ORDER NO. MH-2013-05

ROAD CLOSURE

MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST

ORDER

Pursuant to 36 CFR, 261.50(a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited in the area and on the roads and trails depicted and generally described in Attachment A of this order on the Mt. Hood National Forest.

1. Going into or being upon an area

36 CFR 261.52(e)

2. Being on a road

36 CFR 261.54(e)

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (E) the following persons are exempt from these prohibitions.

- 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.

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

Forest Order is in effect until road hazard(s) can be mitigated or until rescinded.

Executed in Sandy, Oregon on this 22nd day of May, 2013.

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Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C.551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

National Forest System Road 7010000, from the junction with NFSR 7010160 (mp 6.05) through to the junction with NFSR 7010024 (mp 6.56).

Recommendation to close this section of road is due to the Safety and Health of the Mt Hood National Forest Road users. Route has a section of road located at MP 6.3 which has been constantly moving due to a slip plane located beneath location of road prism. Active slide area, approx. 250 LF of prism has been moving at a slow rate for the past 12 years, efforts to reconstruct/reopen have failed within months of repairs. Permanent repair of site will constitute a major realignment of road prism, given the priority roads on the Mt Hood National Forest and the current budget trends this section of route may not be repaired/reconstructed in the near future. Closure of this section of road from public use will reduce risk of personal or property liability claims.

Length of closure will be determined as funding becomes available to properly mitigate safety concerns at site for public use.

