

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HOOD RIVER COUNTY, OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COUNTY)
FOREST, ROADS AND TRAILS TO) ORDER NO. 20-009
RECREATIOANAL USE DUE TO EXTREME)
FIRE DANGER)

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2020, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency due to imminent threat of wildfire across the state; and

WHEREAS, critical fire weather conditions have been prevalent in Hood River County, including strong winds, low fuel moistures and warm temperatures; and

WHEREAS, due to extreme risk of fire and limited resources to fight fires on County forest, the County Forest Manager recommends closing all Hood River County forestland, forest roads, and forest trails to recreational use, including camping, until further notice; and

WHEREAS, Hood River County Ordinance No. 78 and No. 251 authorize forest road and trail closures to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Hood River County during periods of high fire danger; and

WHEREAS, having considered the recommendation of the Forest Manager at its duly noticed Special Meeting on August 25, 2020, together with public comment on the proposed closures, the Board finds it is in the best interest of the public to enact temporary closures to mitigate fire risk on County forest.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. All County forest, forest roads and forest trails are closed to recreational use, including camping, between the hours of 9:00 PM PST and 5:00 AM PST, beginning Thursday, August 27th at 9:00 PM.
2. The County Administrator is authorized and directed to coordinate implementation of this Order with Forestry and Public Works including installing appropriate signage reflecting the closures and access restrictions directed by this Order.
3. The Forest Manager shall reopen forest roads and trails once the conditions giving rise to the extreme fire danger have diminished.
4. This Order is not intended to affect private lands, public agencies, fire, police, public works, or other emergency management agencies.

5. A violation of this Order shall be a Class C misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine of up to \$1,250.00, or 30 days in jail, or both, and a civil infraction enforceable under the County's Enforcement Code (Chapter 1.08).

ADOPTED this 25th day of August 2020.

HOOD RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Michael J. Oates, Chair