

Order No. 242
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
Wilderness Closure Forest-wide

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following act is prohibited within Wilderness located within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, until further notice.

Possessing or using a wagon, cart, or other wheeled vehicle (including game carts)(261.57(h)).

Area Described:

All areas of Congressionally-designated Wilderness administered by the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

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

1. Persons with a permit which authorizes the above-prohibited activity.
2. Persons using a wheelchair as a necessary medical appliance.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Baker City, Oregon, this 17 day of Dec. 1992.



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Forest Supervisor

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Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months or both. Title 16 USC Section 551.

Justification -

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- Use of wheeled carts is considered "mechanized" use; however, since the current CFR regarding the Wilderness Act specifically mention only bicycles and hang gliders as prohibited. This order is necessary to prohibit wheeled carts.
- We have always recommended no wheeled carts, but had no recourse to cite those who do use them.
- The Malheur is preparing their order for their portion of Monument Rock, and the Umatilla has had a similar order in place for several years on their portion of the North Fork.
- The Regional Office (recreation) agrees with the prohibition and is considering doing one for the entire region as was done in R-1. Until that is completed, they recommend we do our own.

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Law Enforcement Plan

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Use of wheeled carts in Wilderness

Enforcement for the above order will be accomplished by Forest and District personnel working in the Wilderness areas.

Presently, these personnel are approaching persons using wheeled carts with the recommendation that they not use the carts. This order will not increase workload significantly, but it will enable law enforcement to issue citations for repeat offenders.

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