

Pursuant to Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations §261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System lands and roads within the following described area on the Chiloquin Ranger District, Fremont-Winema National Forest, as described in attached Exhibit A.

This prohibition will become effective immediately on September 13, 2020 upon signature of this Order and will remain in effect until December 1, 2020, unless rescinded earlier.

## **PROHIBITION:**

- (1) Going onto or being within an area closed for public health and safety. 36 CFR § 261.53 (e)
- (2) Being upon a closed road. 36 CFR § 261.54 (e)

The area described below will be closed to public access/entry due to hazards and hazardous conditions created as a result of the Two Four Two Fire.

**AFFECTED AREA / CLOSURE AREA:** All legal descriptions are located within the Willamette Meridian and described as follows:

## Point of Beginning -

Beginning north of the Spring Creek Hill area at US Highway 97 and the north line of section 23, T. 33 S., R. 7 E., head west following the north lines of sections 23, 22 and 21, T. 33 S., R. 7 E. Turn south and follow the east lines of section 20 and 29, T. 33 S., R. 7 E., for approximately 1.5 miles. Head west following the south line of the N1/2 of section 29 for approximately 1 mile, then turn north and follow the east line of section 30 to the corner of sections 19, 20, 29 and 30 in T. 33 S., R. 7 E. Turn west and follow the north line of section 30 for approximately <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mile, then turn north and follow the National Forest Boundary (Boundary) through sections 19 and 18 until reaching the southern area of the Sun Pass State Forest (SPSF) in section 18, T. 33 S., R. 7 E. Turn west following the Boundary and the southern area of the SPSF through sections 18 and 13 then turn south and head southeast to the east line of section 24 and follow it approximately <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mile. Turn west and follow the south line of the N1/2 of section 24, T. 33 S., R. 7.5 E., approximately one mile. Head north along the east lines of sections 23 and 14 near Reservation Spring to the south line of the SPSF. Head west, following the Boundary line through the south half of sections 14 and 15 to its junction with Klamath County Highway 623 (Co. 623) in section 15, T. 33 S., R. 7.5 E. Turn south and follow Co. 623 to just north of its junction with Oregon State Highway 62 at the Boundary. Follow the Boundary easterly and then south through section 23 to the north line of section 26, T. 33 S., R. 7.5 E. Continue southerly along the Boundary near Crooked Creek. Travel around the National Forest System land in the NE1/4 of section 35 (T. 33 S., R. 7.5 E., section 35 NE1/4NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4NE1/4). A standalone National Forest System land parcel is closed in the Crooked Creek vicinity north of the Klamath State Fish Hatchery on the east side of Oregon State Highway 62 and is described as T. 33 S., R. 7.5 E., section 36, W1/2NE1/4SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4, E1/2SW1/4SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4SW1/4. From section 35 in T. 33 S., R. 7.5 E, head northerly through section 26 for approximately <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mile then turn to the east and follow the Boundary for approximately <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mile. Turn to the south and follow the Boundary approximately 2.5 miles to the line between sections 36 in T. 33 S., R. 7.5 E., and section 1 in T. 34 S., R. 7.5 E. Continue to follow the Boundary in the Klamath State Fish Hatchery area through section 1, T. 34 S., R. 7.5 E., until reaching the south line of section 1. Follow the Boundary southeasterly through sections 12, 18, and the west line of section

19 (approximately <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile) to the S1/2 of section 19, T. 34 S., R. 7 E. Follow the Boundary easterly through sections 19, 20, and 21 approximately three miles. Turn north and follow the Boundary northeasterly through sections 21 and 16 to the north line of section 16 in T. 34 S., R. 7 E. Turn east and follow the north line of section 16 to its junction with US Highway 97 (Hwy. 97). Head north following Hwy. 97 for approximately one mile in the vicinity of Collier Memorial State Park (near NFSR 9730). Head east, following the north lines of sections 9, 10 and 11 for approximately 1.5 miles to the Larkin Creek area. Turn to the north and follow the Boundary through section 2, T. 34 S., R. 7 E., for approximately ½ mile to the Williamson River. Continue to follow the Williamson River northeasterly through section 2, T. 34 S., R. 7 E., and section 35, T. 33 S., R. 7 E. Follow the Boundary line through section 35 westerly to its west line near Spring Creek Hill. Follow the west line of section 35, T. 33 S., R. 7 E., northerly to its junction with Hwy. 97. Continue north on Hwy. 97 to the vicinity of the beginning of NFSR 9732 (Oux Kanee overlook road). Follow the Boundary north through T. 33 S., R. 7 E., section 34, the east line of section 27, through section 23 for approximately 2.5 miles to the point of beginning.

The National Forest System roads that delineate this area closure boundary are closed to the public. **Refer to** attached map (Exhibit A).

