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

WILLIAMS MINE AREA AND ROAD CLOSURE

This closure order supersedes Closure Order 06-03-03-24-02.

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, until further notice:

- 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 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; then approximately 17 miles north to the junction of NFS Road 2300 and NFS Road 2329 in the northwest corner of Section 17 T9N, R10E; then east-north-east on NFS Road 2329 approximately 7 miles to the junction of NFS Road 2329 and NFS Road 5603 in the northwest corner of Section 23, T10N, R10E; then east on NFS 5603 approximately 2 miles to the eastern boundary of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest (GPNF) in the northwest corner of Section 30, T10N, R11E; then south along the GPNF eastern boundary approximately 20 miles to 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 in the southeast corner of Section 25, T9N, R9E.
- NFS Road 2329 from its junction with NFS Road 23 in the northwest corner of Section 17
 T9N, R10E; then east-north-east on NFS Road 2329 approximately 7 miles to the junction of
 NFS Road 2329 and NFS Road 5603 in the northwest corner of Section 23, T10N, R10E.
- NFS Road 5603 from its junction with NFS Road 2329 in the northwest corner of Section 23,

T10N, R10E to the eastern boundary of the GPNF in the northwest corner of Section 30, T10N, R11E.

ROAD CLOSURE:

Travel is prohibited on the following National Forest System (NFS) Roads as described below and shown on the attached map (Exhibit A).

• NFS Road 2300 from its origin at the southern boundary of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in the southeast corner of Section 33, T7N, R10E to its junction with NFS Road 90 in the southeast corner of Section 25, T9N, R9E.

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.

Violation of these prohibitions is 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 28th day of August 2024.

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Gifford Pinchot National Forest

SPECIAL AREA CLOSURE

EXHIBIT A

