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Date: July 25, 2024

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Subject: Forest Order No. 24-05-05-04

From: Chris Christofferson, Forest Supervisor, Klamath National Forest

I am implementing a Forest Order closing the area and trails in the vicinity of the Shelly Fire on the Salmon/Scott River Ranger District of the Klamath National Forest as described in Forest Order No. 24-05-05-04, effective from July 25, 2024 – August 9, 2024. This Forest Order supersedes Forest Order No. 24-05-05-03, signed on July 19, 2024.

This Forest Order is necessary to promote public safety within the area of the Shelly Fire. Closing the areas, including the Forest roads, trails, and recreation sites within them, will keep the public out of this area and reduce the risk of public injury or death. Additionally, burned areas within the boundary of the Order present a substantial risk to the public until they are assessed and mitigated. Hazards to the public in these burned areas are still being evaluated and include: scorched and dead trees which could topple without warning, unpredictable debris flows and landslides, and unstable soils causing increased road and trail erosion.

The Order will remain in effect until Friday August 9, 2024, or as conditions are reevaluated and the Order is terminated or superseded.

This Forest Order includes an exemption for persons with a Forest Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order (Form FS-7700-48). Authorization under this exemption will only be provided if I or my delegates determine that the risk to personal health and safety is reasonable considering the circumstances of the request. I hereby delegate the authority to sign Form FS-7700-48 granting an exemption to this Forest Order to the District Rangers of the Klamath National Forest.

Scoping efforts have included discussions with our cooperators and Forest Service law enforcement.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 C.F.R. § 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 decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

