

ORDER NUMBER 345

**AREA CLOSURE**

Wallowa Whitman National Forest  
La Grande Ranger District

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

Possessing or using a motorized vehicle off Forest development roads (36 CFR 261.56).

- A. SPRING CREEK SLEDDING AREA -- CLOSURE PERIOD - YEAR LONG  
The area located in T. 3 S., R. 36 E., W.M., South 1/2 of the NW 1/4 and the North 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 4 between Forest Roads 21 and 2100680 and enclosed by wood rail fence.
- B. CATHERINE CREEK SUMMIT SLEDDING AREA -- CLOSURE PERIOD - YEAR LONG  
The area located in T. 5 S., R. 41 E., W.M., SE 1/4 of Section 27 between State Hwy. 203 and Forest Road 7700950 and described as a large opening approximately 500' feet Northeast from the intersection of Hwy 203 and Forest Road 77.

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 fire fighting force in the performance of emergency official duties.

Done at Baker City, Oregon this 7th day of January, 1997.

  
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R. M. RICHMOND  
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.

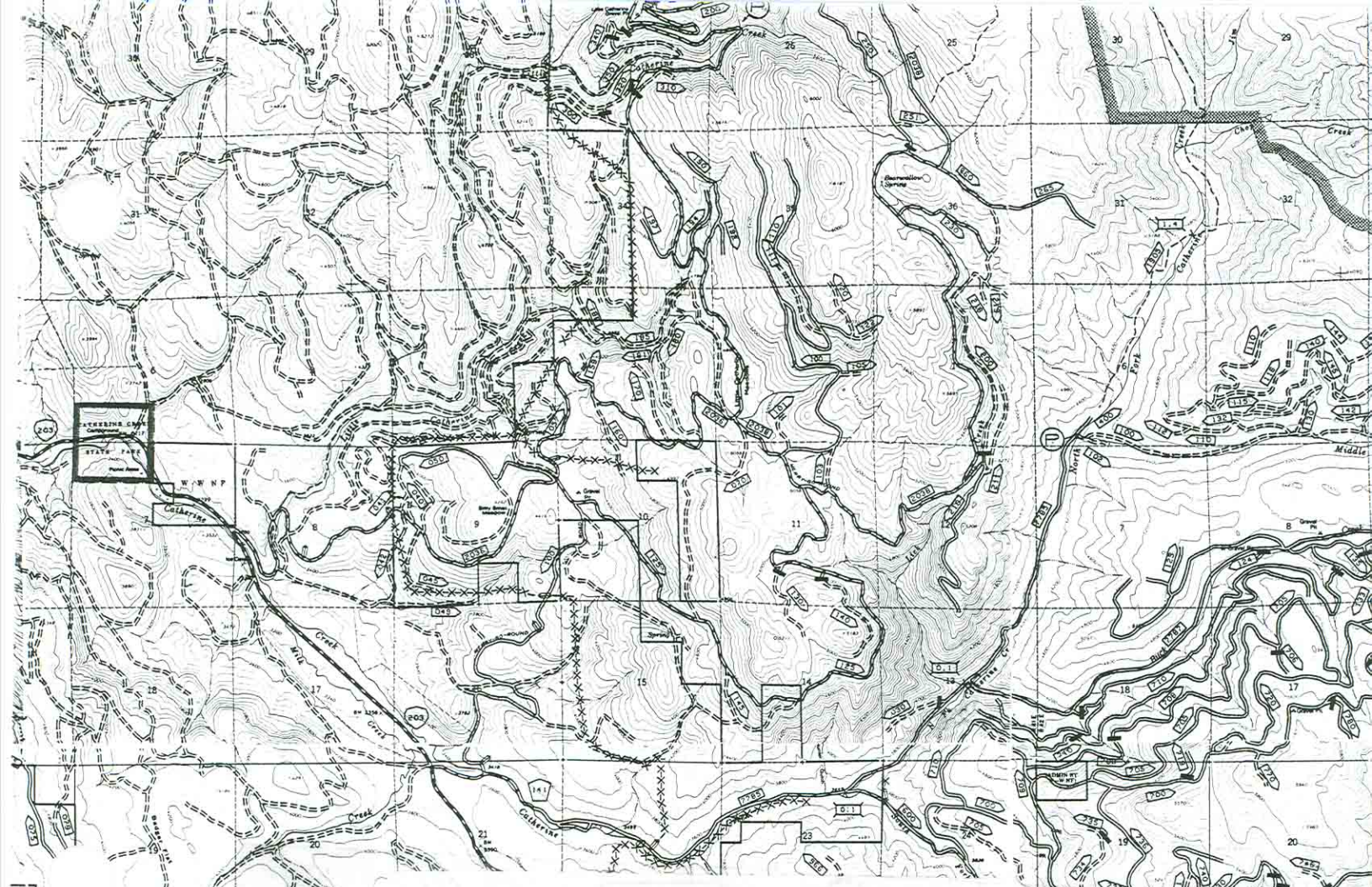
#### JUSTIFICATION

This order is needed to provide a safe sledding opportunity during the winter season and protect area from soil damage during non winter seasons. The Spring Creek site has been heavily damage several times in the past by motorized vehicles.

