



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
HIAWATHA NATIONAL FOREST  
Gladstone, MI**

**CLOSURE ORDER NO. R9-10-21-02  
“STAGE 1” FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and CFR § 261.50(a) the following acts are prohibited upon National Forest Lands within the Hiawatha Forest. This Order will be effective beginning June 10, 2021 at 00:01 hours and ending 00:01 July 19, 2021 unless terminated earlier. This closure is put in place to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfire during current drought and elevated Fire Danger Rating conditions.

**PROHIBITIONS:**

**1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, including briquette fires, and torches. [36 CFR § 261.52 (a)]**

The following exceptions are permitted:

- Pressurized or bottled liquid fuel stoves, lanterns, or heating devices are permitted, provided such devices are used in areas that are barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding flammable material within 3 feet of the device.
- Campfires are permitted when contained within Forest Service provided and maintained fire rings on Hiawatha Forest Land.

**CLOSURE AREA DESCRIPTION:**

This prohibition applies to all National Forest System Lands within the Hiawatha National Forest.

**EXEMPTIONS:**

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

1. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

This prohibition is 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 18 USC § 3571)

Executed in Gladstone, MI this 10th day of June 2021.

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