

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 trail closed for protection of public health or safety.** For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be on any National Forest System trail as described on attachment A. [36 CFR 261.53(e)]
- 2. Being on National Forest System Roads [NFSR] 1915, 1708 East of junction with NFSR 1708-665, 1708-591, 1708-594, 1708-665, 1708-677, and 1701-530.**

This closure is effective as of **August 22, 2013** and will remain in effect until terminated.

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 23 day of August 2013.


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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

Background: An emergency closure order is necessary for public safety due to a forest fire in the Manastash Ridge area. Trails provide the only means of access to this area. It is prudent to close these trails until fire is suppressed and the area is safe for public occupancy. Only Agency personnel, or those persons involved in firefighting and suppression activities or law enforcement patrols are allowed access under this permit. This closure is based on recommendations of the District Ranger, Fire personnel, and law enforcement personnel due to public safety and fire fighter safety concerns.

Intent of Closure: To provide for public safety during the time that wildfire hazards remain.

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

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order	District Ranger	
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	
Prepare news release for local Media	Public Information Officer	
Install closure barriers and Enforcement	Fire Security Staff	
Post area with closure order	Fire and District Staff	

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Date

ATTACHMENT A - TRAILS CLOSED TO ENTRY 8/22/13

Cle Elum Ranger District

1350	Manastash Lake	South of junction with 1350.2 - Plantation
4W307	Tripod Flat	South of junction with 1350.2 - Plantation
4W307.1	Lost Lake Jeep	Full Length
4W308	Shoestring Jeep	Full Length
4W330	Tipover	Full Length
4W309	String	Full Length
1384	Rocky Saddle	Full Length
4W306	Manastash Ridge	East of junction with 4W328 – Wells Meadow
1385	Shoestring	South of junction with 1386 – Keenan Meadow

Naches Ranger District

949	Quartz Creek	East of junction with FSR 1901-4W307
4W676	Kaner Flat	East of junction with FSR 1901-722 – 4W307
4W617	Lily Pond	Full Length
950	Old Kaner	Full Length
4W685	Woodpecker By-pass	Full Length
4W686	Milk Creek	Full Length
4W687		Full Length
4W644	CJR's Hideout	Full Length
966	Gold Creek	Full Length
4W695	Mid Summit	North of junction with FSR 1701-4W307
4W698		Full Length
4W688		East of 949 junction- 4W694 junction
4W694		East of 4W688- 4W670 junction

Funny Rocks Recreational Area



