

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST  
COWLITZ VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT RANDLE,  
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FOREST ORDER NO. 06-03-05-24-01

Iron Creek Fire Area, Road, and Trail Closure

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District within the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. These prohibitions will be effective beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and will remain in effect through December 31, 2024, unless rescinded sooner.

**Prohibitions:**

- 1) Going into or being upon an area closed for the protection of public health or safety. [36 CFR § 261.53(e)]
- 2) Being on a road. [36 CFR § 261.54(e)]
- 3) Being on a trail. [36 CFR § 261.55(a)]
- 4) Entering or using a closed Developed Recreation Site or portion thereof. [36 CFR § 261.58(b)]

**Area Closure Description:**

All National Forest System (NFS) lands are closed to all occupancy and travel within the described closure area boundary and as shown on the attached map (Exhibit A):

Beginning at the junction of Loop A road and the main campground road (NFS Road No. 2500107) the closure boundary follows Loop A road to the Y. From the Y the closure boundary bears North East to the Iron Creek Campground Loop Trail #187 to intersect at MM .95. The closure boundary then follows along the Iron Creek CG Loop Trail #187 South until the trail junctions with the toilet service road at MM 1.2 at the South end of Loop A. Closure area boundary extends 15 ft. East of Iron Creek Campground Loop Trail #187 between MM 0.95 and 1.2. The closure boundary then continues along the service road Northwest to the Loop A road then follows Loop A road clockwise Northwest back to the Y junction.

**Developed Recreation Site Closure Description:**

Entering or using closed Developed Recreation Sites or a portion thereof within the boundaries of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest is prohibited. "Developed Recreation Site" means an area which has been improved or developed for recreation. [36 CFR § 261.2] The closed Developed Recreation sites are listed below and displayed on the attached Map (Exhibit A):

Iron Creek Campground Loop A

**Road Closure Description:**

Travel is prohibited on the following National Forest System (NFS) Roads as described below and shown on the attached map (Exhibit A):

NFS Road No. 2500107 Loop A (Southeastern camping loop)

**Trail Closure Description:**

Travel is prohibited on the following National Forest System (NFS) Trails as described below and shown on the attached map (Exhibit A):

Trail #187 Iron Creek Campground Loop Trail -section from mile 0.9-1.2.

**Exemptions:**

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

1. Any Federal, State, or County officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with 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.
3. Persons traveling for evacuation purposes.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

**Violations of this prohibition are punishable 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 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3551, 3559, 3571, and 3581).**

Executed at Vancouver, Washington this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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