

**ORDER NUMBER 382**

**AREA CLOSURE**

**Wallowa-Whitman National Forest  
Baker Ranger District**

Pursuant to 36 CFR Section 261.50 (a), until further notice, the following acts are prohibited, within the areas listed below on the Baker Ranger District of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

1. All public entry into the closure area is prohibited from December 1 through May 1. (36 CFR 261.53 (a) and (b)).

2. The Salmon Creek Closure Area is located in T. 9 S., R. 39 E., Willamette Meridian. It includes the eastern half of section 7; and the southern half of section 8 excluding the SE quarter of the SE quarter.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) 1, 2 and 4, the following people are exempt from this order.

1. Person with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Owners or lessees of land in the area.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Baker City, Oregon this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999.

Karyn L. Wood  
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Forest Supervisor

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. Title 16 USC Section 551.

## **JUSTIFICATION**

This area is a known bald eagle winter roost area. The critical time for wintering bald eagles is December 1 through May 1. This closely parallels the critical time for the winter feeding of elk. The Salmon Creek Elk Feeding Site is directly adjacent to the bald eagle winter roost area. The area closure is required to prevent harassment of big game and bald eagles while they are on their winter range. This closure will also help alleviate elk and deer damage to private properties caused by wintering elk and deer along the east flank of the Elkhorn Ridge.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

The closure order will be posted as required by 36CFR 261.51 (a) and (b), and maintained by personnel from the Baker Ranger District and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). ODFW personnel will assist with enforcement by initiating contact, providing information, and requesting compliance when encountering anyone in or entering the closure area. ODFW will contact the Forest Service if the situation is not immediately resolved. District Forest Protection Officers and Zone Law Enforcement Officers will take measures necessary to enforce the order, as time and funding allow.

**CFR APPROVAL**  
**WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST**

Ranger District: Baker

Area Closure: T. 9 S., R. 39 E., W. M.; the eastern half of section 7; and the southern half of section 8 excluding the SE quarter of the SE quarter.

Restrictions: Closed to all public entry from December 1 through May 1.

Reason: To prevent harassment of bald eagles while on their winter roost; and to minimize disturbance of big game in a forested cover area adjacent to a winter feeding site, thereby helping to retain the animals on public land, resulting in less big game damage on neighboring private properties.

Developed by: Allison Kuehl Date: 4/19/99  
Wildlife Biologist

**The attached CFR Order is complete and accurate:**

Reviewed by: Kenneth M. Rockwell Date: 4/19/99  
Watershed Restoration Staff

Reviewed by: Mara A. Todd Date: 5/4/99  
Road Maintenance / Management Engineer

Certified by: Charles Blank Date: 5-6-99  
Zone Engineer

**I recommend that the attached CFR Order be forwarded to the Forest Supervisor for approval:**

Recommended by: Charles G. East Date: 5-10-99  
District Ranger



# SALMON CREEK AREA CLOSURE

