UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE Umatilla National Forest FOREST ORDER NO. 06-14-04-24-02

Cougar Creek Fire Closure Order Modification 1

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following prohibitions are established within the Pomeroy Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest within the area described below and shown on Exhibit A. This order supersedes Forest Order No. 06-14-04-24-01 and becomes effective becomes effective on July 23, 2024, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2024, unless rescinded sooner.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(e).
- 3. Being in a National Forest System Trail. 36 CFR § 261.55(a)

COUGAR CREEK FIRE CLOSURE AREA

The area within the following boundary:

Starting from T8N, R41E section 5, follow the Proclaimed Boundary of the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness east to Forest Service Trail (FST) 3135 and continue east to FST 3110. Follow FST 3110 north to Forest Service Road (FSR) 40, then west along FSR 40 to FSR 4000-210. Follow FSR 4000-210 northeast to its end, then cross-country due north to North Fork Asotin Creek in T8N, R42E section 4. Then east along North Fork Asotin Creek until it intersects the Proclamation Boundary of the Pomeroy Ranger District in T9N, R43E section 24. Then follow the Proclamation Boundary of the Pomeroy Ranger District south, east and west to the Proclamation Boundary of the Pomeroy Ranger District and Walla Ranger District in T5N, R42E section 1. Follow the Proclaimed Boundary of the Pomeroy Ranger District and Walla Ranger District west to FST 3242. Follow FST 3242 north to FST 3106, continue east on FST 3106 to FST 3142 then northward along FST 3105 to its junction with FST 3113. Follow FST 3113 west to the Proclamation Boundary of the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness in T7N, R 41E section 6, then northward along the Proclaimed Boundary to the beginning point in T8N, R 41E section 5.

All Boundary lands, roads and trails will be closed. Also included the closure order are the Cross Canyon Trailhead, Hoodoo Trailhead and Bear Creek Trailhead.

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 Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- (3) Forest Service employees performing official duties.

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 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3551, 3559, 3571, and 3581).

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

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