UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST
COWLITZ VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT
RANDLE, WASHINGTON

FOREST ORDER NO. 06-03-05-26-02

HIGH ROCK TRAIL #266, LOOKOUT AREA, AND TRAILHEAD CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the area and trail described in this order and depicted on Exhibit A, within and/or administered by the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Cowlitz Valley Ranger District. These prohibitions will be effective beginning July 8, 2026, and will remain in effect through August 23, 2026, unless rescinded sooner.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Being on a trail. [36 CFR § 261.55(a)].
2. Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof. [36 CFR § 261.58(b)].
3. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions. [36 CFR § 261.58(g)].
4. Going into or being upon an area closed for the protection of public health or safety. [36 CFR § 261.53(e)].

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this order is to protect public and personnel health and safety due to construction operations on the High Rock Lookout located at the terminus of NFS Trail # 266 High Rock Trail, as well as to allow for safe construction operations and travel along the NFS Trail #266 High Rock Trail and at the High Rock Trailhead.

TRAIL CLOSURE:

Travel is prohibited on the following National Forest System (NFS) Trail as described below and shown on the attached map (Exhibit A).

- NFS Trail #266 High Rock Trail in its entirety

DEVELOPED RECREATION SITE CLOSURE:

Entering or using a closed developed recreation site or a portion thereof within the boundaries of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest is prohibited. "Developed recreation site" means an area which has been improved or developed for recreation. [36 CFR § 261.2] The closed developed recreation sites are listed below and displayed on the attached map (Exhibit A):

- High Rock Trailhead

Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions at the High Rock Trailhead is prohibited.

AREA CLOSURE:

All National Forest System (NFS) lands are closed to all occupancy and travel within the described closure area boundary and as shown on the attached map (Exhibit A):

- Within 150 feet of the High Rock Lookout foundation and structure.

EXEMPTIONS:

1. Any Federal, State, or County officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

2. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation Order), specifically exempting them from this order.

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

Violation of these prohibitions is 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; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3551, 3559, 3571, and 3581).

Executed in Vancouver, Washington, this 7th day of July 2026.

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SPECIAL AREA CLOSURE

EXHIBIT A