ORDER NO. _918_

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS AND AREA

OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a), the following acts are prohibited within the area of National Forest System (NFS) lands, trails, roads and routes as shown in Exhibit A Chelan Ranger District, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. The purpose of the closure is to eliminate public health and safety issues including shooting near private residences and sanitation issues from refuse and human waste generated by the recreating public from May 22, 2015 to May 25, 2015.

1. It is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of public health and safety in Township 27 North, Range 20 East, NW ¼ of Section 1. (36 CFR 261.53(e)).

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

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

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

Done at Wenatchee, Washington, the _22nd_ Day of May, 2015.

*/s/ Jason Kuiken*_____

JASON KUIKEN
Deputy Forest Supervisor
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Violations of this prohibition 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 six months or both. (Title 16 U.S.C. 551 and 19 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571)

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

Background: The proposed closure area was the scene of large groups that were dispersed camping during the Memorial Day Weekend in 2012. The camping is located close to private residences and is accessed by driving down a narrow single lane road that passes through approximately 3 miles of private lands. During 2012 campers cut down green trees, left large amounts of trash, left human waste in an unsanitary condition, and discharged firearms throughout the weekend on NFS lands. Additionally, increased traffic and high rates of speed caused safety concerns for vehicles travelling on the First Creek Road. The disturbance caused by campers on NFS lands to nearby private landowners required visits from Chelan County Sheriff's office during a weekend when law enforcement resources are stretched very thin in the Chelan area.

A closure is necessary for public safety of both potential campers and nearby private landowners especially due to the discharge of firearms, increased risk of accidents on the access road, and human waste left in unsanitary conditions.

Previous closures in this area in 2013 and 2014 were successful in meeting the intent of the closure order.

Intent of Closure: To provide for public safety during the Memorial Day Weekend.

Enforcement Plan: The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order	District Ranger	May 21, 2015
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	May 21, 2015
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	May 21, 2015
Install closure barriers/signs	District Staff	May 22, 2015
Post area with closure order	District Staff	May 22, 2015
Enforce Closure	District Staff	May 22-25, 2015

/s/ Jason Kuiken 5/22/15

JASON KUIKEN
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Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Date

EXHIBIT A
PRIVATE LANDS
NO PUBLIC ACCESS
Camping Closure - National Forest Lands
First Creek
May 22-25, 2015
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY
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