



U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Flathead National Forest
Hungry Horse Ranger District

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, roads, and trails on the Hungry Horse Ranger District, Flathead National Forest described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

1. It is prohibited go into the areas, including to be upon any road or trail in the area, 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 AREAS

Doris Point Fire Area: The closure area starts where NFS Road 895, West Side Hungry Horse Reservoir Road meets Lost Johnny Creek. The eastern boundary continues south to where it meets NFS Trail #7, Alpine 7 Trail. The southern boundary of the closure follows NFS Trail #7, Alpine 7 Trail north to the junction with Doris Creek drainage. The western boundary continues downstream following the Doris Creek drainage bottom to where it crosses NFS Road 895A, Doris Creek Road in Section 17,T29N,R19W. The western boundary continues along NFS895A to the junction with NFS Road 895, West Side Hungry Horse Reservoir Road.

NFS Trail #7,Alpine 7 trail will remain open to hikers.

NFS road 895, West Side Hungry Horse Reservoir Road will be open for motor vehicle travel.

PURPOSE

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

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from September 7, 2023 at 1600 through December 31, 2023 at 0500, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area 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-notices> .
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 Hungry Horse Ranger District (406) 387-3800 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 the same Described Area, including the Hungry Horse Reservoir closure issued August 8, 2023.

Signed and issued on September 7, 2023

Carol Hatfield
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