

**WAC 220-500-040 Regulating public access.** (1) The director may close or restrict access to department lands by an emergency or other permanent regulation on a seasonal, emergent, or permanent basis to protect human safety, vulnerable fish and wildlife resources or habitats, and department or other infrastructures from damage or abuse.

(2) The director may control public access on department lands to increase wildlife use in order to improve hunter success or manage wildlife viewing opportunities. Public access may be controlled by limiting the number of users in the areas and/or limiting the days of the week or hours of the day that the public can access the area.

(3) It is unlawful to enter or remain on department lands or portions thereof when such restrictions are in place or are established by department posted notice. This does not apply during the administration of authorized activities.

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