

OCCUPANCY AND USE

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION

Weed Free Hay and Crop Products

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) the following acts are prohibited within National Forest System lands of the Pacific Northwest Region, as described or shown in Attachment A.

1. Possessing, storing or transporting any part of a tree or other plant, as specified in the order.

For the purpose of this order, it is prohibited to possess or store hay or crop products that are not state certified weed free, to include any hay, hay cubes, straw, grain or other crop or mulch product within the boundaries of the National Forest System of the Pacific Northwest Region in the States of Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho. [36 CFR 261.58(t)]

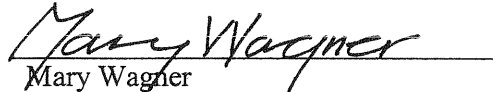
This regulation does not apply to persons possessing or storing commercially processed feed (feed pellets or steamed, rolled grains) or to persons possessing state certified weed free hay or crop products packaged as bales, containers, or sacks, when also marked using official tags, twine or other identification as required by the product's State of origin, or in possession of the original and current State documents which certify the hay or crop products meet or exceed the North American Weed Management Association (NAWMA) or comparable certification standard.

Pursuant to 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 any organized rescue or fire fighting force in performance of an official duty.

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

Done at Portland, Oregon, this 10th day of Feb 2009.


Mary Wagner
Regional Forester
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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)