

OCCUPANCY AND USE

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION

Aquatic Invasive Species

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a), the following acts are prohibited upon lands and waters within the National Forest System boundaries of the Pacific Northwest Region as described below.

1. Possessing, storing or transporting any bird, fish or other animal or parts thereof, as specified in the order. [36 CFR 261.58 (s)]

For the purpose of this order, it is prohibited to possess, store, or transport any live aquatic invasive animal species within the boundaries of National Forest System lands in the Pacific Northwest Region. Examples of aquatic invasive animal species include, but are not limited to, zebra mussels, quagga mussels, New Zealand mudsnails, rusty crayfish, ringed crayfish, red swamp crayfish, Northern crayfish, nutria, bullfrogs, snakeheads, Chinese mystery snail, brook trout, walleye, bass, perch, goldfish, pike, catfish, and carp. Those species designated as gamefish or crayfish in the States of Oregon or Washington may be transported by anglers within National Forest System Boundaries of the Pacific Northwest Region if the animals are no longer living.

2. Possessing, storing or transporting any part of a tree or other plant as specified in the order. [36 CFR 261.58 (t)]

For the purpose of this order, it is prohibited to possess, store or transport any live aquatic or riparian invasive plant species within the boundaries of National Forest System lands in the Pacific Northwest Region. Examples of aquatic and riparian invasive plant species include, but are not limited to, yellow flag iris, hydrilla, nonnative milfoils, yellow floating heart, purple loosestrife, Japanese knotweed, giant knotweed, salt cedar, and kudzu.

Additional information referencing Oregon and Washington State Laws pertaining to the transportation of aquatic invasive species can be found under the following State statutes:

Oregon:

- o ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.620, 496.645, 496.650, 498.002, 498.052, and 498.222
- o HB 2220 (2009 OL Ch. 764) and HB 2583 (2009 OL Ch. 303)
- o Oregon Administrative Rules Division 56 Prohibited species and Division 44 native species

Washington:


- o RCW 77.15.253
- o WAC 220-20-039(1); WAC 220-56-122(6); and WAC 232-12-016(2)(d) and (e).

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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

Done at Portland, Oregon, this day __ of 2015.


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Regional Forester
Pacific Northwest Region
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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 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).