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**Subject:** Williams Mine Fire Closure, Forest Order 06-03-03-24-02

**To:** Letter to File

**FROM:** Johanna Kovarik, Forest Supervisor

In order to protect the public and fire fighter health and safety from extreme fire danger and weather conditions, and a heightened preparedness level, I have decided to close National Forest System Road Nos. 2300, and 2309, and the associated spur roads, and all trails within the Mt. Adams Wilderness including the Pacific Crest Trail. The order provides exceptions for 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 the order; any Federal, State, or local official or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty; and people traveling for evacuation purposes.

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. I also may require appropriate personal protective equipment and other necessary safety measures. I hereby delegate the authority to sign Form FS-7700-48 granting an exemption to this Forest Order to all District Rangers of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.]

Scoping was done with U.S Forest Service fire, law enforcement, and recreation staff, as well as Agency Administrators involved with managing fire suppression efforts for these fires.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 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.

I have determined that this temporary closure will have no impacts on civil rights as it will apply to all individuals. No one group or person will be affected more than another group or person.

JOHANNA KOVARIK  
Forest Supervisor



Enclosure: 06-03-03-24-02 Williams Mine Fire Area and Road\_Closure Order, 06-03-03-24-02 Williams Mine Fire\_CRIA, 06-03-03-24-02 Williams Mine Fire\_Enforcement Plan, 06-03-03-24-02 Williams Mine Fire\_Closure Map.

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