

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
Malheur National Forest
FOREST ORDER NO. 06-04-00-24-16

Temporary Emergency Closure of the Malheur National Forest

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), the following prohibitions are established within the Malheur National Forest in the State of Oregon, within the area described below and shown on Exhibit A. This order will become effective July 22, 2024, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2024, unless rescinded sooner.

PROHIBITIONS

1. Entering into or being upon an area closed for the protection of public health and safety. 36 CFR § 261.53(e).
2. Being on a National Forest System Road. 36 CFR § 261.54(c) and (e).
3. Being in a National Forest System Trail. 36 CFR § 261.55(a)
4. Use of vehicles off National Forest System Roads. 36 CFR § 261.56
5. Being in a National Forest Wilderness Area. 36 CFR § 261.57
6. Occupancy and use of National Forest Systems. 36 CFR § 261.58

Area Description Affected by this Order

Entire Malheur National Forest in the State of Oregon See Map Exhibit A

Closure area consists of all geographical areas on Forest Service land within boundaries of the Malheur National Forest, including all roads, trails, and areas of Blue Mountain Ranger District, Emigrant Creek Ranger District and Prairie City Ranger District.

EXEMPTIONS

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

- (1) 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.
- (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.

PURPOSE:

This closure is necessary to provide protection for forest users, firefighting personnel and natural resources from the current fire hazards associated with existing and predicted wildfire activity.

Executed in John Day, Oregon this 23rd day of July 2024.

Ann Niesen
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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. 3559 and 3571)