

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE  
Barlow Ranger District,  
Mt Hood National Forest  
FOREST ORDER NO.  
06-06-01-23-03

Barlow Ranger District Road Closure

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited upon roads, trails, and general forest areas within the Mt Hood National Forest as described below and shown in Exhibit A. This Order is effective beginning July 9, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023, unless rescinded sooner.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. **Going into or being upon an area closed for the protection of public health or safety.** (36 CFR § 261.53 (e))
2. **Being on a road.** (36 CFR § 261.54(e))
3. **Being on a trail.** (36 CFR § 261.55(a))

ROAD CLOSURE DESCRIPTION:

As depicted on “Exhibit A” the following National Forest System trails administered by the Mount Hood National Forest, Barlow Ranger District and Hood River Ranger Districts

**Area Closure:**

Closure area is described as the area, roads, and trails within the described area starting at Township 2s Range 10e Section 34 CENTER of the section at the junction of forest roads 3350, 4410 and 4420, and running south west along the 3350 until Township 3s Range 10e Section 30 CENTER at the junction of forest roads 3350 and 4891 spur 160. The road closure on forest road 3350 will continue to Township 3s Range 9e Section 3 NWNW at the junction of 3350 and Bennett Pass. From the junction of the of forest roads 3350 and 4891 spur 160 Township 3s Range 10e Section 30 CENTER the area closure will continue south on forest road 4891 until Township 4s Range 10e Section 20 NWNW at the junction of forest roads 4891, 4890, and 4881. The area closure will continue to the east along forest road 4881 until Township 4s Range 10e Section 21 NWSE at the junction of forest roads 4881 and 4880 and continuing south on forest road 4880 to Township 5s Range 10e Section 35 NWNW to the junction of forest service roads 4880 and 48. Continuing east along forest road 48 until Township 4s Range 11e Section 30 SWNW to the Junction of forest road 48 and 4811, and then turning north on forest road 4811 until Township 4s Range 11e Section 18 SWSW at the junction of forest roads 4811 and 4820. The closure moves to the east along forest road 4820 to Township 4s Range 11e Section 22 NENW to the junction of forest roads 4820 and spur 130, then turning north on the spur 130 until it would connect with the junction of forest roads 4810 and 4811 at Township 4s Range 11e Section 10 NWSE. Continuing on the 4811 to the junction with the forest road 2710 at Township 4s Range 11e Section 3 SENW, and turning to the east along forest road 2710 to Township 3s Range 29 SENW at the junction with forest road 27. The boundary then moves to north on forest road 27 until Township 3 Range 11e Section 1 and the section line with private property east section line at Township 3s Range 12 Section 6 on the west side of the section. Moving on the section line to the north boundary of Township 2s Ranges 11 and 12 until it intersects with Township 2s Range 11e Section 25 SESE, and then following forest road 2730 to the west until Township 2s Range 11e Section 31 CENTER at the junction of forest roads 2730 and spur 230. Continuing on forest road spur 230 to the west until Township 2s Range 10e Section 36 NWNE at the junction of forest roads

spur 230 and 4420, and then west along forest road 4420 to Township 2s Range 10e Section 34 CENTER to the junction of forest roads 4420, 4410, and 3350.

**Road Closures:**

- Forest Road 3350
- Forest Road 4891
- Forest Road 4881
- Forest Road 4880
- Forest Road 4860
- Forest Road 4840
- Forest Road 4830
- Forest Road 4820
- Forest Road 4811
- Forest Road 4810
- Forest Road 260
- Forest Road 240

**Badger Creek Wilderness Trail Closures:**

- Badger Creek Cutoff #477
- Badger Creek #479
- Badger Lake #479A
- Bonney Meadows #471
- Camp Windy #685B
- Divide #458
- Fret Creek #456A
- Gumjuwac #480
- High Prairie #493
- Jean Lake #680
- Jordan Cutoff #462
- Little Badger #469
- Mud Spring #466A
- Pine Creek #465
- Post Camp #467
- School Canyon #468
- Three Mile #466
- Three Mile South Fork #466.1
- Tygh Creek #460
- Tygh Creek Cutaway #460A

**Rock Creek OHV Area Trails in Closure Area:**

- Rock Creek 900
- Rock Creek 901
- Rock Creek 902
- Rock Creek 903
- Rock Creek 904
- Rock Creek 905
- Rock Creek 906

