

# **TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST**

Prince of Wales Ranger District

Order No: 10-05-36-24-02

## **AREA AND ROAD CLOSURE ORDER**

### **PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited in the vicinity of the Ross Adams Mine within the Prince of Wales Ranger District on the Tongass National Forest:

1. Going into or being upon the area of National Forest System (NFS) lands that include the portions of the dock and loadout barge above mean high tide in the West Arm of Kendrick Bay.
2. Going into or being upon any road or area of National Forest System (NFS) lands within 200' from the centerline of the mine roads, including the road from the dock to the 300'-level portal, the road to the 900'-level, the road between the 900'-level and the 700'-level, and the I & L road.
3. Going into or being upon the area of National Forest System (NFS) lands within 250' from the edge of the Ore Staging Area (OSA), mine rock piles, portals, and open pit.

### **EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), each of the following are exempt under this order.

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. 36 CFR 261.50(e)(1).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty. 36 CFR 261.50(e)(3).

### **PURPOSE:**

This closure on the remote SE area of Prince of Wales Island north and northwest of the West Arm of Kendrick Bay is needed because heavy equipment will be operating in the area during the removal action to clean up contamination and close mine hazards

associated with the abandoned Ross Adams uranium mine.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This order is in effect June 21, 2024, through September 30, 2024, and April 1 through September 30, 2025. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e) and 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).
2. A map identifying the closed areas and roads is attached and made part of this order as Exhibit A.
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this order, the terms used in this order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.
5. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Craig, Alaska, this 21 day of **June**, 2024



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