

ORDER NUMBER 349

AREA CLOSURES

WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST
LA GRANDE RANGER DISTRICT


Pursuant to 36 CFR Section 261.50 (a) and (b), until further notice, the following acts are prohibited within areas and upon portions of forest development roads listed below within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

1. Using any motorized vehicle on any Forest development roads not graveled. (36 CFR 261.54(a)).
2. Use of any moterized vehicle off graveled roads. (36 CFR 261.56)
 - A. THREE CABIN AREA -- CLOSURE PERIOD - JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 1.
The area located in T. 2 S., R. 37 E., Sections 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, West 1/2 Section 11, NW 1/4 and N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 16, and Section 17. Willamette Merdian.

The following people are exempt from this order (36 CFR 261.50(e)):

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

Done at Baker City, Oregon this 25 day of April, 1997.


William R. Gast, Jr.
Acting Forest Supervisor

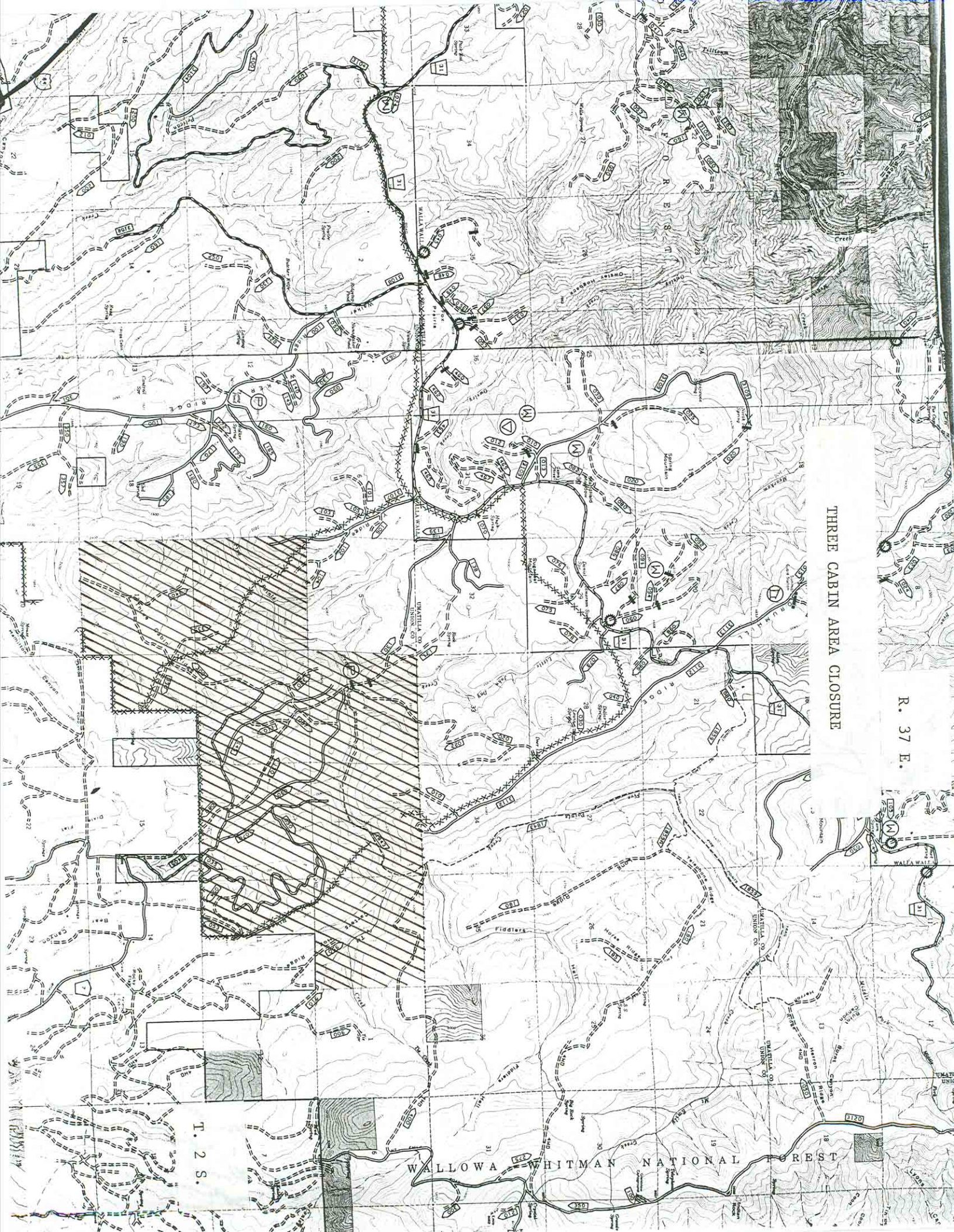
Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. Title 16 USC Section 551.

JUSTIFICATION

This has been an annual order to close an area that receives heavy cross country "mudden." (get stuck and get as much mud on your rig as possible) Heavy early mushroom hunting is also causing resource damage to meadows, streams and roads. The area is only about 20 minutes from La Grande which contributes to the problem.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law enforcement will be by Wallowa Whitman N.F. law enforcement personnel and La Grande District personnel while working in the area. District personnel will note a description of the vehicle and/or individual, and report this to an authorized law enforcement officer who will issue a Notice of Violation.



THREE CABIN AREA CLOSURE

R. 37 E.

WALLOWA WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

T. 2 S.

FSM 5300 - LAW ENFORCEMENT
SPECIAL ORDER ROUTING FORM

Exhibit 3

Date 4-23-97

Please route the attached Forest Order to the following (please sign off):

1. Originator (Author) Jerry M. Powell
2. Originator's Supervisor _____
3. Special Agent (if available) [Signature]
4. District Ranger [Signature]
5. Respective SO Staff for Review _____ ENG | | Peter Jeffs for Herb Halthoff
REC | | _____
AFM | | _____
NAT'L RES | | _____
6. Special Order Coordinator [Signature]
(Assigns number and prepares for signature,
and distributes after signature)
7. Forest Supervisor (for signature) William K. [Signature]

FSM 5353, R-6 Supplement 50, requires all Special Orders include an explanation of the need for the order, and an enforcement action plan.

NOTE: Districts should allow a minimum of 5 days for SO processing.