

ORDER NUMBER 371

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

WALLOWA WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST
HELLS CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (b) the following act is prohibited within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest on that portion of the forest development roads in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area described in this order, beginning at 12:01 a.m. three days prior to the opening of rifle buck deer season and ending at 12:00 p.m. on 30 June each year until further notice.

1. Use of the road by all wheeled-motorized vehicles except oversnow vehicles. (36 CFR 262.54 (a).

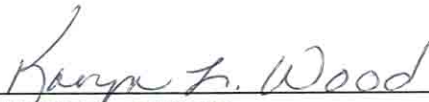
Description of roads:

1. Forest Road 3962040 in the Puderbaugh Ridge area is closed at the junction of Forest Road 3962 to the end of Forest Road 3962040 beginning in section 33, T. 04 S., R. 48 E., and extending to section 9, T. 05 S., R. 48 E., Willamette Meridian.
2. Forest Road 3962060 in the Puderbaugh Ridge area is closed at the junction of Forest Road 3962 to the end of Forest Road 3962060 beginning in section 33, T. 04 S., R. 48 E., and extending to section 20, T. 04 S., R. 48 E., Willamette Meridian.

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

1. Any Federal, State or local Law Enforcement Officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a permit authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
3. Forest Service road maintenance personnel and equipment in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Baker City, Oregon, this 5th day of October 1998.



KARYN L. WOOD
Forest Supervisor

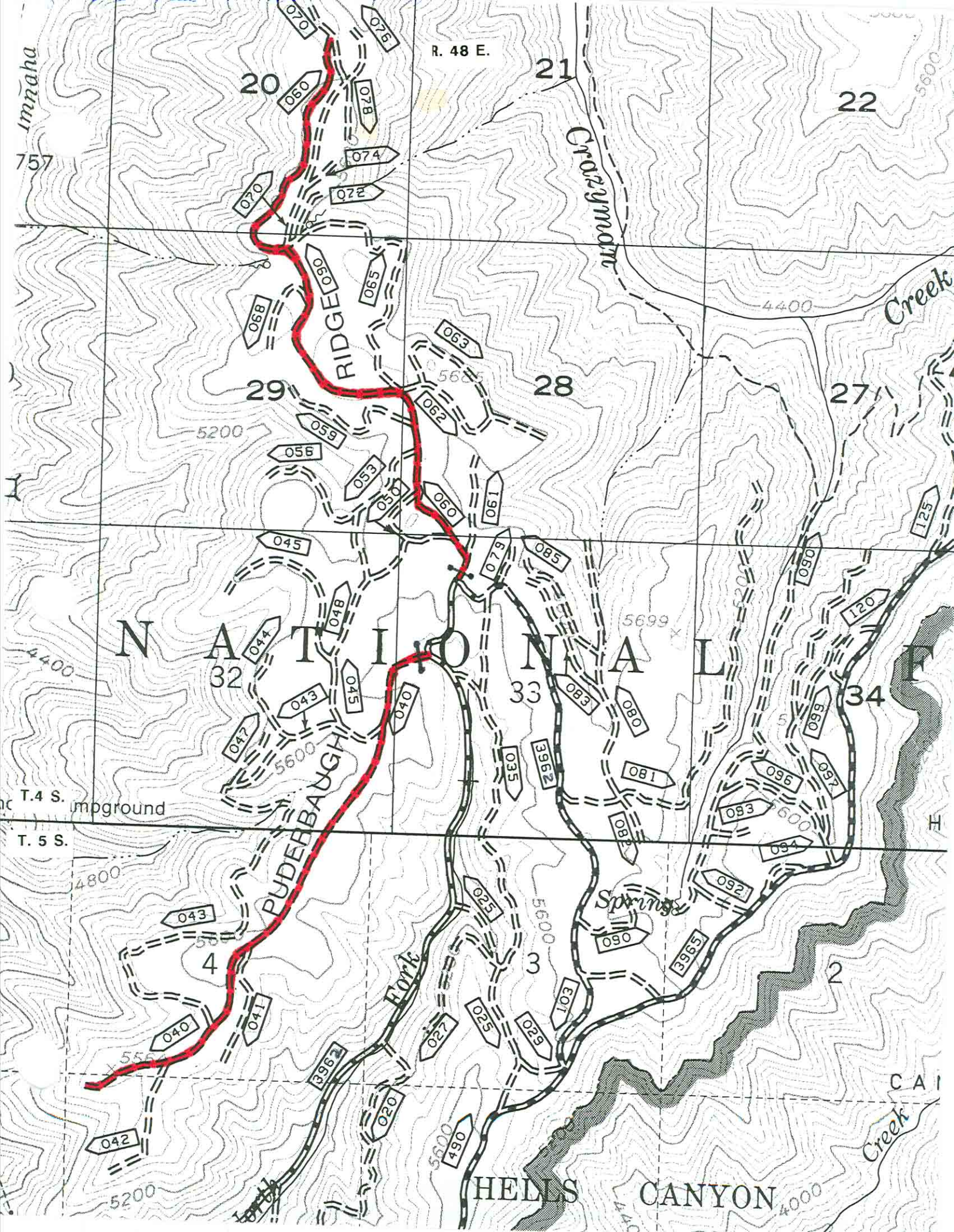
Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months or both. Title 16 USC Section 551.

Justification Statement for CFR Road Closure

Seasonal closure of roads 3962040 and 3962060 is to implement a mitigation measure in the Hells Canyon Overlook II environmental assessment and decision notice. The purpose is "to eliminate the potential for increased stream sedimentation resulting from vehicle use, to eliminate the potential for increased soil disturbance resulting from vehicle use, and to reduce disturbance to wildlife populations from motorized vehicles" as cited in the decision notice.

Law Enforcement Plan

To implement the closures, gates are to be installed at the beginning locations described in the road closure notice. Gates will have "ROAD CLOSED" signs, barricade markers, and object markers attached. Gates will be locked closed during closure period.



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R. 48 E.

757

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22

Crowfoot Creek

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RIDGE

Creek

5200

4400

NATRONA NATIONAL ANTIQUARIAN SITE

32

33

34

PUDERBAUGH

Springs

T. 4 S. Impground

T. 5 S.

4800

4

5600

2

Fork

HELLS CANYON

Creek

5500

5200

5600

4000

SPECIAL ORDER ROUTING FORM

Exhibit 3

Date 9/1/98

Please route the attached Forest Order to the following (please sign off):

1. Preparer (Author)

Steve Hammond

2. District LE Coordinator (Technical Review)

Bob Williams

3. District Ranger

Kendall Clark

4. Forest Agent (Technical Review)

5. Respective Staff for Review _____ TM

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AFM

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6. Distribution Coordinator

(Assigns number and Distributes after signature)

7. Forest Supervisor (for signature)

FSM 5353, R-6 Supplement 50, requires all Special Orders include an explanation of the need for the order, and an enforcement action plan.

NOTE: Districts should allow a minimum of five days for SO processing.

NOTE: This order needs to be processed & in effect by September 30, 1998
Thank you for your prompt attention.