

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

1801 N. Main Street

Hamilton, MT 59804

Supervisor's Order

HOG TROUGH FIRE TRAIL AND AREA CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, trail and areas as described below, within the Darby Ranger District on the Bitterroot National Forest, Ravalli County, Montana.

PROHIBITION

1. Being on the Described Trails, 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a). It is prohibited to be on the trails listed below.
2. Going into or being upon the Described area 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e). It is prohibited to in or upon the area closure.

CLOSED TRAILS

1. **Railroad Creek, National Forest System Trail #77** from (T5N, R18W, Sect. 28, 27, 26, 25) to Trail#313 C at the gate (T11N, R23W, Sect. 26). As shown on the attached map.
2. **Weasel Creek, National Forest System Trail #156**, from milepost 0.00 at its junction with NFSR #461 (T4N, R18W, Sect. 4, 3; T5N R18W Sec 34, 35, 26, 25) As shown on the attached map.
3. **A section of the Chain of Lakes Trail #313, National Forest System Trail #313 where it intersects Trail #77 Railroad Creek, Weasel Creek Trail #156. (T5N, R18W, sec 25).** As shown on the attached map.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is for public health and safety due to fire activity from the Hog Trough fire in the Hog Trough drainage and related suppression activities.

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to Title 36 C.F.R § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order. 36 CFR § 261.50(e)(1).
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in performance of an official duty. 36 CFR § 261.50(e)(4).

DESCRIBED AREA AND TRAILS

Described Area: All NFS Lands on the Darby Ranger District of the Bitterroot National Forest in the area bounded at the Junction of the 75 (Skalkaho Road) and Trail #77 which runs east for 3.52 miles where it intersects at the Junction of Trail #313 (Chain of Lakes); head south along Trail #313 for 0.50 miles south where it intersects Trail #156 (Weasel Creek) and travel west along the trail for 3.2 back the 75 Road. The 75 Road is not closed at this time.

VIOLATION

Violation of these provisions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. § 3559, 3571, and 3581).

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This order will be in effect July 19th, 2022, and will remain in effect, until fire conditions subside and this order is rescinded.

2. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the National Forest Supervisor's Office in Hamilton, MT, telephone number (406) 363-7100.

Done at Darby, Montana this _19th__ day of July 2022.

MATTHEW D. ANDERSON
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Bitterroot National Forest