- Rock Creek 907
- Rock Creek 908
- Rock Creek 909
- Rock Creek 910
- Rock Creek 911
- Rock Creek 911A
- Rock Creek 913
- Rock Creek 914
- Rock Creek 915
- Rock Creek 916
- Rock Creek 917
- Rock Creek 919
- Rock Creek 921
- Rock Creek 923
- Rock Creek 925
- Rocky Butte ATV #475

#### **Other Trails within Closure Area**

- Boulder Lake #463
- Boulder Lake Lakeshore #463B
- Crane Creek #478
- Crane Prairie #464
- Forest Creek #473
- Gumjuwac #480 (non-wilderness)
- Gunsight Ridge #685
- Hidden Meadows #472
- Little Boulder Trail #463A

#### **Recreation Sites in Closure Area**

- Badger Lake Campground
- Bonney Meadows Campground
- Boulder Lake Campground
- Boulder Lake Trailhead
- Camp Windy Campground
- Gate Creek Trailhead
- Gunsight Trailhead
- Jean Lake Trailhead
- Little Badger Trailhead
- Post Camp Campground
- Post Point Trailhead
- School Canyon Trailhead
- Tygh Creek Trailhead

EXEMPTIONS:

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

- (1) Persons with Forest Service Permit No. 77-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation Order) specifically exempting the omission from this Order.
- (2) Any Federal, State, or local official or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- (3) Owners or lessees of land within the closed area.

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 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. § 551, and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3551, 3559, 3571, and 3581.)

PURPOSE:

This closure is necessary to provide protection for forest users from wildfire related hazards associated with the Boulder Fire.

Executed in Sandy, Oregon, this 9th day of July, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meta Loftsgaarden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Meta" being particularly prominent.

META LOFTSGAARDEN  
Forest Supervisor  
Mt Hood National Forest

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## **ASSESSMENT OF NEED AND ENFORCEMENT PLAN**

### **Proposed Action:**

This order is needed to assist with public and firefighter safety due to the vicinity of the roads, trails, and popular recreation sites to the Boulder Fire. Furthermore, the road closure will ensure unobstructed access for employees and emergency vehicles taking part in the fire suppression efforts, and not exposed the public to risks associated with uncontained wild fire.

### **NEPA:**

I have concluded that this action may be categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR § 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 supporting record and decision memo. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure. Implementation of this decision may begin immediately. This needs to be signed by the Forest Supervisor.

### **Duration:**

This order will remain in effect until the safety concerns are mitigated. This order is intended to be temporary in nature.

### **Posting:**

Signing will be used at all major points of entry, distributed to the media, and posted at district offices. The District and Forest are responsible for posting.

### **Enforcement Plan:**

Forest Service LEOs and FPOs will patrol and enforce the order as available. All signing will be maintained to ensure that the public is informed and to facilitate support by concerned citizens. Map boards and handout notices of the order and its purpose will be made available to the public.

**Boulder Fire Area and Road Closure**  
**CIVIL RIGHTS IMPACT ANALYSIS**  
**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**Forest Service**

**Prohibited Acts:**

Going into or being upon any area which is closed for the protection of public health and safety, 36 CFR 261.53(e).

Being on National Forest System Roads. 36 CFR § 261.54(e)

Being on any National Forest System trail within the Boulder Fire Closure Area. 36 CFR § 261.55(a)

**Purpose**

The purpose for developing a civil rights impact analysis is to provide the Forest Service decision maker information concerning potential civil rights impacts of the proposed action. Civil rights impacts are those which could affect the agency's ability to ensure equal opportunity in employment and in delivery of programs and services.

**Favorable Impacts**

The proposed action would:

- Provide resource protection and protect public and health and safety on National Forest System lands in the area of the Boulder Fire.
- Enhance Firefighter Safety during fire suppression operations in the area of the Boulder Fire.

**Unfavorable Impacts**

The proposed action would:

- Temporarily restrict some activities on National Forest System lands.

**Mitigation Measures**

No mitigation measures are proposed because the purpose of this order is to prevent activities that threaten public health and safety.

**Social Impacts**

The proposed action does not impose any unreasonable adverse impacts on the civil rights of any individuals because the closure categories are of general applicability. The overall unfavorable impacts are reasonable, as compared to the benefits.

**Net Civil Rights Impact**

No net negative Civil Rights Impacts will be experienced, because the closure categories are general in applicability and will apply equally across the affected areas, and temporary in nature.



7/12/2023

META LOFTSGAARDEN  
Forest Supervisor  
Mt. Hood National Forest

Date