

# Target Shooting Mt. Hood National Forest



## Recreation Opportunity Guide

### Know the Regulations:

Recreational target shooting is an appropriate use of the Forest when done safely and in accordance with the law. To protect this right, individuals on the Mt. Hood National Forest must respect the land, other visitors, and forest resources. When target shooting is done in the right way, it poses little threat to people's safety or natural resources. However, careless, unsafe shooting can cause great resource damage and pose serious threats to human life: both to forest staff and visitors.



### Firearm Safety Best Practices

To ensure your safety and the safety of others, please adhere to the following universal guidelines:

- All firearms should always be considered loaded
- Never point the muzzle of your gun at anything you are not intending to shoot or destroy
- Keep your finger off the trigger and your safety on until you are on target
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond your target to prevent endangering any person or property
- Before discharging your firearm scout out the area for other people that may be recreating near you
- Only Shoot in an area with a safe backstop preferably an earthen mound
- Firearms should be unloaded when not actually in use
- Use correct ammunition
- Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting

The following order was created as one piece of a broader effort being made by the Mt. Hood National Forest and its partners to reduce risk associated with unsafe shooting activities, provide for public and Forest Service employees safety, as well as to protect natural resources by reducing litter that often accompanies this activity.

### Forest Order # MH-2014-01

1. No person shall place targets on trees or shoot trees for any purpose.
2. No person shall shoot across, from or along any road, trail or body of water.
3. No person shall shoot carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the safety of any person, or in a manner that endangers, or is likely to endanger, any person or property.
4. Persons engaged in target shooting shall remove from National Forest System land all shell casings, targets, and other debris resulting from their use.
5. Persons engaged in target shooting shall utilize an appropriately sized, natural backstop.
6. No person shall shoot targets other than those commercially manufactured for the specific purpose of target shooting, except for paper targets privately manufactured by the person or people engaging in target shooting.
7. No person shall shoot glass of any kind, appliances, furniture, vehicles or other debris determined to be garbage or refuse by an enforcing officer.



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8. No person shall engage in shooting while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
9. Target shooting and other shooting related activity will be prohibited from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise

## Closure Order/Areas:

There are eight Target Shooting Closure Areas on the Mt Hood National Forest.

1. **La Dee OHV Area:** Order No. MH-224-05-93, Clackamas River Ranger District
2. **Memaloose:** Order No. MH-2011-5, Clackamas River Ranger District
3. **Olallie Lake:** Order No. MH-24-03-79, Clackamas River Ranger District.
4. **Eightmile Interpretive Trail:** Order No. MH-239-01-95, Barlow Ranger District
5. **Camas Prairie:** Order No. MH-263-01-99, Barlow Ranger District
6. **Wildcat Mt.:** Order No. MH-288-09-2003, Zigzag Ranger District
7. **Old Maid Flat:** Order No. MH-295-09-2004, Zigzag Ranger District
8. **Clear Lake:** Order No. MH-278-06-2001, Zigzag Ranger District

**Detailed Maps of the areas are available at district offices or online: be sure to pick one up before venturing out.**

Of the one million acres that make up the Mt Hood National Forest, less than 2% are closed to target shooting.

**For additional information and local conditions please call or visit:**

Barlow Ranger District  
780 NE Court Street  
Dufur, OR 97021  
541-467-2291

Clackamas River Ranger District  
595 NW Industrial Way  
Estacada, OR 97023  
503-630-6861

Hood River Ranger District  
6780 Highway 35  
Zigzag, OR 97049  
503-622-3191

Zigzag Ranger District  
70220 E. Highway 26  
Parkdale, OR 97041  
541-352-6002

Additional information can also be found by visiting us on the web at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/mthood>

