

**GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST  
Mount Adams Ranger District  
Trout Lake, Washington**

**WILLIAMS MINE AREA AND ROAD CLOSURE**

This closure order supersedes Closure Order 06-03-03-24-03.

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the area described in this order and depicted on Exhibit A, within and/or administered by the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount Adams Ranger District, from September 18, 2024 through December 31, 2024 or until rescinded, whichever is sooner:

1. Going into or being upon the area affected by the Williams Mine Fire (36 CFR 261.52(e))
2. Being on a road. [36 CFR § 261.54(e)].

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this order is to protect public health and safety due to the Williams Mine fire, as well as to allow for safe and efficient firefighting operations.

**AREA CLOSURE:**

The following description serves as the exterior boundary and closes all lands and roads encompassed within it as depicted in attached Exhibit A:

From a point of beginning on National Forest System (NFS) Road 2300 (posted 23), approximately 3 miles north of Trout Lake, in the southeast corner of Section 33, T7N, R10E; the closure boundary then goes North along 23 to the intersection of Pacific Crest Trail #2000 in the NW Corner of Section PB37, T8N, R9E, and then along the eastern edge of the trail North to the junction of the Pacific Crest Trail #2000 and NFS Road 5603 in the northwest corner of Section 25 T10N R10E; then east on NFS 5603 approximately ½ mile to the eastern boundary of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest (GPNF) in the northwest corner of Section PB47, T10N, R11E; then south along the GPNF eastern boundary approximately 20 miles to the SW corner of Section 33, T7N, R11E; then west along the southern GPNF boundary to NFS Road 2300, to the point of beginning, in the southeast corner of Section 33, T7N, R10E.

The following road surfaces along the Area Closure are open to public traffic, but only to the extent of the graded or surfaced area of the roadway:

- NFS Road 2300 north from its junction with NFS Road 90 south to origin at the southern boundary of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in the southeast corner of Section 33, T7N, R10E
- NFS Road 5603 from its junction with Pacific Crest Trail #2000 in the northwest corner of Section PB37, T10N, R10E to the eastern boundary of the GPNF in the northwest corner of Section PB47, T10N, R11E.

The following trails surfaces along the Area Closure are open to public traffic:

- The Pacific Crest Trail from Forest Road 8810 to Forest Road 5603.

**EXEMPTIONS:**

1. Any Federal, State, or County officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. 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.
3. Persons traveling for evacuation purposes.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Violations of this prohibition 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 Vancouver, Washington, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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**SPECIAL AREA CLOSURE**

**EXHIBIT A**