

Order Number: # 22-D4-01



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Bitterroot National Forest
West Fork Ranger District**

**1801 N. Main Street
Hamilton, MT 59840
Supervisor's Order**

Indian Ridge Fire Emergency Area/Trail Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands and trails in the West Fork Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area/Trails"):

1. Being on the Described Trails, 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).
2. Going into or being upon the Described area 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2)].
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(4).

DESCRIBED AREA/ROADS/TRAILS

All NFS lands on the West Fork Ranger District of the Bitterroot National Forest in the area bounded by the junction of FSR 468 (Magruder Corridor) and Nez Pass, west along FSR 468 to the junction with FSR 6223 (Paradise Road), north along FSR 6223 to the confluence with Snake Creek, east along Snake Creek to the junction with Trail #5 (Burnt Strip), east along Trail #5 to the junction with Trail #23 (Cooper Point), east along Trail #23 to the Montana/Idaho state line, south along the Montana/Idaho state line to the junction with Trail #16 (Divide North), south along Trail #16 to the junction with FSR 468 at Nez Pass.

Closed Trails:

1. Divide North, National Forest System Trail # 16 from Nez Pass to the junction with Trail #32. (T28N, R16E, Sections PB37-39, T28N, R15E, Sections 38, 40-43)
2. Nez Perce Indian Trail, National Forest System Trail #13 from the junction with Trail #16 to the junction with FSR 6223 at the Selway River. (T28N, R15E, Sections PB 43, 19, 26-30, T28N, R14E, Sections 16-19, 21-26)
3. Scimitar, National Forest System Trail # 36 from FSR 468 to the junction with Trail # 10. (T27N, R15E, Sections 4 & 5, T28N, R15E, Sections 7, 18, 19, 30-32).
4. Scimitar/Cayuse Mountain, National Forest System Trail # 720 from the junction with Trail # 36 to the junction with Trail #13. (T28N, R15E, Section 30).
5. Deep Creek/Beaver Jack, National Forest System Trail # 37 from FSR 468 to the junction with Trail # 13. (T28N, R14E, Sections 26, 34 & 35).
6. Indian Ridge, National Forest System Trail # 10 from FSR 6223 to the junction with Trails #32 & 34. (T28N, R14E, Sections 4-5, T29N, R14E, Sections 24-26 & 33-35, T29N, R15E, Sections 30-31, T28N, R15E, Sections 6-7)
7. Burnt Strip Ridge, National Forest System Trail # 5 from the junction with Trail #10 to the junction with Trail # 23. (T29N, R15E, Sections 15-17 & 19-21, 30).
8. Cooper Point, National Forest System Trail # 23 from the junction with Trail #5 to the junction with the Montana/Idaho state line. (T29N, R15E, Sections 15, 22-25, T29N, R16E, Section PB 47).
9. Schofield Ridge, National Forest System Trail # 34 from the junction with Trail #32 to the junction with Trail #32. (T28N, R15E, Sections 2, 5, 7, 8 & PB 37, 38, T29N, R15E, Sections 32-35 & PB 37).
10. Indian Creek, National Forest System Trail # 32 from the junction with Trail #10 to the junction with Trail #16. (T28N, R15E, Sections 7-10 & PB 38).

11. Cayuse Mountain, National Forest System Trail # 35 from the junction with Trail #13 to the junction with Trail #16. (T28N, R15E, Sections 15-17, 29, PB 38, 41).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is for public health and safety from the effects of the Indian Ridge Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from August 10, 2022 at 0800 through December 31, 2022 at 0800, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described [Area/Roads/Trails] is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/bitterroot/alerts-notice>
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the West Fork Ranger District in Darby, (406) 821-1226, and Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor's Office in Hamilton, (406) 363-7100, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area and on the same Described Trails.

Signed and issued on ___8/10/2022___.

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Bitterroot National Forest