

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Forest Service

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest WINTHROP, WA Closure Order: 06-17-04-23-15

Colville National Forest TONASKET, WA Closure Order: 06-21-09-23-07

#### **CRATER CREEK FIRE 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 within the Methow Valley Ranger District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest and the Tonasket Ranger District of the Colville National Forest. This Order is effective August 19, 2023 and will remain in effect through November 30, 2023, unless rescinded sooner.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)].
- 3.**Being on a National Forest System Road** as described below and displayed on the attached map, Exhibit A [36 CFR § 261.54(e)].

### **CLOSURE AREA DESCRIPTION:**

The Fire Emergency Area Closure is defined as follows:

The closure area boundary begins at the junction of the eastern Pasatyen Wilderness Forest Sevice boundary with Loomis State Forest and the Canadian Border in T40N R24E S6. The closure then follows the Forest Service boundary south and east to the junction with FSR 3900000 Toats Coulee Road in T39N R24E S28. It then turns east and follows the northern edge of FSR 3900000 to the junction of FSR 390300 in T39N R23E S27. It then continues east following the northern edge of FSR 390300 until it reaches Trail No. 510.1 Cathedral Driveway in T39N R23E S18. It then follows the northern edge of Trail No. 510.1 to the junction with

Trail No. 510 in T39N R22E S14. Trail No. 510.1 remains open. The closure area then goes north following Trail No. 510 to the junction with Trail No. 561 in T39N R22E S11. It then follows Trail No. 561 south and then west to the junction with Trail No. 505 in T39N R22E S8. The closure continues north and west following Trail No. 505 until it reaches the southernmost fork of the headwaters of Four Point Creek at 7,100 feet in T40N R21E S35. It then follows a direct northwest bearing to the summit of Remmel Mountain at 8,685 feet in T40N R21E S34. The closure boundary then follows the high point of this ridge north until it reach the northernmost high point at 7,768 in T40N R21E S2. It then follows a direct northeast bearing to the junction of Trail No. 510 and Trail No. 565 in T40N R21E S22. It then follows Trail No. 565 north to the junction with Trail No. 533 in T40N R21E S9. The closure then continues north following Trail No. 533 until it reaches the eastern edge of T40N R21E S9. It the follows the eastern edge of Section 9 directly north to the border with Canada. The closure then follows the border between the United States and Canada back to the point of origen at the junction of the eastern Pasatyen Wilderness Forest Sevice boundary with Loomis State Forest and the Canadian Border in T40N R24E S6.

FSR 3900000 and FSR 3900300 Toats Coulee Road will remain open to public access during the closure period.

The following campgrounds, roads and trails are included in this closure order:

# **Developed Campgrounds Closed**

• Long Swamp Campground

#### **Roads Closed**

- FSR 3900100, 110, 105
- FSR 3900395
- FSR 3900415
- FSR 3900500, 502, 505, 510, 515

### **Trails Closed**

- Trail No. 340 Long Draw
- Trail No. 341 Deer Park
- Trail No. 342 Windy Peak
- Trail No. 343 Clutch Peak
- Trail No. 360 Basin Creek
- Trail No. 362 Windy Peak
- Trail No. 375 Albert Camp
- Trail No. 387 Middle Fork
- Trail No. 505 Coleman Ridge from junction with Trail No. 561 north to junction with Trail No. 510

- Trail No. 510 Chewuch from junction with 510A Cathedral Driveway north to junction with Trail No. 565 Lesamiz
- Trail No. 533 Boundary Trail (Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail) from the junction of the lower Cathedral Lake Trail No. 545 junction east to the Forest Service boundary with the Loomis State Forest
- Trail No. 533.2 Smith Lake
- Trail No. 534 Tungsten Creek
- Trail No. 561 Fire Creek

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 19th day of August, 2023.

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A violation of these prohibitions is 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 USC § 551 and 18 USC §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.