

FOREST DEVELOPMENT ROADS AND TRAILS
ROGUE RIVER-SISKIYOU NATIONAL FOREST

MIKE'S GULCH FIRE SALVAGE TIMBER SALE ROAD CLOSURE

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(b) the following acts are prohibited on designated portions of the national forest system roads listed below, and depicted on the attached map, to provide for the protection of public health and safety and property through active timber harvest operations at the Mike's Gulch Fire Salvage Timber Sale, within the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. This order goes into effect immediately and remains in effect until rescinded.

PROHIBITION

1. Using any type of vehicle is prohibited. [36 CFR 261.54 (a)]

Vehicle use is prohibited on the following Forest Service roads:

4201.000 4201.090 4201.844 4201.845

The road closure is the log haul route of the Mikes Gulch Fire Salvage Timber Sale, as described in this Order and shown in the attached map (Exhibit A). The prohibition against vehicle operation applies to the those national forest system roads listed above, within the boundaries or jurisdiction of the Illinois Valley Ranger District, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, Josephine County, Oregon, Willamette Meridian.

Actions of individuals protesting the logging of the Mike's Gulch timber sale have placed themselves, logging contractors, other members of the public and agency personnel in danger. Protestors have temporarily succeeded in barricading the road to vehicle passage, to in order to block access to the sale units. Undisrupted access to these units is essential during ongoing contractually-authorized timber sale operations for the safety of contractors and Forest Service personnel engaged in those operations; and for the protestors. In addition, Forest Service firefighters need unimpeded access to the area to respond to reports of wildfires.

I have, therefore, decided to close roads to all but authorized vehicles to prevent protestors from engaging in actions there which endanger themselves and others. The road closure to non-authorized vehicles is needed to ensure unimpeded access for commercial and administrative vehicles to support the contractually-authorized logging activity, and for emergency vehicles in the case of injury, fire, or other such need.

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

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or local Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any Forest Service employee in the performance of their official duty.

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

Done at Medford, Oregon this 9th day of August, 2006.


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 Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 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).