

**File Code:** 5330
Route To:**Date:** August 14, 2024**Subject:** Emergency Paulina Complex Fire Closure Order# 06-07-02-24-02 and
Rescindment of Previous Closure Order# 06-07-02-24-01**To:** District Ranger, Paulina Ranger District

The Paulina Ranger District continues to respond with air and ground resources to the several fires named the Paulina Complex as of 8/12/2024. Firefighters from the Ochoco National Forest, and other resources assigned through Dispatch, are working to establish containment lines and fully suppress these fires. Due to earlier successes, the larger closure order # 06-07-02-24-01 is rescinded. However, due to risk for personal health and safety it is still necessary to close a reduced area within the Paulina Ranger District. 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 (2)

