

ROAD AND 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) and 36 CFR 261.58(e)). **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 Wenatchee River Ranger District closure area. Overnight camping is prohibited within the closure area.**
2. Using any motorized vehicle on the roads listed when gated, barricaded and/or closure notice is posted (36 CFR 261.54(a))

Forest Service Road #7905-000, FSR 7905-111 and any other spur road originating from FSR 7905-000 are closed from the gate on FSR #7905-000 to the termination of the road system, including foot traffic.

Hatchery Creek Recreation Residence Tract will remain closed to use.

Area Closures are described below:

1) The Area closure boundary begins at the gate on FSR 7905-000. From there follow the Wenatchee River for a mile and a half mile downstream; from that point the closure boundary goes 330 feet due west which brings you to the elevation of 1700 feet; from that point the closure boundary heads northwest for 2000 feet to the private property boundary between section 16 and 17. The closure boundary then follows the private property line to the north for 650 feet to FSR 7905-000, and then heads west for 200 feet then heads northwest for 660 feet to FSR 7905. At this point the closure follows Hatchery Creek to the southeast for 1500 feet to FSR 7905-000. At this point the closure boundary follows FSR 7905-000 to the gate.

2) Chiwaukum Creek Trailhead road (FSR 7908) and any spur roads originating from it along with 7908-115 and 7908-117 are closed for overnight camping.

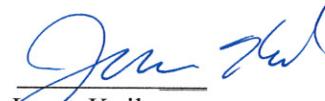
This Area Closure also includes the area described as starting from the intersection of the Wenatchee River and US HWY 2 and the Tumwater Campground entrance road. From that point the Closure boundary goes west of US HWY 2 for 500 feet to an elevation of 2,000 feet (contour interval), then turns and goes north following the 2000 foot contour interval to the private property boundary along the east edge of section 5 of T25N, R17E. From that point the Area Closure goes north, still following the Private property boundary to where it intersects with US HWY 2. At that point the Area Closure follows US HWY 2 south to the starting point.

This closure is effective as of May 8, 2015 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 8th day of May, 2015:


Jason Kuiken
Deputy 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. A fire occurred on the Wenatchee River Ranger District on July 15th, 2014 in the Chiwaukum Creek area and burned with moderate to severe intensities in portions of the fire area. The primary hazard to public safety at this time is from the potential for mud and debris slides moving down through stream channels after a rain event. For public safety these closures aim to reduce risk to public by prohibiting entrance to these areas.

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	5/8/2015
Review proposed order	Law Enforcement	5/8/2015
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	5/8/2015
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff	5/8/2015
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District PIO	5/8/2015
Describe implementation/action taken for order, such as planned patrols, enforcement strategies,	District FPOs, other District staff, Chelan County Deputies	5/8/2015

tolerance, contacts to local public agencies. Implement plan.

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:



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Date



Chiwaukum Creek T.H.

CHIWAUKUM CREEK FIRE

CLOSURE

EFFECTIVE: May 8th, 2015

Legend

CLOSURE AREA

CLOSED TO PUBLIC ENTRY

NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING

CLOSED ROAD

Trailhead

CG

Waterbody

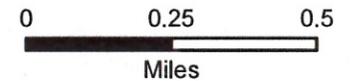
Streams

Okanogan-Wenatchee N.F.

Private Ownership

State Land

Highway



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