

AREA CLOSURE for PUBLIC SAFETY

OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

1. **To go into or be upon any area closed for protection of public health or safety.** For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be within National Forest System lands, roads, or trails within the area of the Wenatchee River Ranger District closure area consisting of: East of State Highway 97 (Extending from Blewett Pass, north to the Junction of Highway 97 and Highway 2) The eastern boundary of the Wenatchee River Ranger District along Range 19 E, extending south to the Mission Peak area and following the Cle Elum Ranger District Boundary. Refer to the closure area map as shown in Exhibit A. This includes all National Forest System (NFS) lands as described below:

Any portion of National Forest Lands within T 21, 22,23N, and R 18, 19,20E Sections 1 through 36 of USFS owned parcels, defined by the following boundary: beginning at the junction of State Highway 97 and State Highway 2/97, South to Blewitt Pass, East along the Cle Elum Ranger District Boundary, northwest following USFS property boundaries.

[36 CFR 261.53(e)]

This closure is effective as of **Sept. 12, 2012** and will remain in effect until terminated.

This closure does not prohibit through travel along any portion of State Highway 97, and State Highway 2.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, including Washington State employees in performance of an official duty, and their authorized contractors.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or a member of any organized search and rescue, emergency services, or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any private land owner exercising an existing right to access their own private property which is otherwise within the closure area as described above.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Wenatchee, Washington this 12th day of September, 2012.

/s/ Stuart Woolley for _____
Rebecca L. Heath
Forest Supervisor
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 USC 551 And 18 USC 3559 and 3571)

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background.

2. Intent of Subpart B order. This order provides for public and agency personnel safety..

3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Staff with LE input	09/11/2012
Review proposed order	Law Enforcement	09/11/2012
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	09/11/2012
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff	09/11/2012
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District PIO	09/11/2012
Describe implementation/action taken for order, such as planned patrols, enforcement strategies, tolerance, contacts to local public agencies. Implement plan.	District FPOs, other District staff, Chelan County Deputies	09/11/2012

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

/s/ Stuart Woolley for
Rebecca L. Heath
Forest Supervisor
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

9/12/12
Date