



THE NATURE CONSERVANCY (TNC) allows responsible use of the Central Cascades Forest for public recreation. There is no fee for recreational access. Hazards exist, however, so recreationists must use caution and enter at their own risk. In particular, the Central Cascades Forest is a working forest with ongoing logging and land management activities that may pose a danger to recreational users. Recreationists must pack out all garbage and follow leave no trace practices across the landscape to protect natural resources, fish, and wildlife.

The following policies govern recreation on the Central Cascades Forest and will be strictly enforced in cooperation with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service, and state and local law enforcement agencies.

- **NON-MOTORIZED USE** is permitted on all lands unless otherwise posted. TNC encourages users to stay on roads and trails unless the activity involves cross country travel such as hunting, collecting forest products, or winter travel with adequate snow cover.
- **MOUNTAIN BIKES** must stay on designated trails and roads to reduce impacts to soil, vegetation and wildlife. E-bikes are considered a motorized use.
- **WHEELED MOTORIZED USE**, including e-bikes, is permitted only on open roads and trails authorized for their use. OHVs and dirt bikes are prohibited on Cle Elum Ridge with the exception of FR 4305. Off-road and off-trail use damages the land, disturbs wildlife, and is strictly prohibited. Access is prohibited beyond a closed road or trail, even if a gate or sign has been vandalized.
- **SNOWMOBILES AND OTHER OVER-SNOW VEHICLES** are permitted on groomed trails authorized for their use and cross country with adequate snow cover, unless otherwise posted.
- **GATES** must not be blocked. Administrative, contractor or emergency traffic may need to pass through.
- **INDIVIDUALS WITH GATE ACCESS KEYS** may use their keys only when conducting official business.
- **BUILDING**, relocating or decommissioning roads or trails is strictly prohibited without prior written consent.
- **DOMESTICATED ANIMALS** are allowed for recreational purposes only. The use of certified weed-seed-free livestock hay, forage and bedding is required. Livestock shouldn't be tied to trees; instead use a high-line.
- **GRAZING** is not permitted without a permit and prior approval of a grazing plan.
- **HUNTING AND FISHING** is permitted in accordance with relevant state laws.
- **TRAPPING** of game or non-game wildlife is prohibited except with written permission under special circumstances.
- **TARGET SHOOTING** is prohibited.
- **DISPERSED CAMPING** is permitted in accordance with regulations of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. Camping is limited to 14 days per site and must not be left unattended for more than 3 consecutive days. In order to minimize conflicts with wildlife, food, garbage and all other attractants must be acceptably stored at all times. Pack out or bury all human waste at least 6" deep, 200 feet away from water, trails and campsites.
- **CAMPFIRES** are permitted in accordance with local and state fire restrictions. During campsite occupation, downed wood may be used for firewood only within that campsite. No live trees may be cut by campers
- **PERMANENT AND SEMI-PERMANENT** camping structures or cabins (e.g., hunting or camping cabins) are prohibited.
- **COLLECTING FIREWOOD** for use on the property is allowed. A permit is required to remove any firewood from the property.
- **COLLECTING NON-TIMBER** forest products like mushrooms, cones or berries for commercial purposes is allowed by permit only.
- **SPECIAL EVENTS** such as bicycle races, poker rides or other organized activity with a group of more than 30 people require a permit.
- **COMMERCIAL USE** will be determined on a case-by-case basis and requires a negotiated agreement.
- **POSSESSING OR DISCHARGING FIREWORKS** is prohibited year-round.

ANY USE OF THE CENTRAL CASCADES FOREST not consistent with these regulations shall be considered trespassing and/or any other applicable crime and be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. TNC reserves the right to close off access to all or any portions of the Central Cascades Forest, or to require anyone to leave the land, at any time, for any reason.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!