

ORDER

PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS

USDA – FOREST SERVICE

MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System Lands within the Mt Hood National Forest. This order is effective August 25, 2018 until rescinded or September 25th, 2018.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. **Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire**, including a charcoal fire or pellet fire. This includes all general forest areas and developed campgrounds.
36 CFR 261.52 (a)
Portable cooking stoves and lanterns using liquefied or bottled fuel are permissible.
2. **Smoking**, except within an enclosed vehicle or building or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR 261.52 (d)
3. **Operating an Internal Combustion Engine**, to include chainsaws for personal use firewood collection. 36 CFR 261.52 (h)
4. **Operating an Internal Combustion Engine without a spark arresting device** properly installed, maintained and in effective working order. 36 CFR 261.52(j)
5. **Using motorized vehicles (Motor Cycles, ATV, OHVs etc.) on National Forest systems trails.**
36 CFR 261.55 (b)
6. **Discharging a Firearm** 36 CFR 261.58(m)
Hunting is permissible. Persons possessing a valid hunting license who are legally attempting to take game are exempt from this section of the prohibition.
7. **Possessing or using a motor vehicle off of National Forest System Roads** 36 CFR 261.56
8. **Violating any state law concerning burning, fires, or which is for the purpose of preventing or restricting the spread of fires.** 36 CFR 261.52 (k)
9. **Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.** 36 CFR 261.52 (i)

CLOSURE AREA:

This closure is in effect on the entirety of the US Forest Service administered lands within the Mt. Hood National Forest.

EXCEPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons or activities are exempt from these prohibitions:

1. Persons with a permit, waiver or contract specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
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. Persons using petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, or petroleum-fueled heating devices, provided such devices meet the underwriter's specifications for safety (i.e. devices that can be turned off).

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

PURPOSE:

This fire prevention order is necessary to maximize public safety and property protection during high fire danger.

This order shall be effective August 25th, 2018, and will remain in effect until rescinded or September 25th, 2018.

Executed in Sandy, Oregon on this 22nd day of August, 2018.



Richard Periman
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Mt. Hood National Forest

8/22/18

Date

Violations of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual, \$10,000.00 for an organization and / or imprisonment for not more than six months. (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571)