



**Klickitat County In Unified Command  
Emergency Management  
And Public Health**  
Emergency Operations Center  
Public Information Officer 509-250-0528  
[klickitateocpio2@gmail.com](mailto:klickitateocpio2@gmail.com)



## Media Release

May 01, 2020, at 9:00am

### Partial Re-Opening of Outdoor Recreation

**KLICKITAT COUNTY RESIDENTS-** The Department of Emergency Management in Unified Command with The Public Health Department wants to THANK YOU for continuing to do the right things. We would also like to provide you with additional information regarding Governor Inslee's announcement on Monday April 27th, 2020 in regards to easing the outdoor restrictions that are currently in place.

Klickitat County Emergency Management is working closely with all local public land owners as well as Oregon public land owners to make sure that opening is done in a safe and effective manner. In order for the outdoor recreation opportunities in our area to open there are requirements that must be met to ensure the opening does not result in a sharp increase in the amount of people coming to visit and recreate in Klickitat County and put additional stress on local resources. We understand the desire to go out and recreate as well as the mental and physical benefits that go along with it. However, not all recreation opportunities will open up as soon as May 5th, nor should everyone partake in the activities that do come available. People must recreate locally: Do not travel farther than necessary and do not stay overnight.

The Governor gave the following recommendations that should be adhered to for the safety of everyone:

- 1)** Anyone exhibiting any cold or flu-like symptoms shall not participate in outdoor recreation activities
- 2)** Any state parks, state public lands, hunting and fishing seasons, golf facilities, trails, and other public parks, public lands and trails may be closed at any time if there is reason to believe unsafe conditions exist or social distancing practices are not being adhered to
- 3)** People must recreate locally: Do not travel farther than necessary and do not stay overnight
- 4)** Limit your recreation partners to only those who live within your household unit
- 5)** Practice social distancing at trailheads, boat launches, and all areas where you encounter others
- 6)** Utilize facial coverings in any situation where social distancing is not possible
- 7)** Bring your own food and supplies when possible. This will help protect others in your community

We recommend checking with the local agency before heading out to ensure they are open and accepting visitors. It is important to note that if you get to a location and there are barriers or signs in place stating the area is closed, do not enter the area! We have made it this far together and we are getting closer every day to resuming more normal activities.

**Stay Home - Stay Healthy!!**

###