



# Shooting Rules and Regulations

Mt. Hood National Forest | Forest Service

## About These Rules

All users of national forests are subject to federal regulations. They are meant to control actions that cause damage to natural resources and facilities, as well as actions that cause unsafe conditions or unreasonable disturbances for visitors. The full, official set (indicated by *italics* on this list) is published in Title 36: Parks, Forests, and Public Property of the Code of Federal Regulations, available online: [www.ecfr.gov](http://www.ecfr.gov). Violations are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. See 16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571. The federal government is not responsible for any loss or theft of personal property.

## Firearms and Shooting Rules

The following are **prohibited**:

- Firing any tracer bullet or incendiary ammunition. *36 CFR 261.5*.
- Discharging a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property as follows: *36 CFR 261.10 (d)*.
  1. In or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, or
  2. Across or along a National Forest System road or an body of water, or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result in such discharge.

Under *36 CFR 261.53 (e) and 261.11*, the following are **prohibited**:

- Firing fully automatic weapons.
- Failure to remove all trash, targets, shells, and other debris.
- Use of TV sets, computers, appliances, furniture, glass, metal, bottles, cans, breakable targets, or any other miscellaneous objects as targets.
- Trap or skeet shooting.
- Shooting at any type of moving target.
- Shooting into trees, signs, structures, or in any direction other than the backstops.
- Crossing the firing line before a cease fire has been called.
- Failure to fire at targets that correspond with your firing position.
- Quick draw or firing from a holstered pistol.



**Do not shoot within 150 yards of a residence, building, or recreation site.  
Do not shoot along or across a road, trail, or river/stream!**



## Sanitation

Be prepared to pack out your trash & shooting debris!  
Pack a tarp & trash bag.

Under *36 CFR 261.11*, the following are **prohibited**:

- Possessing or leaving refuse, debris, or litter in an exposed or unsanitary condition.
- Failing to dispose of all garbage, including any paper, can, bottle, sewage, wastewater or material, or rubbish either by removal from the site or area, or by depositing it into receptacles or at places provided for such purposes.
- Dumping of any refuse, debris, trash, or litter brought as such from private property.

## Fires

Under *36 CFR 261.5*, the following are **prohibited**:

- Carelessly or negligently throwing or placing any ignited substance or other substance that may cause a fire.
- Causing timber, trees, slash, brush, or grass to burn except as authorized by permit.
- Leaving a fire without completely extinguishing it.
- Causing and failing to maintain control of a fire that damages the National Forest System.
- Building, attending, maintaining, or using a campfire without removing all flammable material from around the campfire adequate to prevent its escape.

## Vehicle Operation

The Mt. Hood Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) shows legal roads, seasonal and wildlife closures, and is used by law enforcement and Forest staff to enforce which roads are legally open to vehicles. MVUMs are free and available at all Forest offices and on the Forest website: [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mthood/mvum](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/mthood/mvum)

## Interfering with a Forest Officer

Under *36 CFR 261.3*, the following are **prohibited**:

- Threatening, resisting, intimidating, or interfering with any forest officer engaged in or on account of the performance of his official duties in the protection, improvement, or administration of the National Forest System.
- Giving any false, fictitious, or fraudulent report or other information to any Forest Officer engaged in or on account of the performance of his official duties knowing that such report or other information contains false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry.
- Threatening, intimidating, or intentionally interfering with any Forest officer, volunteer, or human resource program enrollee while engaged in, or on account of, the performance of duties for the protection, improvement, or administration of the National Forest System or other duties assigned by the Forest Service.

## Resource Protection

Under *36 CFR 261.9*, the following are **prohibited**:

- Damaging or removing any natural feature or other property of the United States.
- Damaging or removing any plant that is classified as a threatened, endangered, sensitive, rare, or unique species.
- Digging in, excavating, disturbing, injuring, destroying, removing or in any way damaging any prehistoric, historic, or archaeological resource, structure, site, artifact, or property.

## Fireworks and Explosives

The following are **prohibited**:

- Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework, explosive, or other pyrotechnic device. *36 CFR 261.52 (b), (f)*

## Fish and Wildlife

Laws and regulations established by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) apply to national forests. Hunting and fishing seasons, regulations and bag limits are set by ODFW. Licenses and regulation guides are available at most retail stores. More info at: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/>