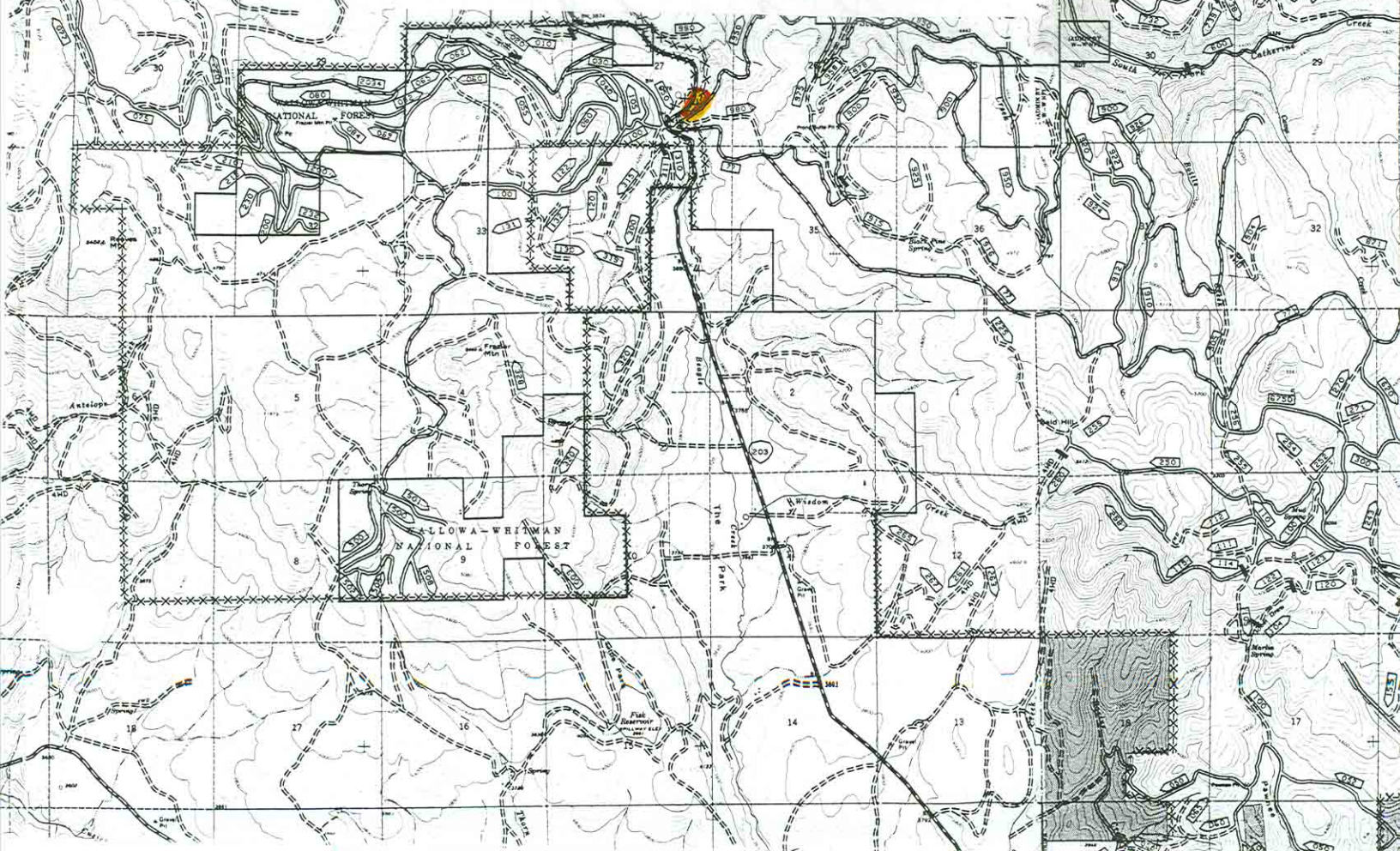
#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

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.

