



WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST
Forest Order # 2011-0616-HCNRA-03



CACTUS MOUNTAIN FIRE ORDER

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Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the area described in this order within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, until further notice.

1. It is prohibited to operate a motor vehicle on any roads located in the area described in Appendix A of this order 36CFR261.54a
2. It is prohibited for any Person to be in the area described in Appendix A of this order.

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

- (1.) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
- (2.) Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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

Done at Baker City, Oregon, this ____8____ day of ____September____, 2011.

/s/ Monica J. Schwalbach
MONICA J. SCHWALBACH
Forest Supervisor
Wallowa-Whitman 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

Description of the area closed:

The boundary starts from the confluence of The Imnaha River and the Snake River. It then heads south along the eastern bank of the Imnaha until the confluence of Lightning Creek. It then follows Lightning creek southeast until it reaches section 29 of T 3 N. R 49 E. S 19. It then heads east as it follows the southern section line of sections 29, 28 and 27 until it reaches Cow Creek. At Cow Creek it heads south along Cow Creek until it reaches the junction of trail 1699. It then follows trail 1699 to the junction of trail 1706. At that point it follows trail 1706 northeast until it reaches the Snake River. Once it reaches the Snake River it follows the Western Bank of the Snake River North till it reaches the confluence of the Imnaha River. (SEE ATTACHED MAP)



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Statement of Need:

The cactus mountain fire has posed a significant challenge to the firefighters and emergency personnel in the area. Persons in the area are interfering with the firefighting operation and could be hurt if allowed to enter the area while the operations are under way. In order to protect the public from harm and ensure that firefighters area unobstructed in their operation the area is closed to both public entry and the use of motor vehicles on the roads

Enforcement Procedures:

Enforcement will be done by FPOs, LEOs and SAs. Discretion will be used in the first couple of days after enacting the order and the preferred method of compliance will be a warning since the goal is to clear the area and protect the public.

Posting:

Posting will be done by the forest staff. Posting should be made at all major access point to the area. Barricades can be used to block entry on roads to the area.

Enforcement Plan

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LEI input	9/08/11
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	9/08/11
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District Ranger PAO LEO	

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

/s/ Monica J. Schwalbach
MONICA J. SCHWALBACH
Forest Supervisor

/S/ Walter Merritt
WALTER MERRITT
Patrol Captain

