



OFFICE OF MAYOR
TED WHEELER

City of Portland

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE |) | Order No. 2 |
| LOCAL EMERGENCY |) | <i>Opening parks;</i> |
| WITHIN THE CITY OF PORTLAND |) | <i>Wildland Fire Areas of Concern</i> |
| DECLARED ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 |) | <i>remain closed.</i> |

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2020, I declared a State of Emergency in the City of Portland due to the extreme threat of wildfires and closed all outdoor parks and natural areas, including forested parks, owned by the City of Portland; and

WHEREAS, since September 10th, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) and Portland Fire & Rescue (PF&R) have worked collaboratively to assess the threats and risks associated with the current wildfire danger posed to the City; and

WHEREAS, in consultation and collaboration with the PF&R Fire Marshal, the PP&R Incident Command team has identified several sites that do not pose a wildfire risk and recommend that they be opened for use; and

WHEREAS, these sites have been specifically recommended because they provide Portlanders access to parks which is essential to their physical and emotional wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the PF&R Fire Marshal and PP&R Incident Command recommend keeping certain designated locations closed to the public due to continuing wildland fire concerns; and

WHEREAS, the September 10, 2020, Emergency Declaration provides authority to modify the Emergency Declaration and issue additional Orders thereunder; and

WHEREAS, I find it in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the public to modify the Emergency Declaration by this Order as set forth below.

THEREFORE, pursuant to my authority under the Portland City Charter, City Code, and any other applicable law, I hereby Order as follows:

1. **Opening all outdoor parks and natural areas except for Wildland Fire Areas of Concern.** Notwithstanding Directive 2 in the September 10, 2020, Emergency Declaration, all outdoor parks and natural areas owned by the City of Portland are hereby open effective immediately, except the Wildland Fire Areas of Concern listed in **Exhibit A** which remain closed. Further, the Director of the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management retains the authority to open or close any location if warranted by conditions at the site.
2. **Other Provisions.**
 - a. All provisions of the September 10, 2020, Emergency Declaration shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified by this Order No. 2.
 - b. If any provision of the Declaration of Emergency, or any Emergency Orders, directives, commands, or other orders issued under the authority of the Declaration, or their application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the duly exercised authority, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of the Declaration of Emergency, or any Emergency Orders, directives, commands, or other orders issued under the authority of the Declaration, are severable.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dated this 19th day of September, 2020

City of Portland, Oregon

By: 

Ted Wheeler, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tracy Reeve, City Attorney
For Portland, Oregon

EXHIBIT A

Wildland Fire Areas of Concern

| Park or Natural Area Fire Concern Area |
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| Forest Park |
| Powell Butte |
| Springwater Corridor |
| Oaks Bottom |
| Kelley Point Park |
| Terwilliger Parkway - Buhler Cutoff area |
| Colwood Natural Area |
| Mitchell Creek Natural Area |
| Powell Butte Lower Floodplain |
| Wahoo Creek Natural Area |
| Gateway Green |
| Beggar's Tick |
| Rocky Butte |
| Powers Marine Park |
| Buttes Natural Area |
| Cross Levee Natural Area |
| Deardorff Creek Natural Area |
| Indian Creek Natural Area |
| Peninsula Crossing Trail |
| Foster Floodplain |