

ORDER NUMBER 69

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE  
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest  
Hells Canyon National Recreation Area

Pursuant to 36 CFR Section 261.50(b), until further notice, the following act is prohibited within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest on the following road as regulated below:

Use of the road by any type of traffic is prohibited,  
36 CFR 261.54(b).

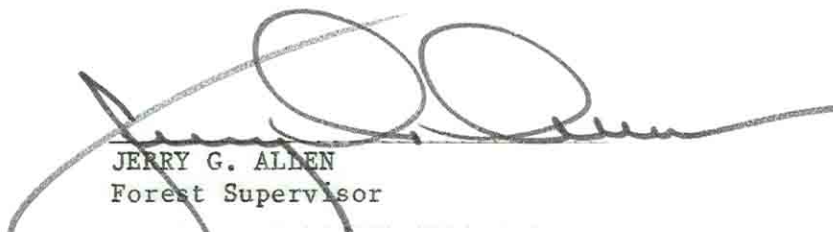
Closed to all motorized vehicles immediately and continuing until rescinded.

Road No. 4680250 from the gate at Downey Saddle located in Section 16, T. 5 N., R. 47 E., W.M., to its termini in Section 11, T. 5 N., R. 47 E., W.M.

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

1. Persons with a permit issued by the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area Manager specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Owners or lessees of land accessed by this road.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of emergency official duties.

Done at Baker, Oregon this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 1984.

  
JERRY G. ALLEN  
Forest Supervisor

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Title 16 USC Section 551.



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Box 490, Enterprise, Oregon 97828

7730 Transportation System Operation  
2720 Special Uses

Date: August 27, 1984

Subject: Downey Creek Road

To: Forest Supervisor

For years we have been involved with the status of the Downey Creek Road. You recently notified Donald Tippettt that we were closing our files on the original special use permit issued to Mr. Tippettt's father for this road. Now, we need to begin management of that road.

The road is narrow, steep, and deeply rutted for much of its length. There is no maintainable surface. The ruts are necessary in wet weather to insure the vehicle does not slide off the road. It is nearly not negotiable without four wheel drive. The road simply was constructed to provide minimum access to one ranch with no provision for public travel.

After reviewing the criteria in the FSM, I recommend this road be closed at the existing Forest Service gate at Downey Saddle. It should be closed for the following reasons (1) safety, (2) protection of road base, and (3) protection of public and private resources. The location of this gate gives a good turnaround, where locating it as the road enters private land does not. It is easy to monitor non-compliance. It doesn't allow two wheel drive vehicles or vehicles with trailers to get into an unmanagable position. It limits the amount of traffic to what the roadbed is capable of withstanding.

I have reviewed this recommendation with Mr. Tippettt, Zone Engineer Joe Jedrykowski, and ODF&W Wildlife Biologist Vic Coggins. All agree. Please have Corola Stoney prepare a road closure for your approval.

If you have any concerns about my recommended action, please contact me soon. I believe it is important to expedite this. The gate has been locked for a number of years. I would not like to open it now, and then immediately reclose it.

ALAN S. DEFLER  
Project Manager

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