



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
ROGUE RIVER-SISKIYOU NATIONAL FOREST
MEDFORD, OR

ORDER NO. 06-10-00-23-46

ROGUE NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVER – WILD SECTION STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), and to provide for public safety and protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited within the boundaries of the Wild section of the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River within the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, during the annual Oregon Department of Forestry Southwest Oregon declared closed fire season as described below and shown in map attached as Exhibit A. This Order is effective July 17, 2023 until November 30, 2023 unless rescinded sooner.

PROHIBITION:

1. To build, maintain, attend or use a fire, campfire, or stove fire **except:**
 - a. When using commercially produced pressurized liquid gas stoves. Cooking areas are to be naturally free of vegetation. Each group must have a shovel and bucket.
 - b. When using charcoal briquettes only within a raised fire pan or similar device that will contain the fire and its residue, free of natural vegetation, below the high water mark from Marial downstream to the mouth of Watson Creek. All ashes are to be carried out.
36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)
2. Smoking, **except:**
 - a. While aboard a watercraft while navigating or at rest on a waterway.
 - c. On sand and gravel bars between the river and the high water mark naturally free of flammable vegetation.
[36 CFR § 261.52(c)]

Description of River Corridor:

The Wild section of the Rogue Wild and Scenic River beginning at the Forest boundary in the southwest ¼ of the southeast ¼ of Section 9, T.33S., R.10W., following downriver in a southwesterly direction to the mouth of Watson Creek in the northeast ¼ of the northeast ¼ of Section 17, T.34S., R.11W., within the Willamette Meridian, Oregon as shown on map attached as **Exhibit A**.

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.

2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.

Violations of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B Misdemeanor, 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; 18 USC § 3559 and 18USC § 3571 and 3581).

Executed in Medford, OR this 17th day of July 2023.

Jake Winn
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Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

Prohibition Objective: The closure of the roadways to motorized public access is necessary to ensure public health and safety. Road is damaged at the closure point and beyond make motorized vehicular access unsafe.

Public Notification Plan: Information associated with the closure will be made available to the public through media releases, partner organizations, and at Forest Service offices. The affected area will be posted with signs indicating the road is closed to public entry.

Enforcement Plan:

| <u>Action</u> | <u>Responsible Official</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Prepare proposed order | Fire Prevention Tech. | |
| Review proposed order (Law Enforcement) | Patrol Captain | |
| Approve proposed order | Forest Supervisor | |
| Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51 | District Staff Officer and Staff | |
| Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives | Public Affairs Officer | |
| District staff will be responsible for the management and enforcement of this closure. Any enforcement actions will be within normal policies and procedures established by the LEI Patrol Captain for the zone. | District Staff | |