

# Fire Area Closure - Access Request Form

Please submit at least 24 hrs prior to access

**Name:**

**Fire Name:**

**Forest Service Representative or Cooperator name and contact info:**

**Reason for entrance in closure area:**

**Start Date:**

**End Date:**

**How many participants and vehicles?**

**Transportation Details:**

(What travel routes will you need access to? How many/what types of vehicles will be used? Where will you be staging/parking vehicles?)

**Communication method:** (FS radio, C-800, cell phone)

**Check-in/out name and contact:**

**Agency Administrator:**

**Date notified:**

**Fire Management:**

**Date notified:**

**Commander or Operations:**

**Date notified:**



Form Link

**I have read the closure and access definitions and completed the attached Risk Assessment Worksheet**

## **Mt. Hood NF Forest and Fire Area Closure Access**

The Riverside and Lionshead fires are uncontained and uncontrolled, although the risk of fire activity is minimal. The primary concern is much of the fire areas has not been assessed for safety hazards or involves driving through response operations. Access needs to be controlled and coordinated due to environmental hazards, suppression repair, Burned Area Emergency Recovery (BAER), response work by Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Portland General Electric (PGE).

### **Access and Closure definitions:**

**Critical Access** for suppression repair, BAER, Hazmat, hazard tree removal, Timber Lake Job Corps security, Law Enforcement and PGE/ODOT/BPA/C-800 infrastructure response work. Access in the fire closure will be coordinated with the Forest and Incident Management Team as necessary.

**Non-Critical Access** - Special Use permit holders, non-infrastructure cooperators, researchers, Forest Service employees not associated with Fire/READ or BAER). Non-critical access in the fire closure area will require a Red Carded fire fighter as an escort.

**Inside the Closure Area** within the Forest Closure area but outside of the fire area

**Inside the Fire Area** within the perimeter of the Riverside or Lionshead fire

**Pass system** is intended to coordinate entrance and maintain accountability into the closure area with the District/Forest and Type 3 IMT.

### **Considerations:**

- All personnel that meets the Critical Access criteria will be allowed to enter the fire area unless critical forecast conditions are met:
  - Emergency entrance only to fire area when Red Box Detailed Forecast:  
[https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?site=pqr&zmx=&zmy=&map\\_x=278&map\\_y=173&x=278&y=173#.X4tNe5CWw2w](https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?site=pqr&zmx=&zmy=&map_x=278&map_y=173&x=278&y=173#.X4tNe5CWw2w)
  - Forecasted wind speeds > 10 mph
  - 24-hour rain amounts > 1 inch
- ODOT is staffing a 24-hour roadblock at HWY 224. Government, ODOT and PGE vehicles can enter without an ODOT ACCESS PASS, all other vehicles will need to obtain a pass from ODOT or Mt. Hood NF.
- Highway 26 has a daytime FS staffed roadblock and nighttime barricades, jersey barriers with chain and lock access. Government, ODOT and PGE vehicles can enter without an ODOT ACCESS PASS, all other vehicles will need to obtain a pass from ODOT or Mt. Hood NF.
- Limit the amount of time critical and non-critical activities slow down critical response operations for BAER, road clearing, and tree removal.
- There is a need for Forest employee non-critical access into the fire area to see the fire impacts, conceptualize needs and formulate long term plans. This access should try to limit the number of personnel and vehicles due to COVID-19 and exposure environmental hazards. This could be a scheduled one day a week tour.

<b>Risk Assessment Worksheet</b>	<b>1. Project/Incident/Work Activity</b>	<b>2. Location</b>
<b>3. Specific Objective</b>	<b>4. Name and Title of Preparer</b>	<b>5. Date</b>

**6. Risk Decision Authority:** (Authority Signature Block) If block 15 is Moderate, High or Extremely High a higher level of authority needs to sign in this block.  
 Signature/Date:

Assess Hazards					Identify Risk Mitigation Measures	Residual Risk				
7. Task	8. Hazard	9. Severity/Consequence	10. Hazard Probability	11. RAC	12. List all mitigation or abatement measures	13. Severity/Consequences	14. Hazard Probability	15. RAC	16. Necessary (Yes/No)	17. Hazard Control Assigned to:

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Risk Assessment Matrix		Probability <i>Likelihood of Mishap if Hazard is Present</i>				
		Almost Certain <small>(Continuously experienced)</small>	Likely <small>(Will occur frequently)</small>	Possible <small>(Will occur several times)</small>	Unlikely <small>(Remotely possible but not probable)</small>	Rare <small>(Improbable; but has occurred in the past)</small>
Severity/Consequences <i>Consequences if Mishap Occurs</i>	Catastrophic <small>(Imminent and immediate danger of death or permanent disability; major property or facility damage; loss of critical system or equipment.)</small>	Extremely High	Extremely High	Extremely High	High	Moderate
	Critical <small>(Permanent partial disability, temporary total disability; moderate environmental damage; extensive damage to equipment.)</small>	Extremely High	Extremely High	High	Moderate	Moderate
	Moderate <small>(Hospitalized minor injury, reversible illness; minor damage to equipment, property, or the environment.)</small>	High	High	Moderate	Low	Low
	Negligible <small>(First aid or minor medical treatment; little or no property or environmental damage.)</small>	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Low	Low

<b>Risk Assessment Tool</b>		
<b>Risk Element</b>		<b>Score</b>
Supervision - qualification, experience, organization		
Planning - details, clarity resource selection and condition, communications		
Leader's Intent - clear task, purpose, and end state		
Team Fitness - physical/mental fitness, good morale, mindful, maintain S.A.		
Environment - Temperature, elevations, terrain difficulty remoteness		
Duration Complexity - details, task, time needed, time afforded		
<b>Total Risk Score</b>		
<b>6 - 23</b>	<b>24 - 44</b>	<b>45 - 60</b>
<b>Green (Low Risk)</b>	<b>Amber (Medium Risk)</b>	<b>Red (High Risk)</b>

<b>Risk Decision Authority</b>	
<b>Risk Assessment Code</b>	<b>Project or Work Activity</b>
<b>Extremely High</b>	<b>USFS Line Officer</b>
<b>High</b>	<b>USFS Line Officer</b>
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Supervisor or Lead</b>
<b>Low</b>	<b>Individual</b>