

FIRE AREA EMERGENCY CLOSURE DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST BEND-FORT ROCK RANGER DISTRICT

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551, 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the following described area on the Deschutes National Forest, Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District, as described in the attached Exhibit A. This Order becomes effective on September 26, 2024, and will remain in effect through December 1, 2024, unless rescinded sooner.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1. Going onto or being within an area closed for public health and safety. **36 CFR § 261.53(e).**
- 2. Being on the road within the Closure Area, with the exception of the Cascade Lakes Highway (NFSR 46) and NFSR 42. **36 CFR 261.54(e)**.
- 3. Being on a trail within the Closure Area. 36 CFR 261.55(a).

The area described below will be closed to public access/entry due to hazards and hazardous conditions created because of the Bachelor Complex Fires burning west of Bend, Oregon.

AFFECTED AREA/CLOSURE AREA:

All lands managed by the US Forest Service south of Cascade Lakes Highway (NFSR 46) beginning at the junction with Sparks Lake Trail (#4). Continue east along NFSR 46 to the junction of NFSR 45. Then continue south on NFSR 45 to the junction of NFSR 4614. Then continue east on NFSR 4614 to the junction of snowmobile trail #45. Then continue south along snowmobile trail #45 to the junction of NFSR 4188. Then continue east along NFSR 4188 to the junction of NFSR 4180. Then continue south along NFSR 4180 to the junction of NFSR 41. Then continue south along NFSR 41 to the junction of NFSR 40. Then continue west along NFSR 40 to the junction of NFSR 4270. Then continue northwest along NFSR 4270 to the junction of NFSR 4525. Then continue north on NFSR 4525 to the junction of NFSR 4529. Then continue north on NFSR 4529 to the end of the road. From the end of NFSR 4529, continue north, following Edison-Lava Trail (#31) around little Lava Lake to the junction with the Metolius-Windigo Trail (#99). At the junction with the Metolius-Windigo Trail (#99) continue north along the trail to the junction of Quinn Creek Trail (#1). Then continue north-northwest to NFSR 4600-450 and Quinn Meadow Horse Camp and trailhead. From Quinn Meadow Horse Camp and trailhead, continue east on Quinn Meadow trails #13 and #13.2 to the junction of the Metolius-Windigo Trail (#99). Then continue north on the Metolius-Windigo Trail (#99) to the junction with Sparks Lake Trail (#4). Then continue north along the Sparks Lake Trail (#4) to the junction with the Cascade Lakes Highway (NFSR 46). Then continue east on Cascade Lakes Highway (NFSR 46) to the forest boundary.

All lands managed by the US Forest Service west of Cascade Lakes Highway (NFSR 46) in the Three Sisters Wilderness, starting at the Elk Lake and Trailhead. Then follow the Wilderness boundary south to Lucky Lake Trailhead. Then follow the Wilderness boundary south to Cultus

Lake. Then follow the Wilderness boundary to the west around Cultus Lake and south around Little Cultus Lake to NFSR 4636. From the Wilderness boundary at NFSR 4636 continue west on NFSR 4636 as it follows the Three Sisters Wilderness to the shared National Forest boundary with the Willamette National Forest. Then continue north along the shared National Forest boundary in the Three Sisters Wilderness to the junction of the Island Meadow Trail (#3). Then continue east on the Island Meadow Trail (#3) to the Elk Lake Trailhead.

Developed and Dispersed Recreation Sites Included:

- AC/DC Shelter
- Corral Swamp Trailhead
- Edison Shelter
- Edison SnoPark
- Kapka Butte SnoPark
- Kwohl Shelter
- Lucky Lake Trailhead
- Sheridan Shelter
- Six Lakes Trailhead
- Wake Butte Trailhead

Roads:

All National Forest System Roads found within the area closure are closed. Cascade Lakes Highway (NFSR 46), and NFSR 40 will remain open for public use.

Lands:

All lands within Mt. Bachelor permitted area are open.

Trails:

Metolius Windigo Trail between Quinn Meadow and Todd Creek remains closed.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following 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 or Order) specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- (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) Owners or lessees of land in the affected area.

This prohibition is 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 USC § 551; 18 USC§ 3551, 3559, 3571, and 3581).

Completed in Bend, Oregon on September 26, 2024.

Forest Supervisor