



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Methow Valley Ranger District
Winthrop, WA**

NW Pasayten Wilderness Fires Closure

Closure Order: 06-17-04-22-14

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Methow Valley Ranger District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This Order is effective September 6, 2022, and will remain in effect until November 30, 2022, unless rescinded sooner.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. **Entering into or being upon National Forest System lands**, as described below and displayed on the attached map, Exhibit A [36 CFR § 261.53(e)].
2. **Being on a National Forest System trail**, as described below and displayed on the attached map, Exhibit A [36 CFR § 261.55(a)].

CLOSURE AREA DESCRIPTION:

The Fire Emergency Area Closure is defined as follows:

The fire closure area boundary begins at the junction of the U.S. – Canada border and the administrative boundary with Ross Lake National Recreation Area (NRA) in northwest corner of T. 41 N., R. 14 E., sec. 32. The closure boundary follows the NRA boundary south to where it crosses Trail #749 in T. 40 N., R. 14 E., sec. 3. From this point, the closure follows and includes Trail #749 to the east to the point where Trail #749 crosses the boundary between Okanogan County and Whatcom County in the southwest corner of T. 40 N., R. 16 E., sec. 23. The closure then proceeds north along the county border to its intersection with the U.S. - Canada border in T. 41 N., R. 16 E., sec. 39, then west along the U.S. - Canada border until reaching the point of origin in northwest corner of T. 41 N., R. 14 E., sec.38.

The following trails are included in this closure order:

Trails Closed

- Trail #454 Monument 83
- Trail #461 Border
- Trail #472 West Fork Pasayten from its junction with Trail #478 Robinson Creek in T.40 N., R. 17 E., sec. 8 to its junction with Trail #472.1 Holman in T. 39 N., R. 16 E., sec. 35.

- Trail #473 Rock Creek from its junction with Trail #478 Robinson Creek in T. 40 N., R. 17 E., sec. 5 to 0.6 miles east of Pacific Crest Trail #2000 in T. 40 N., R. 17 E., sec. 9 (Coney Basin is not closed)
- Trail #478 Robinson Creek from its junction with Trail #472 West Fork Pasayten in T. 40 N., R. 18 E., sec.8 to its northern terminus at the junction with Trail #533 Boundary Trail in T. 40 N., R. 18 E., sec. 32
- Trail #482 Chuchuwanteen
- Trail #490 Heather Lake
- Trail #495 The Parks
- Trail #533 Boundary from its junction with Trail #477 Hidden Lakes in T. 40 N., R. 18 E., sec. 7 to its western terminus at Pacific Crest Trail #2000 in T. 40 N., R. 16 E., sec. 20
- Trail #749 Castle Pass from the boundary of North Cascades National Park in T. 40 N., R. 14 E., sec. 3 to its eastern terminus at Pacific Crest Trail #2000 in T. 40 N., R. 16 E., sec.19
- Trail #749.1 Joker Mtn
- Trail #752 Devils Ridge from its junction with Trail #738 Jackita Ridge in T. 38 N., R. 16 E., sec. 10 to its eastern terminus at Pacific Crest Trail #2000 in T. 39 N., R. 17 E, sec. 33
- **Trail #2000 Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)** from its junction with Trail #752 Devils Ridge to its northern terminus at the U.S. – Canada border

See Exhibit A for closure map.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire-fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for a corporation, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. (16 USC § 551; 18 USC §§ 3551, 3571, and 3581.)

Executed in Wenatchee, Washington this 6th day of September, 2022.

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