



TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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FILING CAPTION: Temporary Closure of the Molalla River between Goods Bridge and Canby Community Park

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11/02/2026 THROUGH 11/13/2026

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

The rule prevents recreational boaters from accessing approximately 2 river miles during excavation work that will return the river channel to its historic channel. The avulsion was created as a result of a winter flood event in December 2025.

The presence of heavy equipment and changing river flows create a safe hazard for recreational boaters during the short period when the channel is work is being conducted.

JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:

Work is in progress to excavate the area in and around a short section of the Molalla River to reroute the river channel back to its historic channel after a flood event eroded through a buffer and entered into a former mine site. During the time the channel is being reroute, river flows will be unpredictable and heavy equipment will be working in and around the river. These conditions create a safety hazard for boaters and workers.

During this time of year, water levels are low and boating is typically limited to a small number of non-motorized boats such as kayaks, rafts, and drift boats. The rule is will prevent recreational boats from using this small section of the river for approximately 2 weeks to allow for work completion.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

This work is being coordinated by Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, and emails requestion the temporary rule are on file.

AMEND: 250-020-0259

RULE TITLE: Boat Operations in Marion County

RULE SUMMARY: Temporary Rule to close a section of the Molalla River from November 2, 2026 to November 13, 2026, between Goods Bridge and Canby Community Park.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) Big Cliff Reservoir: A person must not operate a boat in the area between the debris boom and the dam.
- (2) Detroit Reservoir:
 - (a) A person must not operate a boat for the purpose of towed watersports within 200 feet of shore and must operate in a counterclockwise pattern around the lake.
 - (b) A person must not operate a boat behind anyone being towed closer than 300 feet nor cross the towing boat's bow less than 200 feet nor alongside the towed person(s) closer than 100 feet.
 - (c) A person must not operate a boat in the area between the debris boom and the dam.
 - (d) A person must not operate a motorboat in excess of a slow-no wake speed in the following areas:
 - (A) Within 200 feet of shore;
 - (B) Within 600 feet of the northwest shore of Piety Knob;
 - (C) In the Brietenbush Arm and Breitenbush River upstream of a point approximately 2000 feet downstream of the Highway 22 bridge, as marked;
 - (D) In the North Santiam River above a point 1,100 feet northwest of Hoover Rock, as marked.
- (3) Elk Lake: A person must not use an internal combustion engine to propel a boat.
- (4) Goose Lake: A person must not use an internal combustion engine to propel a boat.
- (5) Mission Lake: A person must not use an internal combustion engine to propel a boat.
- (6) Silverton Reservoir: A person must not use an internal combustion engine to propel a boat.
- (7) Turner Lake:
 - (a) A person must not use an internal combustion engine to propel a boat.
 - (b) A person must not operate a motorboat in excess of slow-no wake speed.
- (8) Walter Wirth Lake: A person must not use an internal combustion engine to propel a boat.
- (9) Molalla River is temporarily closed to all boating between Goods Bridge boat and Canby Community Park boat access from November 2, 2026 until November 13, 2026.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 830.110, ORS 830.175

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 830.110, ORS 830.175, ORS 830.195