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Permits Required in Some Wildernesses

Permits will be required this summer in eight of 14 Wildernesses within the National Forests in Oregon and Washington, according to Regional Forester Theodore A. Schlapfer, U.S. Forest Service.

Permits will be required for all visits to the Eagle Cap, Strawberry Mountain, Three Sisters, and Mt. Jefferson Wildernesses in Oregon, and for overnight trips only to the Glacier Peak, Goat Rocks, Mt. Adams and Pasayten Wildernesses in Washington.

No permits will be required at any time for six Wildernesses in Oregon (Diamond Peak, Gearhart Mountain, Kalmiopsis, Mountain Lakes, Mt. Hood, and Mt. Washington).

The permit system is part of a continuing effort to better manage the areas to prevent destruction of Wilderness values and, in turn, the Wilderness experience so many people seek, Schlapfer said.

There are specific restrictions in some Wildernesses. The Wilderness user will be informed of these when he receives the permit.

Information about the free permits is available at most Forest Service offices. Permits are available from National Forest offices that administer Wilderness, and at some trailheads. Permits may be obtained by mail or in person by contacting the office nearest the planned point of entry into a Wilderness.

The permit system will be in effect from June 15 to November 15, except for Glacier Peak Wilderness where a permit is needed at all times.

Many high-elevation trails will have snow on them until late summer.

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Editors: Attached is more information on the permit system.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST NATIONAL FOREST WILDERNESS PERMIT SYSTEM

Where and When Permits are Required

The Wilderness Permit System is in effect from June 15 to November 15, except for Glacier Peak Wilderness which is in effect year-long.

During the time it is in effect, permits are required for all visits to the Eagle Cap, Mt. Jefferson, Strawberry Mountain, and Three Sisters Wildernesses in Oregon, and for overnight trips only to the Glacier Peak, Goat Rocks, Mt. Adams, and Pasayten Wildernesses in Washington.

No permits are required at anytime for the other six Wildernesses in National Forests in Oregon (Diamond Peak, Gearhart Mountain, Kalmiopsis, Mountain Lakes, Mt. Hood, Mt. Washington.)

Party Size

Large groups are destructive to wilderness. Limits may be in effect for the area you will be visiting. Check with the officer who issues your permit if your party is large. In the Glacier Peak and Pasayten Wildernesses, the mandatory limit is 12 people and 15 head of pack and saddle stock. Elsewhere, it is recommended that you plan your party size to limit groups of people and/or stock animals to a combined maximum of 20.

Where Permits Can Be Obtained

Three Sisters, Strawberry Mountain, and Mt. Jefferson Wildernesses in Oregon:

Permits are available at self-issue stations located at each trailhead that leads into the Wildernesses and at Forest Service offices in Sisters, Bend, Eugene, Detroit, Blue River, Ripplebrook, McKenzie Bridge, John Day, and Prairie City, Oregon.

For Eagle Cap Wilderness in Oregon and all Wildernesses in Washington:

Permits can be obtained by mail or in person from the Forest where a Wilderness is located.

Mail applications can be picked up at any Forest Service office and should be sent to the appropriate address as indicated below:

EAGLE CAP - Wallowa-Whitman N.F., Federal Building, Baker, Oregon 97814

GLACIER PEAK -

West Entry - Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie N.F., 1601 Second Avenue Building, Seattle, Washington 98101

East Entry - Wenatchee N.F., 301 Yakima Street, P.O. Box 811, Wenatchee, Washington 98801

GOAT ROCKS

West Entry - Gifford Pinchot N.F., 500 W. 12th Street, P.O. Box 449, Vancouver, Washington 98660

East Entry - Wenatchee N.F., 301 Yakima Street, P.O. Box 811, Wenatchee, Washington 98801

MT. ADAMS - Gifford Pinchot N.F., 500 W. 12th Street, P.O. Box 449, Vancouver, Washington 98660

PASAYTEN - Okanogan N.F., 219-2nd Avenue, S., Okanogan, Washington 98840

Permits Can Be Obtained in Person at the above offices or at the Ranger Stations indicated below:

EAGLE CAP - Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Baker R.S.--Baker, Oregon
Bear-Sleds R.S.--Wallowa, Oregon
Chesnimnus R.S.--Enterprise, Oregon
Joseph R.S.--Joseph, Oregon
La Grande R.S.--La Grande, Oregon
Pine R.S.--Halfway, Oregon
Union R.S.--Union, Oregon
Unity R.S.--Unity, Oregon

MT. JEFFERSON - Permits available at self-service stations at trailheads and at:

Deschutes N.F.--Sisters R.S.--Sisters, Oregon
Willamette N.F.--Detroit R.S.--Detroit, Oregon
McKenzie R.S.--McKenzie Bridge, Oregon
Mt. Hood N.F.--Clackamas R.S.--Ripplebrook-State Hwy. 224,
27 miles S.E. of Estacada, Oregon

STRAWBERRY MOUNTAIN - Permits available at self-issue service stations at trailheads and at:

Malheur N.F.--Prairie City R.S.-Prairie City, Oregon

THREE SISTERS - Permits available at self-service stations at trailheads and at:

Deschutes N.F.--Sisters R.S.--Sisters, Oregon
Willamette N.F.--Detroit R.S.--Detroit, Oregon
McKenzie R.S.--McKenzie Bridge, Oregon
Blue River R.S.--Blue River, Oregon

GLACIER PEAK - Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Monte Cristo R.S.--Granite Falls, Washington Darrington R.S.--Darrington, Washington Baker River R.S.--Concrete, Washington Glacier R.S.--Glacier, Washington Skykomish R.S.--Skykomish, Washington

- Wenatchee National Forest

Chelan R.S.--Chelan, Washington
Entiat R.S.--Entiat, Washington
Lake Wenatchee R.S.--Lake Wenatchee, Washington
Holden Village R.S.--Holden, Washington

GOAT ROCKS - Gifford Pinchot National Forest

St. Helens R.S.--Cougar, Washington
Mt. Adams R.S.--Trout Lake, Washington
Packwood R.S.--Packwood, Washington
Randle R.S.--Randle, Washington
Wind River R.S.--Carson, Washington

- Wenatchee National Forest

Tieton R.S.--White Pass Hwy., Washington

MT. ADAMS - Gifford Pinchot National Forest

St. Helens R.S.--Cougar, Washington Mt. Adams R.S.--Trout Lake, Washington Packwood R.S.--Packwood, Washington Randle R.S.--Randle, Washington Wind River R.S.--Carson, Washington

PASAYTEN - Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

Baker River R.S.--Concrete, Washington

- Okanogan National Forest*

Conconcully R.S.--Okanogan, Washington
Tonasket R.S.--Tonasket, Washington
Twisp R.S.--Twisp, Washington
Winthrop R.S.--Winthrop, Washington
Early Winters Information Station--St. Hwy. 20, West of
Winthrop, Washington

North Cascades National Park Manning Provincial Park

* NOTE: Pack and Saddle Stock

The Wilderness Entry Permit includes a grazing permit for pack and saddle stock. Forest Service personnel will need to know the number of horses, mules, etc., whether they are for pack or saddle use and planned itinerary on the Forest. A maximum of 15 animals are allowed per party.

A permit for a trip through more than one Wilderness along the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in Washington should be obtained from the National Forest that manages the first Wilderness the user enters in Washington. Permits in Oregon for Mt. Jefferson and Three Sisters Wildernesses are available at self-issue stations located at each trailhead that leads into the Wilderness and at Forest Service offices.