12-14  
Date