UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area FOREST ORDER NO. 06-22-01-24-05

Microwave Tower Fire Closure

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (CRGNSA) as shown on the attached map (Exhibit A). These prohibitions will become effective August 20, 2024, and will remain in effect until November 30, 2024, or until rescinded.

Going into or being upon National Forest System lands, roads, or trails within the fire closure area.

- 1. Going into or being upon an area closed for the protection of public health or safety (36 CFR § 261.53(e)).
- 2. Being on a road. (36 CFR § 261.54(e))
- 3. Being on a trail. (36 CFR § 261.55(a))

CLOSURE AREA DESCRIPTION:

As depicted on "Exhibit A" all National Forest System lands, roads and trails administered by the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area within the following area:

The Microwave Tower fire closure area includes all National Forest System lands in 3N 11E Sections 32 and 33 and 2N 11E Section 4 in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to Title 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 or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local official or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. Owners or lessees of land within the closed area.

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 and \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC § 551, 3559, 3571, and 3581].

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR part 261, subpart A.

PURPOSE:

The closure is necessary to provide protection for forest users, firefighting personnel, and natural resources from the current Microwave Tower Fire.

Executed in Hood River, Oregon this 20th day of August, 2024.

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