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**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE National Forest
Pintler Ranger District
BITTERROOT National Forest
Darby-Sula Ranger District**

BOWLES CREEK FIRE-ROADS AND TRAIL 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) roads and trails on the Pintler and Darby-Sula Ranger Districts, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest and Bitterroot National Forest, respectively, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Roads and Trails”):

Being on the road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).

Being on the trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

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 ROADS AND TRAILS

- *For the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest jurisdiction (16.5 miles of trail and 9 miles of road):* starting in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30 in T6N R17W at the junction of Montana Highway 38 and Forest Service (FS) Trail 313, then continuing south on FS Trail 313 11 miles to the junction of FS Trail 313 and FS Trail 8131 in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31 in T5N R17W; then following FS Trail 8131 East from Signal Rock to the junction of FS Trail 8131 and FS Trail 8013 in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29 in T5N R17W; then continuing East following FS Trail 8013 4 miles to the junction of FS Trail 8013 and FS Road 5070 in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34 in the T5N R17W; then continuing along the FS Road 5070 North 7 miles to the junction of FS Road 5070 and Montana Highway 38 in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2 in T5N R17W. Starting at the junction of FS Road 5035 and Montana Highway 38 in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33 in T6N R17W continuing along FS Road 5035 for 1 mile and ending in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5 in T5N R17W. Starting at the junction of FS Road 9450 and Montana Highway 38 in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30 of T6N R17W and continuing 1 mile on FS Road 9450 to Mud Lake in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31 of T6N R17W.
- *For the Bitterroot National Forest jurisdiction (4.5 miles of trail and 15 miles of road):* starting at FS Road 75 in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24 in the T5N R19W at the junction of Montana Highway 38 and FS Road 75 Continuing southeast for 9 miles to the junction of FS Road 75 and FS Road 1371 at the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7 of T4N R18W; FS Trail 503 beginning at the junction with FS Road 75 in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4 of T4N R18W and continuing East for 4.5 miles to the junction with FS Trail 313 in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7 of T4N R17W; FS Road 5783 beginning at the junction with Montana Highway 38 in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9 of T5N R18W and continuing northeast for 3 miles to the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34 of T6N R18W; and FS Road 711 beginning at the junction of FS Road 5783 and FS Road 711 in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9 of T5N R18W and continuing 3 miles southeast to the junction of FS Road 711 and FS Road 711A in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22 of T5N R18W.

PURPOSE

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

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from July 24, 2023 at 0600 until rescinded or until October 31, 2023 at 0001, whichever occurs first.

A map identifying the Described Roads 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/bdnf/alerts-notice>.

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 Pintler Ranger District in Philipsburg, MT, (406) 859-3211, 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 _____.

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