WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Order # T-2012-0616-HC-02

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.

This closure is necessary to provide protection to forest visitors from the current fire safety hazards with the Cache Creek Fire in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. Safety hazards associated with fire suppression include; erratic wildland fire behavior, overhead support aircraft, fire fighter vehicles on roads, and use of heavy equipment for line construction and road maintenance.

1) It is prohibited to go into or be upon any area closed for the protection of public safety as described in Attachment A and Attachment B of this order.
36 CFR 261.53 (e)

2) It is prohibited to operate a motor vehicle on any forest service road or trail described in Attachment A and Attachment B of this order.
36 CFR 261.54 (a)

3) It is prohibited to operate a motor vehicle on Forest Service Rd. 46 from the junction of forest service road 4625 to junction with Thomason Meadow.
36 CFR 261.53 (a)

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.
This order supersedes and terminates Forest Order T-2012-0616-HC-01

Done at Baker City, Oregon, this 27th day of August, 2012.

KEVIN MARTIN
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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Supporting Documentation

Statement of Need:

This temporarily closure is needed to provide protection to forest visitors from entering current and potential widland fire areas within the Cache Creek Fire in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. To reduce the exposure of forest visitors from safety hazards, certain areas, roads and trails will be closed. Safety hazards associated with fire suppression include; erratic wildland fire behavior, overhead support aircraft, fire fighter vehicles on roads, and use of heavy equipment for line construction and road maintenance. Forest Service Road 46 was added to the closure due to private vehicles interfering firefighting operations.

Enforcement Procedures: Enforcement will be done by Law Enforcement Officers (LEO), Special Agents and Forest Protection Officers (FPO). If a person suspected of violating this order is observed, Officers will use discretion as appropriate when enforcing this order

Posting:

Posting will be provided by the Districts/ Forest and the forest order posted at the main road and trail entrances to the closure area

Enforcement Plan

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LEI input	
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	8/27/12
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	
Civil Rights Assessment	Civil Rights Officer	

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

KEVIN MARTIN
Forest Supervisor

WALTER MERRITT
Patrol Captain

8/27/2012

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Date

Attachment A

The external boundaries of the closure area are as follows;

From the western side of the Snake River at the Oregon and Washington state line, southeast along the western side of the Snake River to the rivers edge to the Imnaha Trail #1713. Following and including the Imnaha Trail #1713 up Eureka Creek to the Eureka Trail #1732 junction. Following and including the Eureka Creek Trail #1732 to forest road 4600780. Following and including forest road 4600780 to forest road 46. From forest road 46 to forest road northwest to forest road 4680. Following and including forest road 4680 north to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest (WWNF) boundary in Horse Creek. From the intersection with forest road 4680 and the WWNF boundary follow the WWNF boundary north and east back to the western side of the Snake River at the Oregon and Washington state line.

See Attached Map B

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Civil Rights Impact Statement
Cache Creek Fire Closure
Order Number. T-2012-0616-HC-02

Proposed Action:

Due to the current and potential fire activity it is proposed to prohibit use in the area, roads, and trails in the Cache Creek Fire area described in attachments A and B of this order. The closures are necessary to provide protection to forest visitors from the current fire safety hazards.

1. It is prohibited to go into or be upon any area closed for the protection of public safety as described in Attachments A and Attachment B of this order. **36 CFR 261.53 (e)**

2. It is prohibited to be on a road described in Attachments A and Attachment B of this order. **36 CFR 261.54 (e)**

3. It is prohibited to be on a trail described in Attachments A and Attachment B of this order. **36 CFR 261.56**

The following person's are exempt:

(1.) Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
(2.) Any Forest Service employee when engaged in the performance of their official duties
(3.) Persons with a permit from an authorized forest service officer specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission

Duration:

August 27, 2012, to _____

Employee/Community Involvement:

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Civil Rights Point of Contact/Team has reviewed this statement and based on input from these subject matter specialists, no further scoping or input is necessary.

Justification:

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This order is aimed at reducing and avoiding the public's exposure to hazards such as: erratic wildland fire behavior, overhead support aircraft, additional fire fighter vehicle traffic on roads, and use of heavy equipment for line construction and road maintenance.

Mitigation:

The following are suggested mitigations:

1. Ensure signing is adequate in significant locations.
2. Periodically monitor to see if enforcement is being applied equally to all.
3. Periodic Monitoring of the resources to check for damage and to the soil moisture level

Agency

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Date:

Reviewed and approved: