

COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST
Newport Ranger District
Newport, Washington

Order No. 15-21-12
FOREST ORDER
Special Order

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System Lands as shown on the attached map and described below within Colville National Forest.

Newport Sullivan Lake Ranger District
Area Closure

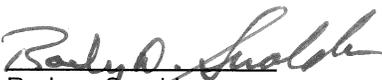
The Tower Fire Incident area is described as the following National Forest System Lands on the Colville National Forest. Please see the attached map.

- South of the Newport and the Sullivan Lake District Boundary.
 - West of the forest boundary.
 - North of the section lines one mile south of Township 34 N.
 - All National Forest System Lands East of the Pend Oreille River.
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 September 10th, 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 10th day of September, 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.

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Due to the nature of the Tower Fire and the potential for increased fire suppression activity around the fire perimeter, it's not safe for hikers or any type of traffic. The large number of firefighters, heavy equipment and emergency vehicle traffic makes the roads in this area unsafe for the public.

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 September 10th, 2015 until the fire is 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.

4.

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order(s)	Rick Hall	09/8/2015
Law Enforcement	Will Markwardt	09/9/2015
Approve proposed order(s)	Rodney Smoldon, Forest Supervisor	09/10/2015
Post Order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51.		
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	Franklin Pemberton	09/10/2015
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

09/10/15
Date

