

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
BOISE NATIONAL FOREST
IDAHO CITY RANGER DISTRICT**

**OCCUPANCY AND USE
(For Resource Protection)**

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the area described in this order, within the administrative and proclaimed boundaries of the Idaho City Ranger District, Boise National Forest. This Order will be in effect when signed and will remain in effect until further notice.

1. Camping in the area as described below. **36 CFR 261.58(e)**

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIPTION:

Dispersed Camping Closure Area- This closure area is generally described as 500 feet from National Forest System (NFS) Road #364 (also known as Grimes Creek Road) from a point beginning at the intersection of NFS Road #261 (also known as Clear Creek Road) Northerly for approximately 850 feet on the West side of NFS Road #364 and from a point beginning at the established entrance to the dispersed camping area North of NFS Road 364 and junction with NFS Road #261, on the East side of NFS Road 364 in a Northerly direction for approximately 800 feet and from NFS Road #261, West of Grimes Creek, approximately 385 feet along the NFS Road #261 and approximately 900 feet to the North. The boundaries listed previously are enclosed within a partial fence line.

This area is known locally as the Holcomb Seed Orchard or the Holcomb Guard Station. The legal location of this area is Township 5 N, Range 4 E, Sections 21 & 22. The above described area is within the proclaimed and administrative boundaries of the Idaho City Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Boise County, Idaho, Boise Meridian.

PURPOSE

These restrictions will prevent unacceptable degradation of the seed orchard and protect the areas from uses that could cause damage to the seed trees located within these closure areas.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the above described area is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this Order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six months [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581(b)(7)].
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Idaho City Ranger District in Idaho city (208) 392-6681 and the Boise Forest Supervisor's Office in Boise (208) 373-4100.

Done at Boise, Idaho this 24th day of April, 2013.

For Cecilia R. Seesholtz

CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ

Forest Supervisor

Boise National Forest

Boise NF Order Number: 0402-03-45

**Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan
Holcomb Seed Orchard Special Order
Boise National Forest Number:**

Background: The Holcomb Seed Orchard was thinned in the winter of 2012/2013 to change the progeny test area to a seed producing orchard. Prior to the thinning, many areas of the existing fence had been broken down by years of snow plowing and during the thinning some portions of the fence were removed to allow access. Until such time as the fence can be repaired and in order to preserve the orchard integrity, the trees must be protected from any damage that could be caused by camping and associated vehicle travel, or other human or animal damage.

The Grimes Creek drainage is a very popular area for camping and RV use, due to the close proximity to the Boise Valley and the flat ground within the orchard would be suitable for these uses.

Intent of Subpart B order: Current travel management allows for off road travel up to 300 feet for camping or firewood gathering purposes. The intent of this order is to prohibit off road travel for the purposes of camping or firewood gathering within the seed orchard. Signs prohibiting off road travel for camping and firewood gathering will be installed throughout the area.

These restrictions will minimize the threat of damage to the trees within the orchard.

Enforcement Plan: A cooperative effort between Forest LE&I and District Forest Protection Officers will be implemented. Educational efforts to bring the prohibitions to the attention of the public will be signing throughout the restricted camping and off road travel areas. Forest Service Officers will patrol the area during their scheduled shift. Forest Service Officers will make public contacts to gain voluntary compliance. Written warnings and violation notices will be issued when appropriate.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LE&I input	04/8/2013
Review proposed order	Supervisory LEO	04/9/2013
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	When Signed
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	04/25/2013
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District Ranger	As needed

Educational contacts will be made to obtain voluntary compliance as needed Appropriate Staff LEO/field going personnel throughout the temporary closure period. On going

Assessment and Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

For Cecilia R. Seesholtz

CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ
Forest Supervisor
Boise National Forest

4/24/13

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21

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364

261

3600

3454

3600

Hwy 21
2.7 miles

Grimes
Creek

3800

Holcomb Seed Orchard Closure
Closure Order #
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-  Camping/Motorized Closure Area
-  Forest Roads
-  Streams
-  PVT



Holdcomb
Guard Station

Creek

Clear

Creek