

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
U.S. FOREST SERVICE
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST,
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**

**Bench Lake Fire
AREA, ROAD, AND TRAIL CLOSURE**

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 Sawtooth National Recreation Area of the Sawtooth National Forest described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order (the “Described Area, Roads, and Trails”).

PROHIBITION:

1. Going into or being in the Described Area. **36 CFR 261.52(e).**
2. Being on the Described Roads. **36 CFR 261.54(e).**
3. Being on the Described 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 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 fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA, ROADS, AND TRAILS CLOSURE

The Described Area is all NFS lands within the following boundaries: Beginning at the junction of, but excluding State Hwy 75 and the Alpine Way Trailhead, in Section 27, Township 10 North, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian; Continuing southeast along, but excluding State Hwy 75, to the section line of Sections 25 and 26, Township 10 North, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian; Continuing south along the section line to the Southeast corner of Section 2, Township 9 North, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian; Continuing west along the section line Southwest corner of Section 2, Township 9 North, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian; Continuing south along the section line to the intersection of the Grand Mogul Trail #045 in Section 11, Township 9 North, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian;

Continuing south along the Grand Mogul Trail #045 to the intersection of the Redfish-Alice Lake Trail #092 Section 21, Township 9 North Range 13 East, Boise Meridian; Continuing south along the Redfish-Alice Lake Trail #092 to the section line of Section 3 and Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian; Continuing west on the section line to the intersection of but excluding the Mt. Cramer Trail #154 Section 1 and Section 12, Township 8 North, Range 12 East, Boise Meridian; Continuing north along but excluding the Mt. Cramer Trail #154 to the intersection of the Redfish Creek -Baron Creek Trail #101 Section 36, Township 9 North, Range 12 East, Boise Meridian; Continuing north to the section line of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 12 East, Boise Meridian; Continuing west along the section line to the Southwest corner of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 12 East, Boise Meridian; Continuing north along the section line to the intersection of Fishhook Creek Section 12, Township 9 North, Range 12 East, Boise Meridian; Continuing northeast along Fishhook Creek to the intersection of the Fishhook Creek Trail #186 Section 5, Township 9 North, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian; Continuing northeast along the Fishhook Creek Trail #186 to the intersection of the Marshall Lake Cutoff Trail #039 Section 34, Township 10 North, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian; Continuing north on the Marshall Lake Cutoff Trail #039 to the intersection of Alpine Way Trail #528 Section 33, Township 10 North, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian; Continuing northeast on the Alpine Way Trail #528 to the terminus of at the intersection of the Alpine Way Trailhead and State Highway 75 Section 27, Township 10 North, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian;

The Described Area is located within the Sawtooth Recreation Area, Sawtooth National Forest, Custer County, Idaho.

The Described Roads are all NFS roads located within the Described Area:

The Described Trails are all NFS trails located within and bordering the Described Area:

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to protect public safety and natural resources during the Bench Lake Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect on July 12, 2024, at 6:00pm and shall remain in effect **until December 31, 2024, at 11:59 PM**, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is attached to and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to
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 by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual, or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than 6 months. 16 USC § 551, 18 USC §§ 3559, 3571, 3581
5. Contact the Sawtooth National Recreation Area office in Ketchum, ID, (208) 727-5000 or the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office in Jerome, ID, (208) 423-7500 for more information about this Order.

Done at Jerome, ID this 12th day of July 2024.

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Sawtooth National Forest