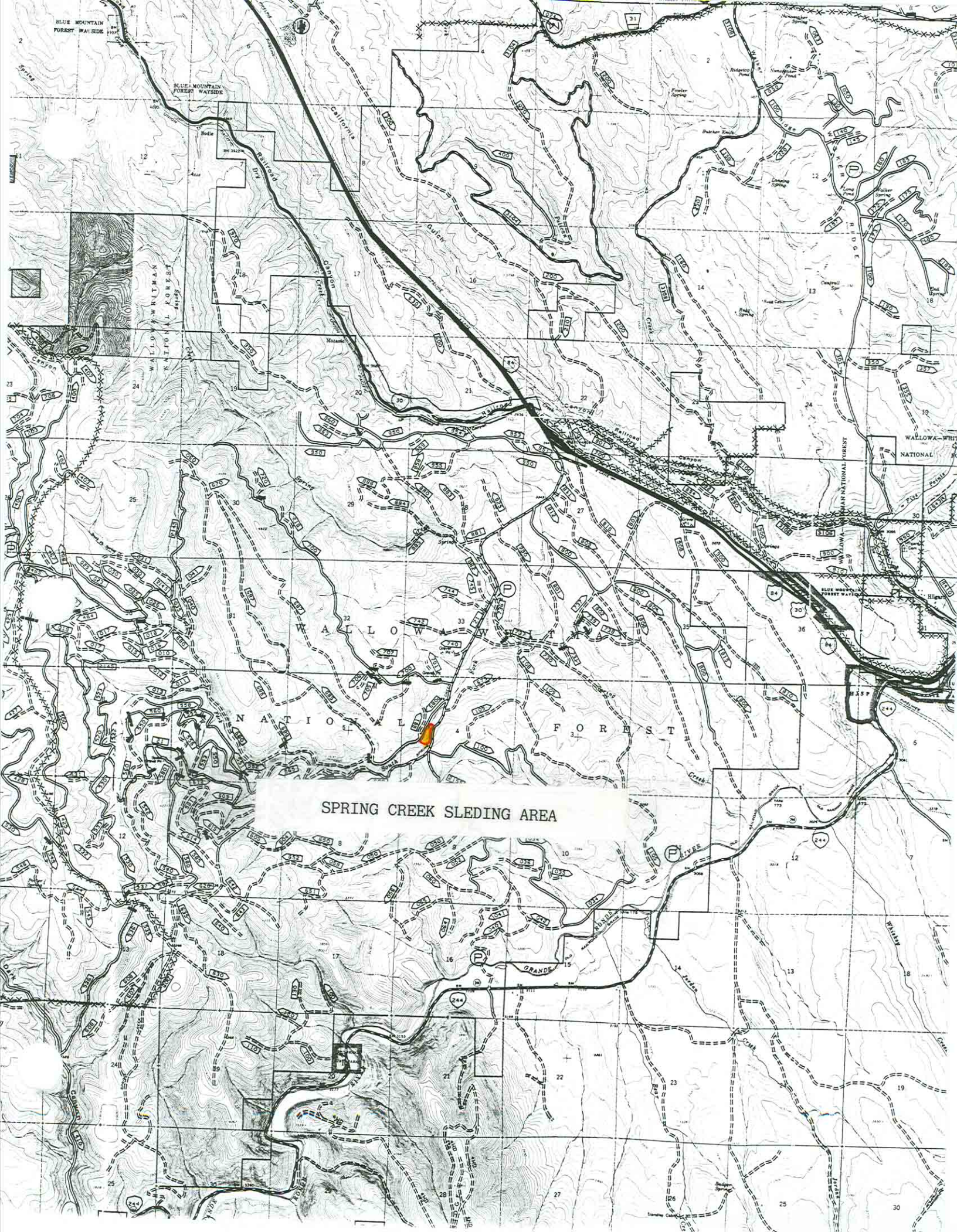




CATHERINE CREEK SUMMIT SLEDING AREA







SPRING CREEK SLEDGING AREA



FSM 5300 - LAW ENFORCEMENT

SPECIAL ORDER ROUTING FORM

Exhibit 3

Date 12-16-96

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

1. Originator (Author) Dave Dahlstrom
2. Originator's Supervisor Paul Blank
3. Special Agent (if available) Ernie L. LEO
4. District Ranger Scott R. Kalle
5. Respective SO Staff for Review \_\_\_\_\_ ENG | AG | \_\_\_\_\_  
REC |    | \_\_\_\_\_  
AFM |    | \_\_\_\_\_  
NAT'L RES |    | \_\_\_\_\_
6. Special Order Coordinator Faith Kenney  
(Assigns number and prepares for signature,  
and distributes after signature)
7. Forest Supervisor (for 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.