



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest
Rocky Mountain Ranger District**

Trail Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) trails on the Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Trails"):

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

EXEMPTIONS

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 TRAILS

The following trails along the South Fork of the Two Medicine River and within the identified sections on the map (T28N, R12W, sections 4, 5, 6) (T29N, R12W, sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 36) (T30N, R13W, section 36) (T29N, R11W, sections 18, 19, 30) and (T30N, R12W sections 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34) are closed due to the Sidney Fire:

- Trail 101.
- Trails 133, from Summit Trailhead, and Trail 133.1, from Summit Campground, to where these 2 trails join Trail 101.
- Trail 134 from the junction of Trail 134 and Trail 137 to the junction of Trail 134 and Road 8958.
- Trail 101.1a between the junctions of Trail 101.1a and Trail 101.
- Trail 101.1b between the junctions of Trail 101.1b and Trail 101.

- Trail 103 from the junction of Trail 103 and Trail 101 to the junction of Trail 103 and Trail 142.
- Trail 103.1.
- Trail 103.2 from the junction of Trail 103.2 and Trail 144 to the junction of Trail 103.2 and Trail 103.
- Trail 136 from the junction of Trail 136 and Trail 101 to the junction of Trail 136 and Trail 137.
- Trail 137 from the junction of Trail 136 and Trail 137 to the junction of Trail 137 and Trail 101.
- Trail 144 from the junction of Trail 144 and Trail 103 to the junction of Trail 144 and Trail 104.
- Trail 141 from the junction of Trail 141 and Trail 103 to the junction of Trail 144 and Trail 103.
- Trail 142 from the junction of Trail 103 and Trail 142 to Trail 141.
- Trail 102 from the junction of Trail 102 and Trail 101 to the junction of Trail 102 and Trail 170.
- Trail 102A.
- Trail 170 from the junction of Trail 170 and Trail 101 to the junction of Trail 170 and Trail 102.
- Trail 140 from the junction of Trail 140 and Trail 170 to the junction of Trail 140 and Trail 181.
- Trail 181 from the junction of Trail 181 and Trail 140 to the junction of Trail 181 and Trail 170.
- Trail 119.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public safety while firefighting operations are ongoing on the Sidney Fire on the Rocky Mountain Ranger District.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from September 1, 2023 at 0600 through December 31, 2023 at 1800, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described [Area/Roads/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/hlcnf/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 Rocky Mountain Ranger District in Choteau, MT, (406) 466-5341, and Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Supervisor's Office in Helena, MT, (406) 449-5201, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Trail.

Signed and issued on 9-6-23



Forest Supervisor
Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest



Exhibit A

- Trail Closure
- Wildfire Daily Fire Perimeter

Closure Information

Name: Trail Closure
 Closure Order Number:
 01-15-01-23-26
 Effective Date: 8/31/2023
 Rescind Date:
 Road Number(s): n/a
 Trail number(s): 101, 101.1, 102,
 102.1, 103, 103.1, 103.2, 119, 140,
 141, 142, 144, 170, 181

