

**File Code:** 5330**Date:** July 24, 2024**Route To:****Subject:** Paulina Complex Fire Closure Order 06-07-02-24-01**To:** District Ranger, Paulina Ranger District

The Paulina Ranger District is responding with air and ground resources to the several fires named the Paulina Complex as of 7/25/2024 (On 7/24/2024 named the 0490, 0491 0494, 0496, 0497, 0521, Pulley Creek Fire, Crazy Creek Fire, and the Kitty Creek Fire.) Firefighters from the Ochoco National Forest and contract resources are now working to establish containment lines and fully suppress these fires. Due to risk for personal health and safety it is necessary to close the area. This closure will maintain the safety of both members of the public, fire crews and contracted crews through the suppression activities while providing an efficient perimeter of safety.

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 be provided only if I or my delegate determine that the risk to personal health and safety is reasonable considering the circumstances of the request. We also may require appropriate personal protective equipment and other necessary safety measures. The Paulina District Ranger is delegated the authority to issue permits for the use of the closure area.

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.

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Forest Supervisor

Enclosures: Civil Rights Impacts Analysis, Order 06-07-02-24-01

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Exhibit A, Closure Map

