

**Order Number: # 01-14-07-22-14**



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service  
Kootenai National Forest  
Cabinet Ranger District**

**Area, Road, and 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, roads, and trails in the Cabinet Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A:

1. It is prohibited to be upon any road or trail which is closed for the protection of: Public health or safety. 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.

**DESCRIBED Area, Road, and Trail Closure**

As depicted on the map attached as Exhibit A and hereby incorporated into this Order, the following closures will be implemented:

- Area Closure on National Forest Lands contained by the following description:
  - Starting on the NFS Road 150 intersection with NFS Lands in T26N R32W Sec 27 SWNW, NFS Lands contained west, south, and east of NFS Road

150 to the intersection of private land in T26N R32W Sec 20 Center of NW Corner; then along National Forest System boundary east through Section 20; then South along Section 21; then east along Section 21; then south into Section 28; then east through Section 28 to point of origin. National Forest System (NFS) Road 150, as well as the Government County Road encircle the fire in its entirety.

- Road and Trail closures as identified below:
  - Starting on NFS Road 150 in T26N R32W Sec22 SESE at the Junction of Timber Ridge Road (PVT), north, then west, then south, to the junction of NFS Road 150 and private road junction at T26N R32W Section 20 NWSW;
  - NFS Road 2285 from Junction with NFS Road 150 at T26N R32W Sec 10 SESW, east to the road terminus at Engle Lake Trailhead (NFS Trail 932);
  - NFS Road 150A from Junction with NFS Road 150 at T26N R32W Sec 10 NENE to the road terminus at Rock Lake Trailhead (NFS Rail 935);
  - NFS Road 150B from junction with NFS Road 150 at T26N R32W Sec 10 SWNE to the road terminus;
  - NFS Road 2741 at junction of NFS Road 150 at T27N R32W Sec 33 SESE north and northeast to road terminus at T27N R32W Sec 26 NWSW;
  - NFS Road 2741A at junction of NFS Road 2741 at T27N R32W Sec 27 SESW to the road terminus;
  - NFS Trail 932 (Engle Lake) from Trailhead at T26N R32W Sec 13 SESW to the junction with NFS Trail 926 in T26N R31W Section 18 SESW;
  - NFS Trail 935 (Rock Lake) from Trailhead at T26N R32W Sec 2 SENE NE to trail terminus at Rock Lake in T27N R31W Sec 32 NWNW.

All closures are located north and northeast of Noxon, Montana.

## **PURPOSE**

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

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order shall be in effect from September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 0600 through December 31, 2022 at 1800, unless rescinded.

2. A map identifying the Described Roads and Trail 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/kootenai>.
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 Cabinet Ranger District in Trout Creek, MT, (406) 827-3533, and Kootenai National Forest Supervisor's Office in Libby, MT, (406) 293-6211, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Road.

