

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE**

**Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area
and
Mt. Hood National Forest, Hood River Ranger District**

FOREST ORDER NO. 06-06-06-24-07

Whisky Creek 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), and the Hood River Ranger District of the Mt. Hood National Forest as shown on the attached map (Exhibit A). **This renews existing Forest Order Closure 06-06-06-24-05.** These prohibitions will become effective July 26, 2024, and will remain in effect until November 30, 2024, or until rescinded.

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 and Mt. Hood National Forest, Hood River Ranger District within the following area:

The Whisky Creek fire closure area boundary is located on National Forest System lands inside the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness boundary east of the Eagle Creek Trail #440 and east of the Indian Springs Trail #435, in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and Mt. Hood National Forest. It also includes Forest Service Lands just east of the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness and west of Flume Creek. It extends north of the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness to all Forest Service lands just south of the State Trail. The following areas currently remain open; Wyeth Campground and the Gorge #400 trail connecting the Eagle Creek Trail #440 to the Bridge of the Gods Trailhead, allowing access for Pacific Crest Trail hikers.

Additionally, the following Forest Service System roads and trails are closed:

Closed Roads within the Closure Area

- Forest Service Road 1000102
- Forest Service Road 1000104
- Forest Service Road 1002000
- Forest Service Road 1004000
- Forest Service Road 1310000
- Forest Service Road 1310640
- Forest Service Road 1310641
- Forest Service Road 1310660
- Forest Service Road 1310661

- Forest Service Road 1310662
- Forest Service Road 1310664
- Forest Service Road 1310669
- Forest Service Road 1311000
- Forest Service Road 1400030
- Forest Service Road 1400032
- Forest Service Road 1400034
- Forest Service Road 1400036
- Forest Service Road 1400038
- Forest Service Road 1403000
- Forest Service Road 1403007
- Forest Service Road 1430000
- Forest Service Road 2810000
- Forest Service Road 2810630
- Forest Service Road 2810650
- Forest Service Road 2820000
- Forest Service Road 2820011
- Forest Service Road 2820013
- Forest Service Road 2820622
- Forest Service Road 2820631
- Forest Service Road 2820632
- Forest Service Road 2820633
- Forest Service Road 2820634
- Forest Service Road 2820635
- Forest Service Road 2820636
- Forest Service Road 2820650
- Forest Service Road 2820651
- Forest Service Road 2820660
- Forest Service Road 2820661
- Forest Service Road 2820662
- Forest Service Road 2820663
- Forest Service Road 2820670
- Forest Service Road 2820685
- Forest Service Road 2821000
- Forest Service Road 2821620
- Forest Service Road 2821621
- Forest Service Road 2821630
- Forest Service Road 2821640

Closed Trails within the Closure Area

- Anthill Trail #406B
- Bear Lake Trail #413A
- Benson-Ruckel Trail #405A
- Benson Spur Trail #405C
- Casey Creek Trail #476
- Chinidere Cutoff Trail #405M
- Chinidere Mountain Trail #445
- Deadwood Trail #422
- Eagle-Benson Trail #434

- Eagle Creek Trail #440 east of its junction with Indian Springs Trail #435 east to its junction with Pacific Crest Trail #2000
- Gorge Trail #400, east of its junction with the Pacific Crest Trail #2000 east to its junction with Wyeth Trail #411
- Gorton Creek Trail #408
- Green Point Ridge Trail #418
- Herman Bridge Trail #406E
- Herman Creek Trail #406
- Herman Cutoff Trail #410
- Mitchell Point Trail #417
- Mt. Defiance Trail #413
- Mt. Defiance Tie Trail #413B
- Mud Lake Trail #406A
- Nick Eaton Trail #447
- North Lake Trail #423
- Pacific Crest Trail #2000 north of its junction with Indian Springs Trail #435 north to its junction at Bridge of the Gods Trailhead
- Plateau Cutoff Trail #412
- Rainy Lake Trail #423A
- Rainy-Kingsley Trail #409B
- Rainy-Wahtum Trail #409
- Ridge Cutoff Trail #437
- Ruckel Creek Trail #405
- Starvation Ridge Trail #414
- Starvation Ridge Cut-Off Trail #414B
- Wahtum Express Trail #406H
- Wahtum Switchback Trail #407
- Warren Lake Trail #417A
- West Benson Way Trail #405B
- Wyeth Trail #411

Closed Recreation Sites within the Closure Area

- Black Lake Campground & Trailhead
- Herman Creek Campground & Trailhead
- Indian Springs/PCT North Trailhead
- Mt. Defiance South Trailhead
- Rainy Lake Campground & Trailhead
- Wahtum Lake Campground & Trailhead
- Warren Lake Trailhead

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Any person with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
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, 18 USC § 3571, 18 USC 3551 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 Whisky Creek Fire.

Executed in Hood River, Oregon and Sandy, Oregon this 26 day of July, 2024.

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