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Media Release

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Lyle Trailhead of Klickitat Trail Closed

KLICKITAT COUNTY – The Klickitat County Emergency Operations Center in Unified Command with the Klickitat County Public Health Department are directing people to follow the governor’s proclamation and Stay Home, Stay Healthy and Stay in your **Local** neighborhood!

The U.S. Forest Service has closed many popular trailheads to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The following recreation sites are temporarily closed. [Historic Columbia River Highway - Waterfall corridor](#), [Horsetail Falls](#), [Wahkeena](#), [Angels Rest](#), [Cape Horn Trail](#), [Dog Mountain Trail](#), and [Klickitat Trail](#). The Lyle Trailhead of the Klickitat Trail is located in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and hosts large crowds during peak seasons, deeming it a hot spot for drawing crowds from all over, including other states.

Klickitat Trail is a Rails-to-Trails conversion that crosses multiple jurisdictions. The USFS helps maintain the Lyle Trailhead, which sits on Washington State Park lands. The closure of the trailhead is consistent with the Washington State Park decision to close all day use areas, including trailheads.

Scenic area leadership continues to evaluate risks at other “close proximity” recreation sites and anticipates more closures and restrictions with little advanced notice. Updates will be posted on the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area website at: fs.usda.gov/crgnsa

See Governor’s Proclamation for Essential Business [Essential Business](#)

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