ORDER

SPECIAL REGULATED CLOSURE

SPOKANE DISTRICT BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

A regulated fire closure on lands administered by the Spokane District Bureau of Land Management will take effect on 12:01 a.m. July 17, 2008 in the following Eastern Washington counties: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, Yakima, and counties. The Towell Falls Road at the Escure Ranch, was closed on July 9, 2008.

The regulated fire closure prohibits the following acts on affected lands:

- Operating any type of motorized vehicle off developed roadways with the <u>exception</u> of the <u>OHV</u> Area at Juniper Dunes Recreation Area which will remain open. Parking of vehicles off roadways must be done in an area barren of flammable materials (43 CFR 9212.2(b)(1). Developed roadways are those that are clear of flammable debris berm to berm.
- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire, including charcoal briquette fire (43 CFR 9212.2). Liquefied and bottled gas stoves and heaters are permitted provided they are used within an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. Fires within <u>steel rings</u> at improved campgrounds will also be deemed legal including the Yakima River Canyon, Coffeepot, Twin Lakes, Liberty, Chopaka, Washburn and Pacific Lake sites.
- Smoking while traveling in timber, brush or grass areas, except in vehicles on roads, or cleared areas at least 3 feet in diameter, or on boats on rivers and or lakes (43 CFR 9212.2).

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.3(a), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- Persons with a permit that specifically authorized the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- Any federal, state or local officer or a member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

On all public lands within the Spokane District, ignition of fireworks is prohibited (43 CFR 9212.2). Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both.

This order will be effective starting July 17, 2008, until further notice. This **order** will be posted at locations throughout affected areas.

Done at Spokane, Washington this 14th day of July 2008.

/s/ Robert B. Towne

Robert B. Towne District Manager

