

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:

To go into or be upon any area closed for protection of public health or safety. For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be within National Forest System lands, roads, or trails within the area of the Cle Elum Ranger District, Snag Canyon fire closure area consisting of: Forest Road 3517 at the junction of the 3517-111 spur road, southeast along Forest Road 3517 to the forest boundary in the southeast Section 35 (T20N R18E). Then north along the forest boundary to the south west corner of Section 25 (T20N R18E) where the closure will then follow east along the forest boundary to the south east corner of Section 25 (T20N R18E). It will head north along the forest boundary to the north east corner of Section 25 (T20N R18E). Whereupon the closure will follow the section lines to the west, back to the point of origin. Refer to the closure area map as shown in Exhibit A.

This closure is effective as of August 22 , 2014 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 22nd day of August, 2014.

/s/ Michael L. Balboni

Michael L. Balboni
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:** An emergency closure order for the area within the proximity of a wildland fire beginning on August 2, 2014, within the Wilson Creek drainage of the Cle Elum Ranger District, is necessary for public safety and resource protection. It is prudent to close the area until the wildfire has been controlled. This area within the proximity of the Wilson Creek drainage has been posted closed. This closure is based on the recommendation, due to public safety concerns, of the District Ranger, based on reports and field reviews from the District’s engineer, recreation planner, and law enforcement personnel.

2. **Intent of Closure Order:** To provide for public safety during the period of time the area is at risk of wildfire. This closure will be reviewed periodically to determine its continued need.

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	Kimiko Nalle, Forestry Technician	08/21/14
District review of proposed order	District Ranger, Mary Maj Scott Goninan, LEO	08/21/14
LEI Review proposed order	Robert Moelder, Patrol Captain	08/22/14
Approve proposed order	Michael Balboni, Forest Supervisor	08/22/14
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	Pam Novitzky, Resource Assistant	08/22/14
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	Nancy Jones, PAO, after review by Cle Elum District Ranger	08/22/14
Describe implementation/action taken for order, such as planned patrols, enforcement strategies, tolerance, contacts to local public agencies. Implement plan.	Post signs indicating the roads closed. Periodic patrols by FPOs/LEO to enforce prohibitions.	08/22/14

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

/s/ Michael L. Balboni
Michael L. Balboni
FOREST SUPERVISOR
OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NF

8-22-14
DATE

The following roads, trails and campgrounds near the closure order are OPEN:

Forest Service Road 3500

Forest Service Road 3507

Forest Service Road 3521

The following roads, trails, campgrounds in the closure order are CLOSED:

Forest Service Road 3517

Forest Service Roads 3517-111; 3517-112; 3517-113

Forest Service Spur Roads 614, 616, 618 and 620 associated with Forest Service Road 3517-111

Forest Service Spur Road 622 associated with Forest Service Road 3517-112