



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE National Forest
Wisdom Ranger District**

TRAIL RIDGE FIRE-AREA CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS

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

Going into or being upon the area described below. 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. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a Forest Service special use authorization or other authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

DESCRIBED AREA/ROADS/TRAILS

The Described Area is all NFS lands, roads and trails within the boundary starting in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14 in T1S R19W at the junction of FS Road 106 and CDNST Trail 9 (Gibbons Pass Trailhead); then continuing southeasterly on FS road 106 (for approximately six miles) to the junction of FS road 106 and FS Road 1297 in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4 in T2S R18W; then following the section line, due east two miles, to where this section line intersects with FS road 1085 in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2 in T2S R18W; then following the FS road 1085, in an easterly direction, to the FS road 1085 and FS 1203 junction in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10 in T2S R17W; then continuing northerly on FS road 1203 to the junction of FS road 1203 and FS road 1137 in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15 in T2S R17W; then following FS road 1203 in a northeasterly direction to the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1 in T2S R17W; then in an easterly direction, for a half mile, to the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6 T2S R16W; then

heading north, for two miles, to the junction of FS Trail 3372 in the NW¼ of the SW¼ Section 29 T1N R16W; then heading west to the junction of FS trail 3372 and FS trail 3379 in the SW¼ of the NE¼ Section 30 T1N R16W; then following FS trail 3372 to the junction of FS trail 3372 and CDNST Trail 9 of the NE¼ of NE ¼ Section 18 T1N R16W; then following the CDNST Trail 9, in a southwesterly direction, to the starting point in the NE¼ of the SW¼ of Section 14 in T1S R19W at the junction of FS Road 106 CDNST and Trail 9 (Gibbons Pass Trailhead).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to ensure public health and safety during fire suppression efforts of the Trail Ridge Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from September 8, 2022 at 0600 until rescinded or until October 31, 2022 at 0001, whichever occurs first.

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/bdnf/alerts-notices>.

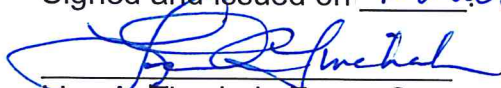
Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.

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.

Contact the Wisdom Ranger District in Wisdom, MT, (406) 689-3243, and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Supervisor's Office in Dillon, MT, (406) 683-3995, for more information about this Order.

This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in/on the same Described Area/Roads/Trails.

Signed and issued on 9-8-2022



Lisa A. Timchak, Forest Supervisor
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

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Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

Trail Ridge Fire Area, Road and Trail Closure Order

Introduction

The Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Supervisor has made a decision relative to an area closure due to the Trail Ridge Fire on the Wisdom Ranger District pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.53(e). It is necessary to close this area in order to protect public and firefighter safety while fire suppression activities are ongoing in the area.

The order applies to all National Forest System (NFS) lands including roads and trails depicted on the attached map, Exhibit A.

The order will provide exemptions that are articulated on the Forest Supervisor's Order #02-03-22-16.

Enforcement

Enforcement of the closure order will be a combination of signing, public information, personal contacts, and law enforcement actions. The following summarizes the enforcement goals with respect to this closure order:

- The goal will be to ensure that people are informed of the closure order. This will initially be promulgated through contacts and information releases before the special order goes into effect.
- LEO's & FPO's will endeavor to enforce the order through patrols and contacts when available to do so. Enforcement with a warning or citation will be at the discretion of the Law Enforcement Officer or Forest Protection Officer.

Posting

Current posting will be modified to reflect the new prohibition. Posting will be completed by the Forest Staff and will be posted at a minimum on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Alerts & Notices web page, the Wisdom District office and signage in the immediate area of the closure.

Civil Rights Impact Statement

The restriction of entry to the areas described in the order will have no adverse impacts on civil rights because the closure will apply to all individuals equally unless listed on the Forest Supervisor's Order #02-03-22-16 as exempted individuals. No one group will be affected more than another group.

Implementation of the proposed Supervisor's Order will not adversely or disproportionately impact minorities, women, low-income populations, or people with disabilities (Americans with Disabilities Act)



LISA A. TIMCHAK
Forest Supervisor
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

September 8, 2022
Date

Order Number: #02-03-22-16

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NEPA Review & Assessment

Trai Ridge Fire Area Closure Order

I have concluded that my decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act because it fits within the category identified in 36 C.F.R. § 220.6(d)(1) - prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety - and no extraordinary circumstances exist. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.



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Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

September 8, 2022
Date



ORDER CHECKLIST

Forest Order # 02-03-22-16

| ACTION | RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL(S) | SIGNATURE/ DATE |
|---|---|--|
| Prepare Proposed Order | Appropriate Staff | ANTON BRENNICK <small>Digitally signed by ANTON BRENNICK Date: 2022.09.07 07:24:56 -06'00'</small> |
| Review proposed Order | Appropriate Staff | ANTON BRENNICK <small>Digitally signed by ANTON BRENNICK Date: 2022.09.07 07:25:26 -06'00'</small> |
| NEPA Requirements Completed | Appropriate Staff | ANTON BRENNICK <small>Digitally signed by ANTON BRENNICK Date: 2022.09.07 07:25:58 -06'00'</small> |
| CRIA requirements Completed | Appropriate Staff | ANTON BRENNICK <small>Digitally signed by ANTON BRENNICK Date: 2022.09.07 07:26:22 -06'00'</small> |
| Enforcement Plan | Patrol Captain/ LEI RO | NICHOLAS SCHOLZ <small>Digitally signed by NICHOLAS SCHOLZ Date: 2022.09.07 10:21:17 -06'00'</small> |
| OGC Review | Regional OGC | B. Rastgoufard <small>Digitally signed by BABAK RASTGOUFARD Date: 2022.09.07 13:48:51 -06'00'</small> |
| Post Order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51 | District/ Forest Staff | Shing Dany |
| Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives | PAO (with appropriate input from Staff and LEI) | C. R. Rastgoufard |
| Complete and File Order File | Assigned Regional/ Forest/ District staff | Shing Dany |
| Plan implementation | LEI and Forest Staff | |
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Forest Supervisor Signature

9-8-2022

Date