

ORDER

Starkey Experimental Forest and Range

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Pursuant to 36 CFR Section 261.50 (a) and (b), until further notice, the following acts are prohibited within the below listed areas on the Starkey Experimental Forest and Range, and the La Grande Ranger District of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

1. Going into or being upon any area which is closed for the protection of scientific experiments or investigation, public health or safety. For the purpose of this order, this restriction applies to Appendix A and B of this order. (36 CFR 261.53 (d & e).

2. Using any motorized vehicle prohibited by the order. For the purpose of this order, this restriction applies to all National Forest System roads within the areas and at the times described in Appendix C of this order, except as noted in the appendices. (36 CFR 261.54(a)).

3. Using any type of traffic prohibited by the order. For the purpose of this order, this restriction applies to all motorized vehicles on National Forest System Roads within the areas and at the times described in Appendix D of this order. (36 CFR 261.54 (b)).

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

- (1.) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.

- (2.) Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty, when operating an emergency vehicle in accordance with applicable state law.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Baker City, Oregon, this 20 day of December 2007.

/s/ Steven A. Ellis
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Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571)

APPENDICES

Appendix A

The area inside the Starkey Experimental Forest, enclosed by the Big game fence from November 15 to April 30 including all or part of T. 3 S., R. 34 E., Sections 7, 8, 14 through 35; T. 4 S., R. 34 E. Sections 1 through 24, 26 through 29; Willamette Meridian.

Appendix B

The following areas are closed to entry yearlong for protection of scientific experiments (36 CFR 261.53 (d)):

1. Northeast Study Area/Syrup Creek Pastures: That portion of T. 3 S., R. 34 E. Sections 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 26 bounded by game fence and posted, north of Road 2120, east of 2120-100, to the north and east perimeter fences.
2. Campbell Flat Pasture: That portion of T. 4 S., R. 34 E. Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, bounded by game fence and posted, east of Road 2120, to the south and east perimeter fences.
3. Handling Facilities/Feedground pastures: That portion of T. 3 S., R. 34 E. Section 35, and T. 4 S., R. 34 E. Sections 1, 2, 11, 12 bounded by game fence and posted, north of Campbell Flat, east of Road 2120, to the east perimeter fence.
4. Cow Camp: That portion of T. 4 S., R. 34 E. Section 2, and T. 3 S., R. 34 E. Section 35, bounded by cattle fence and posted, east of Road 2120 to the Handling Facilities game fence.

Appendix C

Closed yearlong to all motorized vehicles, except routes designated below from May 1 to November 14:

OPEN ROUTES: Forest Roads 2105, 2105-095, 2105-140 (from 2105 to 2105-095), 2105-360, 2105-301, 2120, 2120-100, 2120-300 to the junction of 2120-310 unless posted closed.

Appendix D

Closed yearlong to all motorized vehicles with the following exceptions for each of three big game hunts: 152B (rifle buck), 252D (rifle bull), and 252R (archery bull). These changes will be in effect 5 days prior to each hunt, through each of the hunt periods, as listed in current Oregon Big Game Regulations.

1. OPEN ROUTES (All vehicles) : Forest Roads 2105, 2105-095, 2105-140 (from 2105 to 2105-095), 2105-360, 2105-301, 2120 (open to 2120-401 junction)
2. OPEN ROUTES (Class III Motorcycles and Class 1 ATVs <50" wide): Forest Roads 2105-400, 2105-410, 2105-420, 2105-430, 2105-465, 2105-478, 2105-110, 2105-101, 2105-104, 2105-140 (from 2105-095 junction), 2105-210, 2105-225, 2105-250.