



**WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST**  
 Forest Order # T2013-0616-EC-01  
**ROCK CREEK BRIDGE TRAIL CLOSURE**

**ORDER NO. T2013-0616-EC01**

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) For the purpose of this order, it is prohibited for any person to be on any trail, or segment of any trail as shown on the attached map (Exhibit A). Rock Creek Trail #1905 from the junction with Trail #1673 west to the junction with Trail #1942.  
**36 CFR 261.55(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.

Done at Baker City, Oregon, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

*John Laurence*

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 John Laurence  
 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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**Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan**

**Background:**

This closure is necessary to provide protection to forest visitors and construction crews from hazards associated with construction of the Rock Creek Bridge in the Eagle Cap Wilderness. Safety hazards associated with bridge construction include: trail blockages near drop-offs to creek; overhead support aircraft; limited space, presence of construction materials & activities.

**Intent of Subpart B Order:**

The intent of this order is to provide protection to forest visitors from activities associated with the Rock Creek Bridge construction project. The closing of the trails listed in Exhibit A will prevent entry of the public into the project area and prevent interference with construction activities as well as minimize hazards to construction crews.

**Enforcement Plan:**

Enforcement of this order will be performed by LEOs, FPOs and Special Agents. It will be at their discretion at the level of enforcement taken when enforcing this order.

**Posting:**

District Staff will, at a minimum, post closure signage at main road and trail entrances to the closure area. Closure information will be posted on the FS website as well.

**JOHN LAURENCE**  
Forest Supervisor

**DEWAYNE ROSS**  
Acting Patrol Captain

*28 June 2013*

Date



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## Enforcement Plan

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LEI input	June 2013
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	28 June 13
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:

JOHN LAURENCE  
Forest Supervisor

DEWAYNE ROSS  
Acting Patrol Captain

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### Civil Rights Impact Statement

#### Proposed Action

To temporarily close the Rock Creek Trail #1905 from the junction with trail #1673 west to the junction with Trail # 1942. The area described in this document is located on the Eagle Cap Ranger District, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest pursuant to **Pursuant to 16 USC, 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b)**

The following persons are exempt from this order pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e):

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 fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

#### Duration

Temporary, up to approximately one month, unless amended or revoked by the Forest Supervisor.

#### 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

This order is aimed at reducing and avoiding the public and construction crews' exposure to hazards such as: trail blockages near drop-offs to creek; overhead support aircraft; limited space, and presence of construction materials & activities.

#### 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. Any Forest Service employee when engaged in the performance of their official duties.

#### Implementation

Announcements are placed in the local paper the Order is posted at the Ranger District, and Supervisor's Office. District Staff will, at a minimum, post closure signage at main road and trail entrances to the closure area. Closure information will be posted on the FS website as well.



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### **Date**

June 28, 2013

**Reviewed and approved:**