

COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST  
Newport Ranger District  
Newport, Washington

Order No. 15-21-09  
FOREST ORDER  
Special Order

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited on designated portions of Colville National Forest System Lands, Newport Sullivan Lake Ranger District, Tower Fire Incident area, south of (but not including) County road 3521 and Forest Road 1934-000 (East Branch LeClerc Creek Road), west of the forest boundary, north of the section lines one mile south of Township 34 N, and all Colville National Forest system lands east of the forest boundary on the Newport-Sullivan Lake Ranger District of the Colville National Forest.

1. **To go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of public health or safety.** [36 CFR 261.53(e)].
2. **Being on the road.** For the purpose of this order, all methods of travel and use are prohibited on National Forest System Roads in the above described area. [36 CFR 261.54(e)].
3. **Being on the trail.** For the purpose of this order, all methods of travel and use are prohibited in the above described area. [36 CFR 261.55(a)].
4. **Use by any type of traffic.** For the purpose of this order, all methods of travel and use are prohibited on National Forest System Roads in the above described area. [36 CFR 261.54(b)].

This closure is effective beginning **August 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Contractors, their agents and employees when in performance of official business are exempt from this prohibition.
4. Owners or lessees of land in the area.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A. Done at Colville, Washington this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August. 2015.

  
Rodney Smoldon  
Forest Supervisor  
Colville National Forest

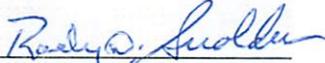
Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

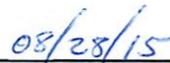
**Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan**

1. **Background:** Description of problem and why the order is proposed. The appropriate staff prepares the order and ensures all other required documentation is completed. The Closure area is described as all Colville National Forest system lands south of (but not including) County road 3521 and Forest Road 1934-000 (East Branch LeClerc Creek Road), west of the forest boundary, north of the section lines one mile south of Township 34 N, and all Colville National Forest system lands east of the forest boundary. The large number of firefighters, heavy equipment and emergency vehicle traffic makes the roads in this area unsafe for public traffic. Due to the nature of the fire and terrain in the area around the fire is not safe for hikers or campers.
  
2. **Intent of Subpart B order:** The rationale behind the order and what should be accomplished.  
Provide for public and worker safety by controlling vehicle movement, hikers and camping in the indicated area. There will be increased foot traffic and Heavy Equipment traffic in the area. There will be aircraft making water and retardant drops as needed. Operation's restricting the vehicle traffic and ground movement reduces the potential safety hazards associated with this activity. These restrictions will be in effect from **Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015** until the fire under control and/or the area is safe.
  
3. **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(s)	John Kennedy	08/26/2015
Law Enforcement	Will Markwardt	08/26/2015
Approve proposed order(s)	Rodney Smoldon, Forest Supervisor	08/26/2015
Post Order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51.		
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	Franklin Pemberton	08/26/2015
Describe implementation/action taken for order, such as planned patrols, enforcement strategies, tolerance, contacts to local public agencies. Implement plan.	Monitor/enforce orders through routine patrols conducted by Law Enforcement Officers assigned to the Colville NF and Sullivan Lake RD FPOs. Post signs (type III barricades with "area Closed" signs) at road junctions to notify users of changed conditions and closures.	Ongoing

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

  
 Rodney Smoldon  
 Forest Supervisor

  
 Date