

AREA and Trail 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, Chelan Ranger District:

- A. Being on a Trail.** For the purposes of this order it is prohibited to be on the Holden Lake Trail # 1251 and the Hart & Lyman Trail # 1256 as depicted on the attached map (Exhibit A). **[36 CFR 261.55(a)]**
- B. 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 in the Wolverine Fire closure area on the Chelan Ranger District described as:

From the boundary of the Chelan Ranger District and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area on the south shore of Lake Chelan south of Riddle Creek southwest along the ridge to Lucerne Mountain, then northwest along a ridge to Tenmile Pass continuing to Hilgard Pass, then west to Martin Peak, then southeast along Martin Ridge to the wilderness boundary, then south along the wilderness boundary to Railroad Creek, then south along Big Creek to the summit of Seven Fingering Jack Mountain, then west and south on the Entiat and Lake Chelan District boundary, to Emerald Peak and along Bearcat Ridge to Lake Chelan, then northwest along the shore of Lake Chelan (excluding Domke Falls Campground) to the boundary between the Chelan Ranger District and the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area on the south shore of Lake Chelan.

All road and trail sections described above are closed for public use unless indicated otherwise.

The area, including multiple closed trails and campgrounds, is depicted on the attached map (Exhibit A). **[36 CFR 261.53(e)]**

This closure is effective as of **December 15, 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 15th day of December, 2015.

/s/ Michael R. Williams
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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

Background: An emergency closure order is necessary for public safety due to the effects from the Wolverine Fire. There is the potential for falling snags, debris flows, and flash flooding. It is prudent to close this area until the area is acceptable for public occupancy. This closure is based on recommendations of the District Ranger, Fire personnel, and law enforcement personnel due to public safety.

Intent of Closure: To provide for public safety during the time that hazards remain in the Wolverine Fire area.

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	Chelan RD Staff	12/11/2015
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	12/11/2015
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	12/14/2015
Change closure Signs	Entiat RD Staff	12/14/2015

Implement actions for each specific application of the order including: appropriate postings, media contacts, patrols, and enforcement activities.

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Date