Signed and issued on 9/19/22

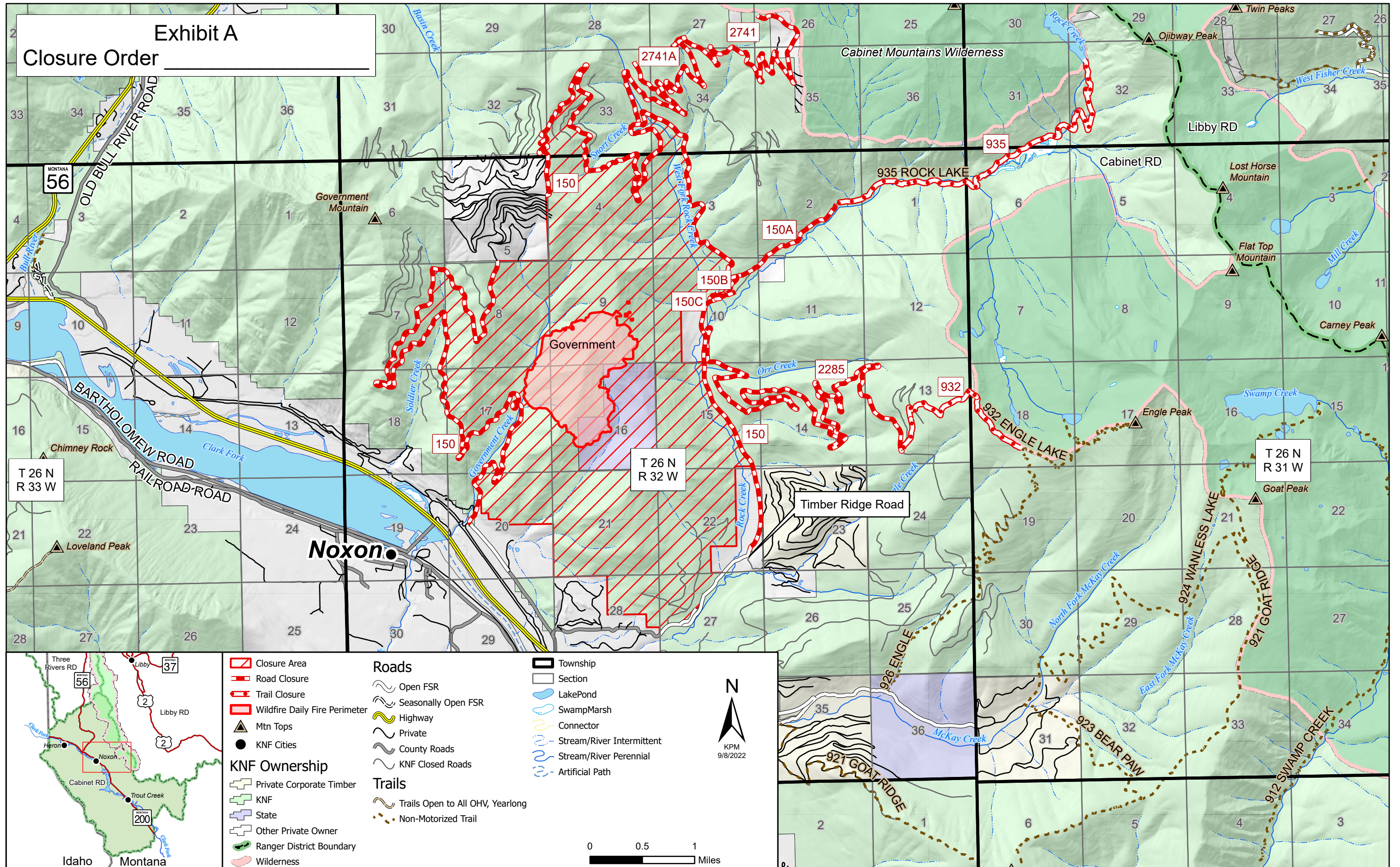


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# Exhibit A Closure Order



Closure Area	Township
Road Closure	Section
Trail Closure	Lake/Pond
Wildfire Daily Fire Perimeter	Swamp/Marsh
Mtn Tops	Highway
KNF Cities	Private
Private Corporate Timber	County Roads
KNF	KNF Closed Roads
State	Stream/River Intermittent
Other Private Owner	Stream/River Perennial
Ranger District Boundary	Artificial Path
Wilderness	Trails Open to All OHV, Yearlong
	Non-Motorized Trail

**Roads**

- Open FSR
- Seasonally Open FSR
- Highway
- Private
- County Roads
- KNF Closed Roads

**Trails**

- Trails Open to All OHV, Yearlong
- Non-Motorized Trail

**Legend**

- Township
- Section
- Lake/Pond
- Swamp/Marsh
- Highway
- Private
- County Roads
- KNF Closed Roads
- Stream/River Intermittent
- Stream/River Perennial
- Artificial Path

**Scale:** 0 0.5 1 Miles

**North Arrow:** N  
KPM 9/8/2022

