



MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Order # 2015-0604-MAL-03A

WEST FORK FIRE CLOSURE ORDER

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Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in the area described in this order and depicted on attached map within the Malheur National Forest, State of Oregon, County of Grant from July 14, 2015 and in effect until rescinded.

- 1) It is prohibited for any person to be in the area described in Appendix A
36CFR 261.53 (e)

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50(e), 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 law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3) An employee of the Forest Service when performing their official duties.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at John Day, Oregon, this 15th day of July, 2015.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Steven K. Beverlin'.

Steven K. Beverlin
Forest Supervisor
Malheur National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571)



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APPENDIX A- AREA DESCRIPTION

Area Description:

Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 17 (portion north of FR 2150), and 16 (portion north of FR 2150) of Township 14S and Range 28E.

SEE ATTACHED MAP



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Civil Rights Impact Statement

Proposed Action:

This order is needed to reduce potential conflicts between firefighters and the general public in the course of fire suppression. The order will also help protect the public from entering areas with unpredictable safety hazards due to the fire.

Enforcement Procedures:

Enforcement actions can be taken by Law Enforcement Officers (LEO), Special Agent (SA) or Forest Protection Officers (FPO). Issuance of warning notices and citations will be done by any of the above listed officers. Any physical arrest will be performed only by LEOs or SAs.

Duration:

This order will remain in effect until fire conditions improve and safety concerns are mitigated. This order is intended to be temporary in nature.

Posting:

Signing will be used at all major points of entry, distributed to the media, and posted at district offices. The District and Forest are responsible for posting.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LEI input	7-14-15
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	7-14-15
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	7/15/15
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	7/15/15
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District Ranger PAO LEO	7/15/15

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

Steven K. Beverlin

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Forest Supervisor

7/15/15

Date

/s/ Robert Field

Robert Field
Patrol Captain



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West Fork Fire - Area Closure

Appendix A



