



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
OKANOGAN - WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST
NACHES, WASHINGTON

OCCUPANCY AND USE
And
NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS, ROADS AND TRAILS

ORDER NO. 06-17-08-16-989

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and/or (b), the following acts are prohibited upon designated portions of National Forest System (NFS) Lands and Trails within the Naches Ranger District as described below and shown on the attached map:.

PROHIBITION:

1. GOING INTO OR BEING UPON ANY AREA CLOSED FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY.

For the purpose of this order, this restriction prohibits entry onto National Forest System lands and includes all methods of travel on all roads and trails along the boundary and within the area described below: (36 CFR 261.53 (e)).

2. PARKING OR LEAVING A VEHICLE IN VIOLATION OF POSTED INSTRUCTIONS.

For the purpose of this order, this restriction prohibits parking or leaving a vehicle at any site or any area adjacent to a road where such site or area has been temporarily posted as being closed to parking due to fire or another emergency situation.[36 CFR 261.58(g)]

3. BEING ON A TRAIL.

For the purpose of this order, this restriction prohibits all methods of travel on any National Forest System Trail which has been posted as temporarily closed to public entry due to fire or other emergency situations. [36 CFR 261.55(a)]

Naches Ranger District
Area Closure – Rock Creek Fire

- Closure begins from the south east point at the junction of FSR 1701-000 and State Route 410. (T16N,R15E, Sec. 16)
- Closure continues north east along the south side of FSR 1701-000 road to the junction with FSR 1714-000 and 1713-000. (T16N,R15E, Sec. 11)
- Closure then runs east along the south side of FSR 1714-000 to the junction with FSR 1714-615. (T16N,R15E, Sec. 12)
- Closure then runs east following the 1714-615 to the National Forest Boundary and extends due east beyond the National forest boundary for approximately 0.46 miles into DNR ownership. (T16N, R16E, Sec. 7)
- Closure then turns due north and continues north for approximately 5.6 miles to the north east corner of section 19. (T17N, R16E, Sec. 19) and west to the southeast corner of T17N R15E, Sec 13.
- Closure then turns north and runs for 2 miles to the Naches/Cle Elum District Boundaries, and follows that until 4X4 route 686.
- Closure travels westerly on 4X4 Rt. 686, onto FSR 1708 and westerly to SR 410.
- Closure follows SR 410 easterly to its point of origin at FSR 1701.

EXEMPTIONS:

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.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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

Executed in Wenatchee, Washington this 12 day of September 2016.


FOE MICHAEL R. WILLIAMS
Forest Supervisor
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Violations of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B Misdemeanor, 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; 18 USC § 3559 and 18USC § 3571).

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

Prohibition Objective: The closure of the roadways to motorized public access is necessary to ensure public health and safety. Road is damaged at the closure point and beyond make motorized vehicular access unsafe.

Public Notification Plan: Information associated with the closure will be made available to the public through media releases, partner organizations, and at Forest Service offices. The affected area will be posted with signs indicating the road is closed to public entry.

Enforcement Plan:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	<i>Kilian Lawrence</i> Naches District Ranger	9/12/2016
Review proposed order (Law Enforcement)	Patrol Captain	
Approve proposed order	<i>RBN</i> Forest Supervisor	9/12/2016
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	<i>Jan Stet</i> District Staff Officer and Staff	9/12/16
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives (IMT 2)	Public Affairs Officer <i>Julie Amble</i>	9/12/16
District staff will be responsible for the management and enforcement of this closure. Any enforcement actions will be within normal policies and procedures established by the LEI Patrol Captain for the zone.	District Staff <i>M.P.S.W.</i>	9/12/16



September 12, 2016

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Michael R. Williams
FOREST SUPERVISOR
TO: FILE
SUBJECT: Rock Creek Fire Closure
FILE CODE: 1950

The intent of this memorandum is to describe the need for a temporary closure of National Forest System within the area of the Rock Creek Fire and associated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance.

BACKGROUND AND NEED:

- The justification for this temporary closure is for the protection of public safety. The risk to public safety because of active fire, hazards created from wildfire, and fire repair warrants the closing of the area temporarily. There is a potential of injury to the public traveling by vehicle or on foot within the closed area.
- In order to mitigate this risk, a temporary closure from the junction of the National Forest System Road No. 1701 and SR 410 (T16N, R15E, Sec. 16), continues north east along the south side of FSR 1701 to the junction with FSR 1714 and 1713. (T16N, R15E, Sec. 11), then runs east along the south side of FSR 1714 to the junction of FSR 1714-615. (T16N, R15E, Sec. 12), then runs east following the 1714-615 to the National Forest Boundary and extends due east beyond the National forest boundary for approximately 0.46 miles into DNR ownership. (T16N, R16E, Sec. 7), then turns due north and continues north for approximately 5.6 miles to the north east corner of section 19, and west to the southeast corner of T17N R15E, Sec 13, then turns north and runs for 2 miles to the Naches/CleElum District Boundaries, and follows that until 4X4 route 686. Closure then travels westerly on 4X4 Rt. 686, onto FSR 1708 and westerly to SR 410, following SR 410 easterly to its point of origin at FSR 1701.

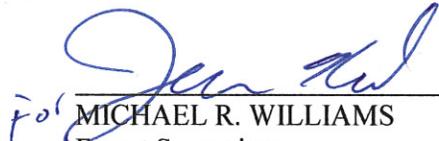
The closure will commence September 12, 2016. Routine assessments will be conducted to identify the risk to the public. The temporary order would be pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(b).

SCOPING:

A notice has been posted on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest website and at several road junctions. The Naches District Ranger and staff have discussed the closure with potentially interested parties.

REASONS FOR CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDING THE ACTION:

Based on a review of the proposed order and consultation with District and Forest resource specialists, I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 C.F.R. § 220.6(d) (1) – *prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety* – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure.


MICHAEL R. WILLIAMS
Forest Supervisor
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest



Rock Creek Fire-Incident 495



Legend

- 4X4 Jeep Trails
- Streams
- FS Roads
- FirePerimeter09112016
- Spotfires
- Rock Creek Fire_Closure Area
- Naches RD Boundary

