S.O. Order: 828

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 Cle Elum Ranger District closure area consisting of: Forest Road 3100 west of the Forest Boundary, Forest Road 3120 south of its junction with Divide Jeep Trail, Forest Road 3111 south of its junction with Forest Road 3111-115, Forest Road 3111-117, Frost Mountain Trail 1366 south of Frost Mountain, Hoyt Trail 1345 south of its junction with 3120; Divide Jeep Trail 4W311, Manastash Lake Trail 1350, Shoestring Trail 1385, Manastash Ridge Jeep Trail 4W306 and Manastash Jeep Trail 694 of the Cle Elum Ranger District. 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 Sections 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 24, and 25 of Township 18 North, Range 14 East; Sections 8, 10, 16, 18, 19 – 36 of Township 18 North, Range 15 East; and Sections 1 – 4 of Township 17 North, Range 15 East with the Cle Elum Ranger District, as shown in Exhibit A.

[36 CFR 261.53(e)]

This closure is effective as of **August 25, 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 24 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 wildfire in the Manastash Ridge area. It is prudent to close this area 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	August 24, 2013
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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August 24, 2013
Date

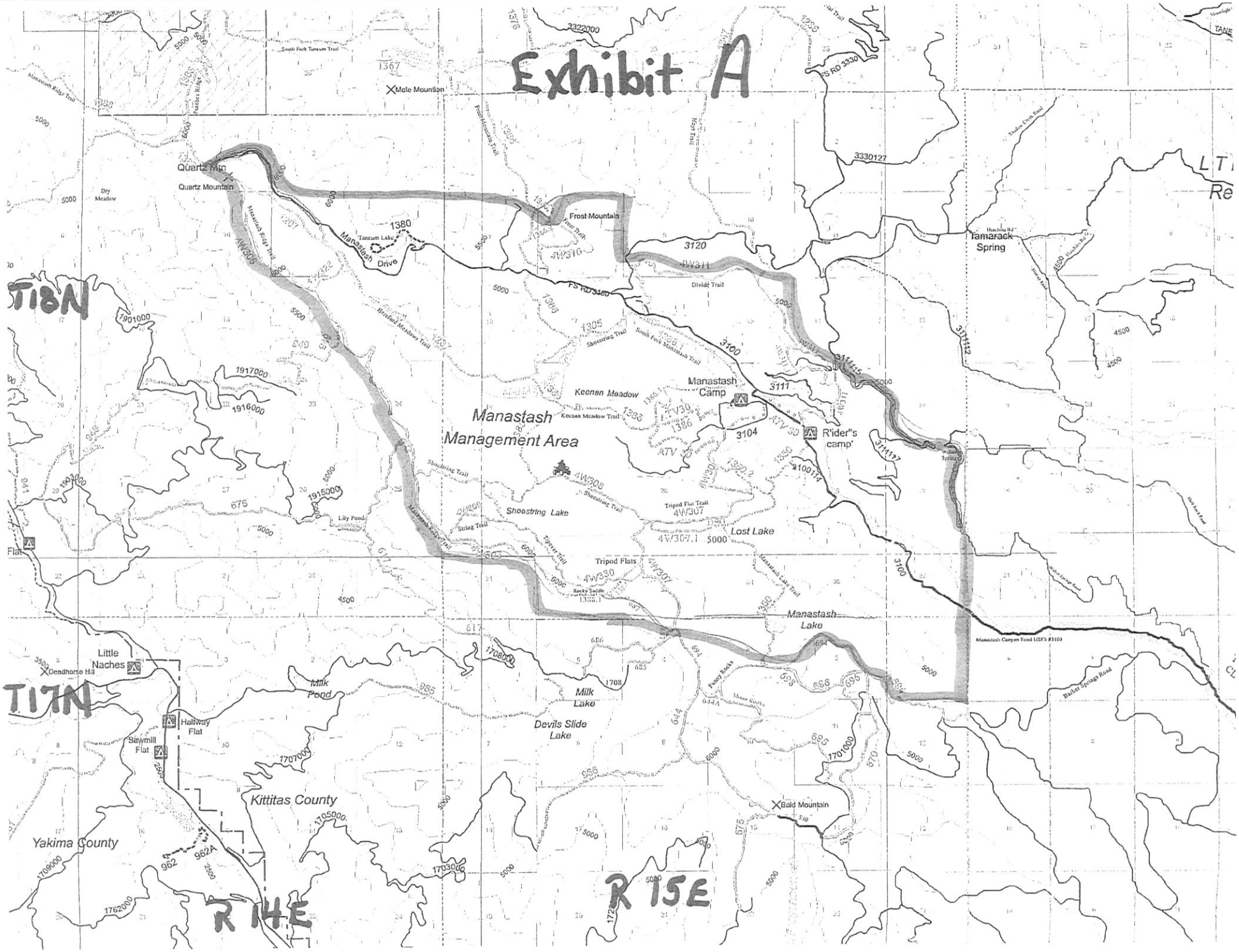
Exhibit A
Mole Mountain
Quartz Mtn
Quartz Mountain
Dry Meadow
Tamarack Spring
Frost Mountain
Tancum Lake
Manastash Drive
Divide Trail
Shoestring Trail
South Fork Manastash Trail
Keenan Meadow
Keenan Meadow Trail
Manastash Camp
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Manastash Management Area
Shoestring Lake
Lily Pond
Tripod Flat Trail
Lost Lake
Tripod Flats
Manastash Lake
Manastash Canyon Road USFS #3100
Little Naches
Dendhorse Hill
Milk Pond
Milk Lake
Devils Slide Lake
Halfway Flat
Sawmill Flat
Kittitas County
Yakima County
Bald Mountain
T18N
T17N
R14E
R15E