



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

NACHES, WASHINGTON

ORDER NO. 06-17-08-16-991

EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited upon National Forest Roads in the Naches Ranger District within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest as described below and shown in Exhibit "A". This Order will be effective beginning September 19, 2016 until rescinded.

PROHIBITION:

1. **USE BY ANY TYPE OF TRAFFIC ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS LISTED BELOW AND SHOWN ON EXHIBIT "A" [36 CFR 261.54(b)]**

For the purposes of this order, any type of travel is prohibited on the following Forest Service Roads (FSR) due to fire:

- **Forest Service Road (FSR) 1701** beginning at the Forest Boundary, (T. 16 N., R15 E., Sec.9).
- East to the junction with FSR 1714 (T.16 N, R. 15 E., Sec. 11)
- Continuing north on FSR 1701 to the junction with FSR 1720, (T. 17 N., R.15 E., Sec.26)
- **West and Southwest on FSR 1720** to the junction with FSR 1702, (T.16 N., R.15 E., Sec. 4)
- **South on FSR 1702** to the Forest Boundary (T. 16 N., R.15 E., Sec.4)
- **Including the following spur roads connected to FSR 1701, 1720 and 1701; 511, 517, 525, 540, 544, 550, 545, 547, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 627, 630, 639 and 643.**

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 19th day of September 2016.

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>[Signature]</i> Naches District Ranger	9/18/2016
Review proposed order (Law Enforcement)	Patrol Captain	
Approve proposed order	<i>[Signature]</i> Forest Supervisor	9/19/2016
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	<i>[Signature]</i> District Staff Officer and Staff	9/19/2016
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives <i>(log 1/MT 3)</i>	Public Affairs Officer <i>[Signature]</i>	9/19/16
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>[Signature]</i>	09/18/16



September 19, 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 road closure of National Forest System Roads within the area of the Rock Creek Fire and associated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance.

BACKGROUND AND NEED:

The justification for this temporary road 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 roads in the fire area temporarily. There is a potential of injury to the public traveling by vehicle or on foot on these closed roads.

- In order to mitigate this risk, a temporary road closure from the National Forest Boundary, National Forest System Road No. 1701 (T16N, R15E, Sec. 9), continues north east to the junction with FSR 1714, continue north on FSR 1701 to the junction with FSR 1720 (T17N, R15E, Sec. 26), then runs east along the south side of FSR 1714 to the junction of FSR 1714-615. (T16N, R15E, Sec. 12), then west/northwest and south on FSR1720 to the junction with FSR 1702 (T16, R15E, Sec.4), continue on FSR 1702 to the National Forest Boundary (T16N, R15E, Sec. 4). Including the following spur roads connected to FSR 1701, 1720 and 1701; 511, 517, 525, 540, 544, 550, 545, 547, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 627, 630, 639 and 643.

This road closure will commence September 19, 2016. Routine assessments will be conducted to identify the risk to the public. The temporary order would be pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b).

SCOPING:

A notice has been posted on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest website and at Forest Boundary and identified 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



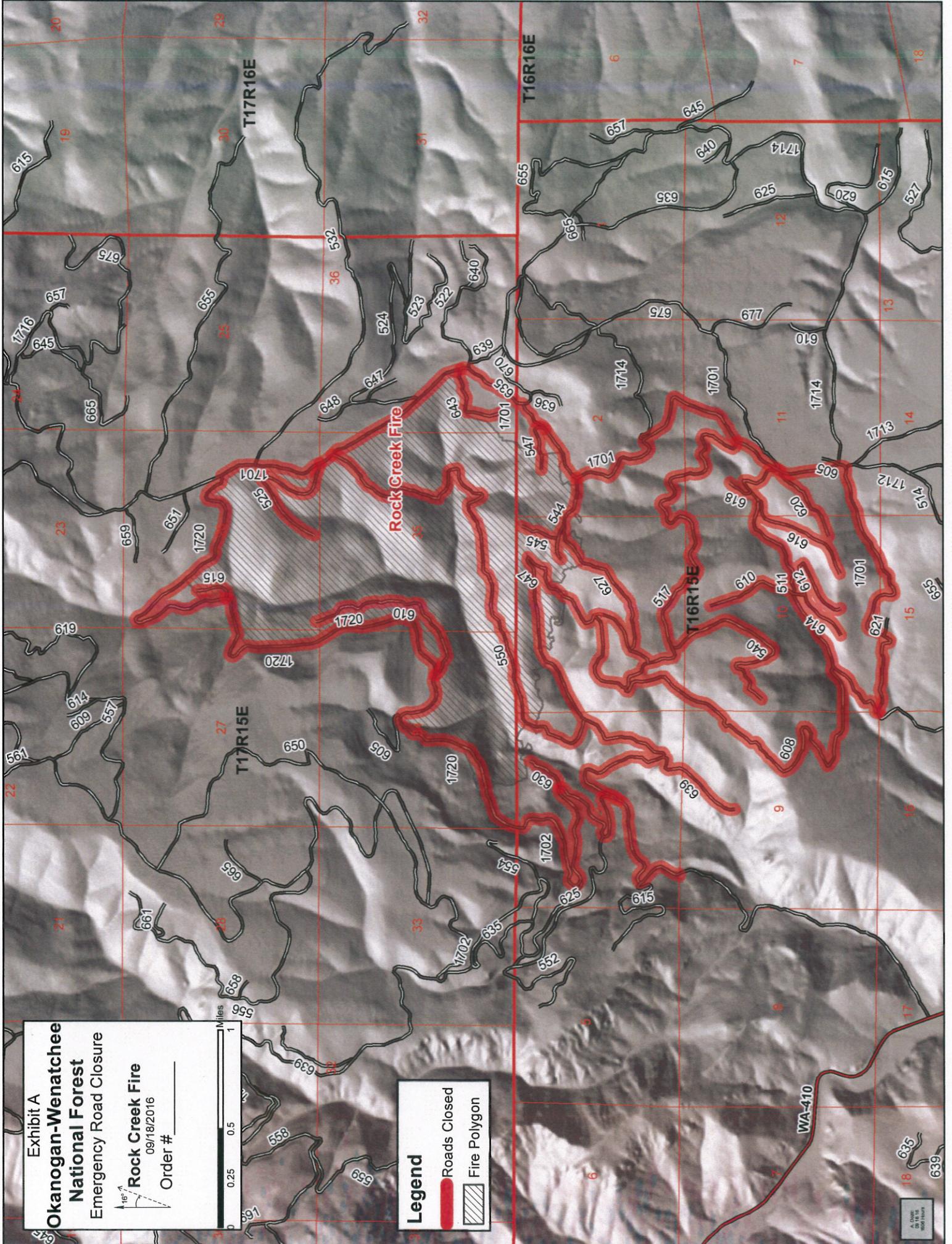


Exhibit A
Okanogan-Wenatchee
National Forest
Emergency Road Closure

Rock Creek Fire
09/18/2016

Order # _____



Legend

- Roads Closed
- Fire Polygon