



"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

**Partial Waiver of Regulated Closure Restrictions  
2016 Fire Season  
Central Oregon / The Dalles Unit**

**Northwest Area OHV Trail System**

The regulated closure restriction prohibiting motorcycles and all terrain vehicles on unimproved roads is hereby waived on Hood River County Forest (HRCF) ownership for designated trails in the Northwest Area OHV Trail System Area located in Regulated Use Zone MH-4 of the Central Oregon District. This area is designated on the attached exhibit, which is on file at the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) office located in The Dalles.

This waiver is subject to the following conditions:

Motorcycles and all terrain vehicles utilizing this waiver to operate off unimproved roads are required to have a fully functional USFS approved spark arrester.

Sheriff Deputies will provide daily patrols throughout the entire HRCF enforcing ODF's regulations as appropriate. Smoking, campfires, exploding targets, tracer ammunition, and chainsaw use will be restricted during the regulated closure.

Transport and passenger vehicles must continue to meet regulated use requirements at all times. These requirements include: being equipped with one gallon of water or one 2½ pound or larger fire extinguisher, one axe, and one shovel, except when traveling on improved state and county roads.

Improved Road," as defined in Oregon Administrative Rule 629-042-0100(2)(B)(c), means a road maintained for the use of passenger cars and that is clear of flammable debris. Typically this means a gravel road with no vegetation on the road bed.

HRCF will be responsible for public notification of changes in the status of the waiver, for posting approved signage, for maintenance of designated trails (free of vegetation), and for patrol of the waiver areas. HRCF and the Sheriff's patrol will work together with ODF to maintain appropriate signing for the Northwest Area OHV Trail System Area as conditions change.

Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL's) will be used as the guide for when OHV use on the trail system is allowed. This waiver will be in effect only during periods when the IFPL is at Levels 1 and 2 in Regulated Use Zone MH-4. Once the IFPL reaches Level 3 in MH-4, or as otherwise required by ODF, this waiver will void and remain void until weather patterns shift and assurances that ODF will remain at Level 2 or lower throughout the remainder of fire season exist.

This waiver is only in effect in the Northwest Area OHV Trail System Area all other areas will adhere to the conditions of the Regulated Closures. This will be in effect for the 2016 fire season and re-evaluated prior to the 2016 fire season.

  
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July 1, 2016  
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Effective Date