



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Forest Service  
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest  
WINTHROP, WA**

**BLUE LAKE FIRE Closure**

**Closure Order: 06-17-04-23-20**

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 supersedes and withdraws Order # 06-17-04-23-17, dated September 7, 2023, signed by Forest Supervisor Joshua White. This Order is effective September 22, 2023 through November 30, 2023, unless rescinded sooner.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)].

**CLOSURE AREA DESCRIPTION:**

The Fire Emergency Area Closure is defined as follows:

The closure area boundary begins at the junction of State Route 20 and Blue Lake Creek in T35N R17E S24. It follows the creek south to the 5400 foot elevation level in T35N R17E S25, then takes a direct bearing south to the high point on the ridge above Blue Lake at 7509 feet elevation. It then follows the ridge to the R17E line and follows this bearing south until it intersects with the National Park Service (NPS) boundary at Stiletto Peak in T35N R17E S36. It then follows the NPS boundary west until it intersects Trail No. 2172 Stiletto Spur Trail in T35N R17E S35. The closure area includes Trail No 2172 Stiletto Spur, and follows this trail north to the junction for Trail No. 2000 Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). It then follows the northeastern edge of Trail No. 2000 to the spur trail leading to Bridge Creek Trailhead and the junction with SR20 in T35N R17E S27. Trail No 2000 (PCT) and the spur trail are not included in the closure area. From the junction of State Route 20 the boundary takes a direct bearing north until it intersects the Skagit County / Chelan County border line in T35N R17E S22. The closure area then follows the county boundary line to high point of SW Cutthroat Peak at 7600 feet in T35N R17E S23. From the summit, the boundary then angles southeast following an unnamed tributary of State Creek until it joins the main State Creek in T35N R17E S23. The

closure area then follows State Creek and then Blue Lake Creek east back to the starting point of the junction of State Route 20 and Blue Lake Creek in T35N R17E S24.

Trail No. 2000 Pacific Crest, FSR 5310520 Bridge Creek Trailhead and State Route 20 are not included in this closure order.

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

**Trails Closed**

- Trail No. 426 Copper Pass from Copper Pass west to the junction with Trail No. 2172 Stiletto Spur
- Trail No. 2172 Stiletto Spur

**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 22<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2023.

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