

**AREA CLOSURE for PUBLIC SAFETY**

**OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

1. **To go into or be upon any area closed for protection of public health or safety [36 CFR 261.53(e)].** For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be within National Forest System lands, roads, or trails adjacent to the Duncan Fire area on the Chelan Ranger District consisting of an area: From the intersection of FS Road 5900 (Shady Pass Road) and FS Road 8140 (Slide Ridge Road) west along FS Road 5900 to FS Road 5900-114, then south along FS Road 5900-114 to Crescent Hill Trailhead, then east along FS Trail 1448 to FS Road 8140 at Windy Pass Trailhead, then northeast, north and west along, **but excluding** FS Road 8140 and Snowberry Campground, to FS Road 5900.

This includes Forest Service lands in:

Township 29 North, Range 20 East, Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 26-35  
Township 29 North, Range 19 East, Sections 24, 25, 36  
Township 28 North, Range 19 East, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 24  
Township 28 North, Range 20 East, Sections 1-24, 27, 28, 29, 33  
Township 28 North, Range 21 East, Sections 6, 7, 8  
Township 29 North, Range 21 East, Section 31

This closure is effective as of **the date signed below** and will remain in effect until terminated.

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, including Washington State employees in performance of an official duty, and their authorized contractors.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or a member of any organized search and rescue, emergency services, or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any private land owner exercising an existing right to access their own private property which is otherwise within the closure area as described above.

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

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

/s/ Michael L. Balboni  
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Forest Supervisor  
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Violations of these prohibitions are 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 and 3571)

## Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background. The Duncan Wildfire is actively burning on the Entiat Ranger District and poses a threat to public safety in the 25 Mile Creek area on the Chelan Ranger District. The Pot Peak, North Fork of 25 Mile Creek, and Devils Backbone Trails and Forest Service Road 5900 need to be closed because they provide a public travel route towards the fire and the area of expected fire growth.
2. Intent of Subpart B order. This order provides for public and agency personnel safety.
3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Staff with LE input	08/07/2014
Review proposed order	Law Enforcement	08/07/2014
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	08/08/2014
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff	08/08/2014
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	Forest PAO, District Staff	08/08/2014
Describe implementation/action taken for order, such as planned patrols, enforcement strategies, tolerance, contacts to local public agencies: Post Order at Road Closures and Entiat and Chelan Ranger District Offices.	District FPOs, other District staff	Ongoing

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

/s/ Michael L. Balboni

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Forest Supervisor  
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

8-12-14

Date