

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST
FAIRFIELD RANGER DISTRICT &
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL
RECREATION AREA**

*National Forest System Area, Road, and
Trail Closure (For Public Safety)
Ross Fork Fire*

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails within the Fairfield Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order in Exhibit A (“Closed Area,” “Closed Trails,” and “Closed Roads”):

1. Going into or being upon the Closed Area. **36 CFR 261.52(e), 261.53(e)**
2. Being on the Closed Roads. **36 CFR 261.54(e)**
3. Being on the Closed Trails. **36 CFR 261.55(a)**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 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.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

CLOSED AREA, ROADS, AND TRAILS:

The Closed Area, Roads, and Trails are within the Fairfield Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest, Camas County, Idaho, Boise Meridian and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Sawtooth National Forest, Blaine and Custer Counties, Idaho, Boise Meridian. The Closed Area is all NFS lands within the following boundaries:

- Beginning at the bridge over the South Fork of the Boise River, NFS Road #079, Section 34, T5N, R13E, and continuing north by northwest along the Ross Fork Jeep Trail #888 to its intersection with the North Fork Ross Trail #226 in Section 2, T5N, R12E;
- Continuing to the north along and including the North Fork Ross Trail #226 for ½ mile in Section 35, T6N, R12E; Then following the ridgeline to the west in Sections 35 and 34 to the administrative boundary of the Fairfield Ranger District and the Sawtooth Wilderness at Rossview Peak in Section 34, T6N, R12E;

- Continuing west and following a perennial stream that drains into Leggit Creek to the Leggit Creek Trail #484 in Section 33, T6N, R12E;
- Continuing north along and including Leggit Creek Trail #484 to the intersection with Middle Fork Boise River Trail #460;
- Continuing north along the Middle Fork Boise River Trail #460 to the dividing line between Section 5, T6N, R12E and Section 34, T7N, R12E about $\frac{3}{4}$ miles south by southwest from the intersection of Middle Fork Boise River Trail #460 and Timpa Creek Trail #479;
- Continuing east along the dividing line between T6N, R12E at Section 5 and T7N, R12E at Section 34 to the Elmore/Blaine County line in Section 31, T7N, R13E;
- Continuing north along the Elmore/Blaine County line to the junction with Custer County at Snowslide Peak in Section 17 T7N, R13E;
- Continuing southeast along watershed divide of Alpine Creek and Petit Lake Creek drainage to the Sawtooth Wilderness boundary in Section 26, T7N, R13E;
- Continuing west and then north along the Sawtooth Wilderness boundary to the junction with Cabin Creek Trail #191 in Section 23, T7N, R13E;
- Continuing northeast along and including Cabin Creek Trail #191 to the half section (E1/2) of Section 18, T7N, R14E;
- Continuing north along the half section line to the junction of NFS Road #318 (loop) in Section 7, T7N, R14E;
- Continuing northeast along and including NFS Road #318 to the junction of NFS Road #207 in Section 5, T7N, R14E;
- Continuing along and including NFS Road #207 to the junction with State Highway 75 in Section 4 T7N, R14E;
- Continuing south along State Highway 75 to watershed divide of the Salmon River and the Big Wood River at Galena Summit in Section 7, T6N, R15E;
- Continuing south along the watershed divide of the Salmon River/Big Wood River to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area boundary with the Fairfield Ranger District in Section 31, T6N, R15E;
- Continuing west along the Fairfield Ranger District/Sawtooth National Recreation Area boundary to the junction of the Big Smoky Trail #072 in Section 36, T6N, R14E;
- Continuing south along and including the Big Smoky Trail #072 to the junction with the West Fork Big Smoky Trail #224 in Section 24, T5N, R14E;
- Continuing west along and including the West Fork Big Smoky Trail #224 to the junction with Paradise Creek Trail #070 in Section 17, T5N, R14E;
- Continuing southwest along and including Paradise Creek Trail #070 to the watershed divide of the West Fork Big Smoky Creek and the Paradise Creek drainage in Section 30, T5N, R14E;
- Continuing west along the watershed divide to Paradise Peak in Section 25, T5N, R13E;
- Continuing southwest along the watershed divide of Elk Creek and Emma Creek to South Fork of the Boise River in Section 3, T4N, R13E;
- Continuing north along the South Fork Boise River to the point of origination on NFS Road #079 at the bridge of the South Fork of the Boise River in Section 34, T5N, R13E.

The Closed Trails are all NFS Trails or portions of NFS Trails within or bordering the Closed Area: #033, #034, #060, #063, #070, #072, #086, #090, #092, #093, #094, #097, #117, #181, #191, #198, #224, #226, #227, #228, #264, #265, #397, #403, #404, #460, #484, #514, #824, #825, and #888.

The Closed Roads are all NFS Roads or portions of NFS Roads within or bordering the Closed Area: #056, #077, #077A, #195, #204, #205, #205A, #205B, #207, #207A, #209, #316, #318, #320, #324, #325, #326, 326A, #326B, #327, #328, #329, #405, #410, #414, #419, #422, #426, #427, #428, #435, #436, #437, #438, #439, #440, #440A, #440B, #441, #442, #442A, #442B, #442C, #442D, #443, #445, #446, #446A, and #449.

PURPOSE:

To protect public safety during active firefighting operations.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect September 16, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. and shall remain in effect until November 15, 2022, at 5:00 P.M.
2. A map identifying the Closed Area, Roads, and Trails is attached and made part of this Order.
3. A violation of the above prohibition(s) is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. [16 U.S.C § 551, 18 U.S.C §§ 3559, 3571, 3581].
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Fairfield Ranger District (208) 764-3202 and the Sawtooth Forest Supervisor's Office (208) 423-7500 in Twin Falls, ID.
5. This Order supersedes and replaces Order No. 014-05-60.

Done at Jerome, Idaho this 16th day of September 2022.

REBECCA HOTZE
Acting Forest
Supervisor, Sawtooth
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