



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service  
Flathead National Forest  
Spotted Bear Ranger District**

**Area and Trail Closure**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a)(b) the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails on the Spotted Bear Ranger District, Flathead National Forest is prohibited to go into the area or be upon any road or trail closed for the protection of: Public health or safety. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(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.

**DESCRIBED AREA and TRAILS**

**Area:** From the intersection of the wilderness boundary and NFS Trail # 218 (in Township 24 North, Range 15 West, Section 35) westerly along said boundary to the hydrologic divide between the Gorge Creek drainage and the Swan River drainage, then southerly along said divide to the intersection of the hydrologic divide between Gorge Creek drainage and Little Salmon Creek drainage (in Township 22 North, Range 16 West, Section 1), then easterly along the divide between the Gorge Creek drainage and Little Salmon Creek drainage to Marmot Mountain, then northerly along the divide between the Gorge Creek drainage and the main South Fork Flathead drainage to Sarah Peak, then in a straight line northwesterly to the intersection of the wilderness boundary and NFS Trail # 218, the point of beginning.

**Trails:** Those portions of NFS Trails # 107, 115, 218, 226, 493, and 693 within this described boundary are closed.

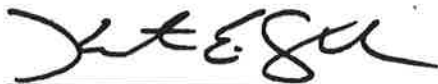
## PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public and firefighter safety due to fire activities on the ***Cannon Fire***.

## IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from August 19, 2022, at 0700 through December 31, 2022, at 1700, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area and 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/flathead/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 Spotted Bear Ranger District (406) 758-5376 or the Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office in Kalispell, MT, at (406) 758-5208 for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in or on the same Described Area, Road, or Trail.

Signed and issued on 8/18/22.



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