

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
Malheur National Forest
FOREST ORDER NO. 06-04-01-25-01

06-04-01-25-01 Malheur Rail Ridge Fire Perimeter Closure

Pursuant to 16 U.S. Code § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), the following prohibitions are established within the Malheur National Forest in the State of Oregon, within the area described below and shown on Exhibit A. This order will become effective 12:01 a.m. October 28, 2024, and will remain in effect through December 31, 2024, unless rescinded sooner. This order rescinds and replaces the prior Forest Order for Malheur Rail Ridge 2 Fire Closure 06-04-01-24-30.

PROHIBITIONS

1. Entering into or being upon an area closed for the protection of public health or safety. 36 CFR § 261.53(e).
2. Using a road for commercial hauling without a permit or written authorization. 36 CFR § 261.54(c)
3. Being on a National Forest System Road. 36 CFR § 261.54(e).
4. Being on a National Forest System Trail. 36 CFR § 261.55(a)
5. Use of vehicles off National Forest System Roads. 36 CFR § 261.56

Area Description Affected by this Order

Malheur National Forest Blue Mountain Ranger District in the State of Oregon

See attached map Exhibit A, displaying the places where this Order applies—the boundary of that area is as follows:

From the National Forest boundary in T14S, R27E, Sec. 4, **east** on the northern Township border to T14S, R27E, Sec. 2, **south** along the western border of Sections 2 and 11 to the junction of Forest Service Road 2150. **East** on Forest Service Road 2150 to T14S, R28E, Sec. 17, **north** along western border of Sec. 17 to Sec. 8, **east** along the northern border of Sec. 8 to Sec. 9. **North** along the western border of Sections 9 and 4 to Forest Service Boundary, **east** on the Forest Service Boundary to T14S, R28E, Sec. 1. **South** along western border of T14S, R28E, Section 1 to junction with Forest Service Road 21, **south** along the western edge of Forest Service Road 21 to the junction with T14S, R28E, Section 12. **South** along the western border of T14S, R28E, Sections 12,13, 24, 25, 36 and T15S, 28E, Sections 1 and 12 to Forest Service Road 2170. **West** along Forest Service Road 2170 to the junction of Forest Service Roads 2170 and 2490, **south** along Forest Service Road 2490 to the junction of Forest Service Roads 2490 and 24. Continues **west** on Forest Service Road 24 to the Forest Service Boundary in T16S, R27E, Sec. 10. Follows the National Forest boundary **north** to the beginning in T14S, R27E, Sec. 4.

Travel is prohibited on all Forest Service Roads within the designated boundary of the Rail Ridge Fire Closure and Forest Service Roads starting at the junction of T15S, 28E, Sec. 12 and Forest Service Road 2170, **west** along Forest Service Road 2170 to the junction of Forest Service Roads 2170 and 2490, **south** along Forest Service Road 2490 to the junction of Forest Service Roads

2490 and 24, **west** on Forest Service Road 24 to the Forest Service Boundary in T16S, R27E, Sec. 10, and Forest Service Road 2150 from T14S, R27E, Sec. 11 **east** to T14S, R28E, Sec. 17.

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 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.

PURPOSE:

This closure is necessary to provide protection for forest users, firefighting personnel and natural resources from the current fire hazards associated with existing and predicted wildfire activity.

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. Code § 551, and 18 U.S. Code §§ 3559 and 3571)

Executed in John Day, Oregon this 25th day of October 2024.

Ann Niesen
Forest Supervisor
Malheur National Forest