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U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Bridger Teton and Shoshone National Forests Pinedale and Wind River Ranger Districts

Leeds Creek Fire Area, Road, and Trail Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) area, roads, and trails in the Pinedale and Wind River Ranger Districts, Bridger-Teton and Shoshone National Forests, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area, Road, and Trails"):

- 1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e)
- 2. Being on the Described Roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e)
- 3. Being on the Described Trails. 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. 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); and
- 2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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DESCRIBED AREA, ROADS, AND TRAILS

The Described Area includes all NFS lands within the following boundaries: beginning at the junction of the South Fork Fish Creek Trail, NFS Trail (NFST) 7077, with the Devil's Basin Trail, NFST 4170, following the Devil's Basin Trail north until its junction with NFS Road (NFSR) 370670; continuing along NFSR 370670 until its junction with the Forests' boundary; continuing along the Forests' boundary until its junction with the Highline Trail, NFST 7094; continuing along the Highline Trail until its junction with Union Pass Road, NFSR 263; continuing south along Union Pass Road until its junction with Strawberry Loop, NFSR 370640K; then turning northwest along South Fork Fish Creek, which eventually becomes the South Fork Fish Creek Trail, NFST 70077; and ending at the junction of South Fork Fish Creek and the Devil's Basin Trail.

The Described Roads and Trails include the following NFS roads (NFSR) and trails (NFST) located within or bordering the Described Area:

- NFS Trails: The portion of the Continental Divide Trail (NFST 7094, NFST 534) beginning at its junction with the Union Pass Road (NFSR 370600) and ending at its junction with the Devil's Basin Trail (NFST 4170); the entirety of the Little Devil's Basin Trail (NFST 4076); and the entirety of Fish Lake Mountain 4WD (NFST 7079).
- 2. NFS Roads: The entirety of the following roads: NFSR 370671, 370674, 370670, 370676, 370672, and 370969.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public safety during the Leeds Creek Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. This Order shall be in effect on August 05, 2024 at 15:00 through October 31, 2024 at 6:00 A.M., unless rescinded.
- 2. A map identifying the Described Area, 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/R4/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.

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5. Contact the Pinedale Ranger District in Pinedale, WY, (307) 367-4326, and Bridger-Teton National Forest Supervisor's Office in Jackson, WY, (307) 739-5500, for more information about this Order.

6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area or on the same Described Roads and Trails.

Signed and issued on August 5, 2024.

(for) CHAD E. HUDSON Forest Supervisor Bridger-Teton National Forest

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