

**TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST**  
**Admiralty Island National Monument, Alaska**

**Order No: 10-05-34-25-11**

**FOREST ORDER**

Pursuant to **16 U.S.C. § 551** and **36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b)**, and to provide for public health and safety, the following acts are prohibited on the Tongass National Forest within Admiralty Island National Monument:

**Going into or being upon National Forest System Road #SHA0273 and any area within 0.5 mile of this road from milepost 0.0 (former site of the Cube Cove Log Transfer Facility) to Ward Creek, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR § 261.53(e) and § 261.54(e).**

**Going into or being upon any road and any area within .5 mile of a road within the entire Ward Creek drainage, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR § 261.53(e) and § 261.54(e).**

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)(4).

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A. Implementation

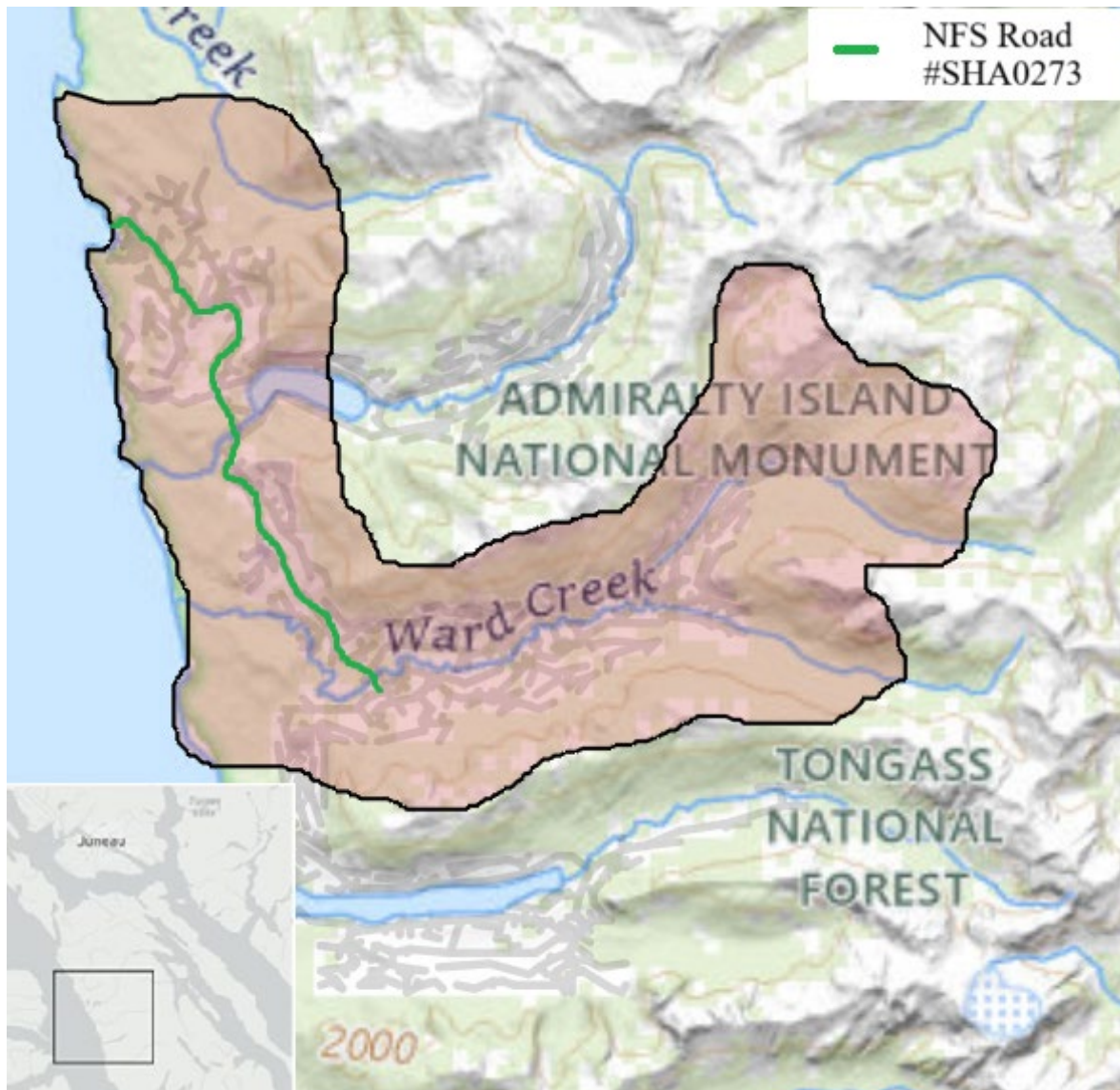
1. This Order shall be in effect from July 22nd, 2025, through September 2nd, 2025, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the road and closure area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 CFR Parts 200-299.
4. 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 USC §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Juneau, Alaska, this 22nd day of July, 2025.

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Exhibit A. Map of the closure area, highlighted in red, extending from the Cube Cove LTF southward to Ward Creek in Admiralty Island National Monument.



## ASSESSMENT OF NEED AND ENFORCEMENT PLAN

1.**Background:** The legacy road system within the Cube Cove Restoration Project area has not been open to motorized use since the US Forest Service purchased the parcels (22,890 acres between 2016 and 2020), but recent road clearing has made it accessible. The Cube Cove mainline road (SHA0273) extends from the LTF to the Ward Creek bridge, but an extensive road system remains throughout five drainages. USFS public use cabins on Lake Kathleen and Lake Florence are primarily reached by floatplane.

2.**Intent of Subpart B order:** The order is necessary to ensure public health and safety. As part of an aquatic restoration project, explosive material will be transported and staged along the mainline road before being deployed at multiple sites throughout the Ward Creek drainage. The closure is intended to prevent access by and disturbance to the public on and around the mainline road as well as the entire Ward Creek drainage. The activities may incur falling trees, airborne debris, landslides, and sudden loud noise which could compromise safety.

3.**Enforcement Plan:** Notifications will be conducted through regular Forest Service/District channels with direction and input from the Forest Public Affairs Office. Enforcement may take place through patrols at the discretion of the LEO. The project crew will be deploying remote cameras and alarms near each site to monitor and warn people and wildlife, and the materials will be visibly inspected daily by project personnel. This proposed Forest Order will expire on September 2nd, 2025.

## ORDER CHECKLIST

Action	Responsible Official(s)	Initials / Date
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate staff with LEI input	MJ 6.14.25
NEPA requirements completed	Appropriate staff	JG 6.17.25
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain or SAC	WFE 6/26/25
Review by OGC	OGC	
Approved proposed order	Forest Supervisor or Regional Forester	MN 7/22/25
Post order (36 CFR 261.51)	District Ranger / Forest Supervisor	
Prepare news release for order	District Ranger / PAO	
Prepare enforcement plan	Appropriate staff with LEI input	