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FIRE CLOSURE ORDER – White Mountain National Recreation Area

United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Order No. (AK020-22-002)

Under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Title 43, United States Code, Section 1701, et. seq.) and pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 9212.2(a), the following closures area in effect for the Western portion of the White Mountains National Recreation Area.

It is the policy of the Bureau of Land Management to take all necessary actions to protect human life, the public lands, and the resources and improvements thereon through the prevention of wildfires. Wherever possible, the Bureau of Land Management's actions will complement and support state and local wildfire prevention actions. 43 U.S.C. § 9212.0-6

The Eastern Interior Field Office has temporarily closed public access to the western portion of the White Mountains National Recreation Area due to ongoing wildland fire activity associated with the Minto Lakes Fire (#349). The closure includes trails, public use cabins, trail shelters and the Wickersham Dome Trailhead (mile 28 Elliott Highway), which may be used as a base camp for firefighters nearby.

The following BLM trails are closed:

- Wickersham Creek Trail
- Trail Creek Trail (between the junction with Wickersham Creek Trail and the junction with Moose Creek Trail)
- Moose Creek Trail
- Summit Trail

The following BLM public use cabins and shelters are closed:

- Lee's Cabin
- Eleazar's Cabin
- Moose Creek Cabin
- Summit Trail Shelter
- Wickersham Creek Trail Shelter

Penalties:

Pursuant to Title 43 § 9212,0-5, 9212.1, and 9212.4, any person who knowingly and willfully violates the

regulations at § 9212.1 of this title shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than twelve (12) months, or both. Restitution for total fire suppression or damage costs incurred will be borne by the violator. Individuals violating this order can be subject to fines up to and including \$1,000 along with associated fire suppression and rehabilitation costs pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.4.

This order shall go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2022, and will remain in force until August 12, 2022, or otherwise rescinded.

Information concerning these fire restrictions may be obtained at <u>https://akfireinfo.com/ or by calling the Fairbanks</u> <u>District Office at 907-474-2200.</u>

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Date