

Order Number: # 23-018-Lolo-D5



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Lolo National Forest
Plains/Thompson Falls &
Superior Ranger Districts**

Area, Road & Trail Closures

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a & b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) roads in the Plains/Thompson Falls and Superior Ranger Districts of the Lolo National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (River Road East Fire Closure):

1. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e). It is prohibited to be upon National Forest System roads.

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.

CLOSED ROADS: Junction of NFSR #7698 (High Ridge Road), NFSR #508 (Combest Creek Road), and NFSR #7598 (Patricks Knob Road) to the end of NFSR #7598

*NFSR – National Forest System Road

PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is for public health and safety due to hazardous conditions resulting from fire activities.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect on September 7th, 2023, 0:01 hours (12:01 am) and shall remain in effect until October 31st, 2023, or until rescinded, whichever comes first.
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/lolo/alerts-notice>
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 Lolo National Forest Supervisor's Office in Missoula, MT, (406) 329-3750 for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same described roads.

Signed and issued on _____.

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