Pursuant to Title 36 C.F.R. §261.50(e), the following are exempt from this Order:

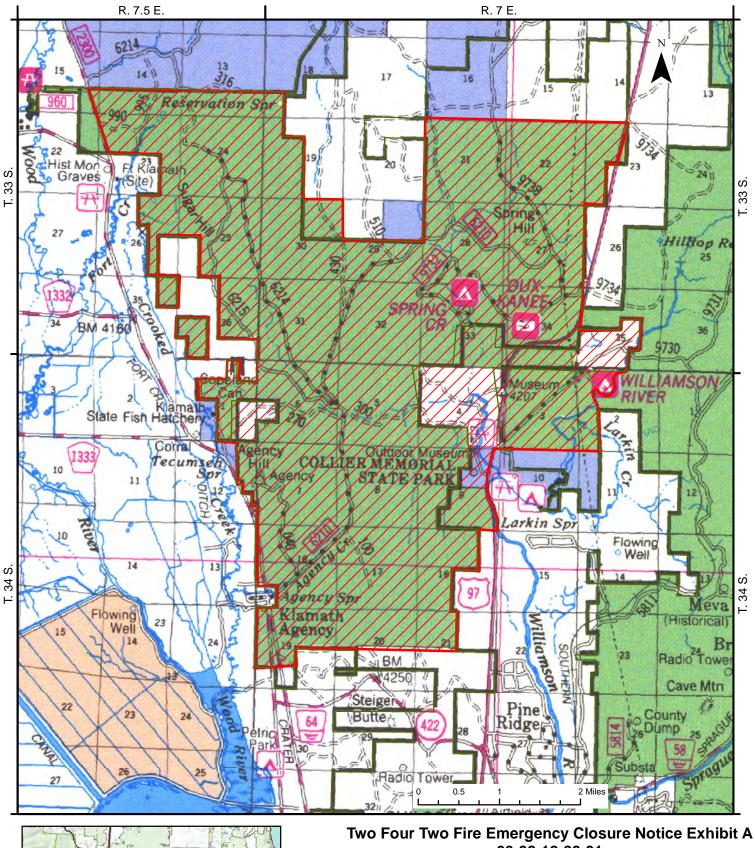
- (1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or Omission. "Person" means natural person, corporation, company, partnership, trust, firm, or association of persons. "Permit" means authorization in writing by a Forest Officer. "Forest Officer" means an employee of the Forest Service.
- (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.

These restrictions are in addition to those prohibitions enumerated in Subpart A of 36 C.F.R. §261 and any other special restrictions pertaining to the described lands.

Done in Lakeview, Oregon at \_\_\_\_\_\_ *a.m./p.m.*, on this \_\_\_\_13th\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2020.

Barry L. Imler, Forest Supervisor Fremont-Winema National Forest

Violations of this prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment of not more than 6 months or both.



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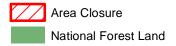
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Subject: Documentation of Civil Rights Impact Analysis (CRIA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance for Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Subpart A and B Prohibition – National Forest Area and Road Closure #06-02-12-20-01

## To: Project File

Proposed Action: Issuing a Title 36 CFR Subpart A and B Order (Order) prohibiting entry in a closed area or roads on the Chiloquin Ranger District associated with the Two Four Two Fire suppression activities from September 13, 2020 through December 1, 2020 or until the order can be rescinded. The most recent and similarly sized emergency fire area closure would be the Watson Creek Fire on the Paisley Ranger District in 2018, which did not cause significant long-term impacts.

Issuing an Order to close the area referenced in Exhibit A is necessary for public and firefighter safety during suppression of the Two Four Two Fire. The Two Four Two Fire is an uncontrolled wildfire burning in the area. It is uncertain when the fire will be controlled so that wildfire and suppression related hazards will decrease in the area. This closure is needed to mitigate those risks.

The Forest Supervisor is responsible for certifying whether or not a CRIA must be conducted prior to making the decision on the proposed action per Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 1709.11, sec. 30.6 and ensuring that appropriate documentation is prepared for a determination that there will be no potential major civil rights or social impacts related to the proposed action, and therefore documenting a CRIA and statement of findings are not required.

Civil rights impacts are defined as "alterations in people's civil rights status that occur in conjunction with a new policy, program, project; are not attributable to any external factors; and are perceived by those affected as socially significant" (FSH 1709.11, sec. 30.5(12)).

No potential major civil rights or social impacts related to the proposed action (issuing Title 36 CFR Subpart B prohibition in an area designated by an Order) were identified during scoping. Similar actions on previous Orders on NFSL did not cause impacts. Civil Rights Impact Analysis (CRIA) preparer identified the following variables to permit the measurement of any potential impacts:

- Customs and traditions on the NFSL; and
- Scope and intensity of support and/or opposition to the proposed actions.

Scoping occurred with the Chiloquin Ranger District Staff, the Incident Command Team, the District Duty Officer and the Agency Administrator assigned to the Two Four Two Fire.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment under the NEPA. This action falls within the category identified in Title 36 CFR § 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

BARRY L. IMLER Forest Supervisor

