



USDA Forest Service
Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

Catherine Creek Arch Closure
Forest Order Number: 06-22-01-24-09

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a), the following special prohibitions are established in area known as the Catherine Creek Arch, within Klickitat County, State of Washington, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. This Order becomes effective on **December 31, 2024**, and will remain in effect through **December 31, 2026**, unless rescinded sooner.

Prohibitions:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following act is prohibited on National Forest System Lands in an area known as Catherine Creek Arch.

Going into or being upon any area, which is closed for the protection of (*36 CFR § 261.53(b and c)*):

1. Special biological communities, and
2. Objects or areas of historical, archaeological, geological, or paleontological interest.

Closure Area:

National Forest System (NFS) lands at Catherine Creek, within the Columbia River National Scenic Area in Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 11 East, Willamette Meridian, Klickitat County, Washington; and encompassing the geologic feature known as Catherine Creek Arch as delineated on the ground with a wood rail fence within Klickitat County, State of Washington.

See attached Exhibit A and B.

Exemptions:

Pursuant to **36 CFR § 261.50(e)**, the following are exempt from this order.

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
“Person” means natural person, corporation, company, partnership, trust, firm, or association of persons. “Permit” means authorization in writing by a Forest Officer. “Forest Officer” means an employee of the Forest Service.
2. Any Federal, State or Local Officer or member of an organization firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any person conducting Forest Service administrative work through an authorized contract or agreement.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR § 261, subpart A.

Executed on this day **31st** day of **December, 2024** in Hood River, Oregon.

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