Order Number: # 24-018-Lolo-D3



U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Lolo National Forest Missoula Ranger District

Area and Road 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) lands and roads in the Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area and Roads"):

- 1. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e). It is prohibited to go into the area closed for public safety.
- 2. 36 CFR § 261.54(e). Being on the described 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.

DESCRIBED AREA

The area encompassed by a line beginning on the Bitterroot Divide Road, National Forest System Road (NFSR) 4243 at Eightmile Saddle (T10N, R18W, Sect 2) and following and including NFSR 4243 east to its junction with Schwartz Creek Road, NFSR 502 (T11N, R17W, Sect 19). Following and including NFSR 502 east to its junction with Hollowman-Schwartz Road, NFSR 4245 (T11N, R17W, Sect 4). Continue following but not including the Schwartz Creek Road to its junction with the Lolo National Forest System Boundary (T12N, R17W, Sect 33). Follow the Lolo National Forest Boundary north and west to Deer Creek Road No 533 (T13N, R18W, Sect 32). Following but not including Deer Creek Road

533 south to its junction with Skyline Drive (North), NFSR 2127-1 (T12N, R18W, Sect 7). Following and but not including NFSR 2127-1 to its junction with the Lolo National Forest System Boundary on the southern section line of Section 7 (T12N, R18W, Sect 7). Following the Lolo National Forest Boundary south to its junction with CTY-37. Following but not including CTY-37 to where it turns into Miller Creek Road NFSR 464 (T11N, R18W, Sect 7). Following and including Miller Creek Road NFSR 464 southeast to the East section line of Section 29, T11N, R18W. Following the East section line south to the Lolo National Forest Boundary. Following the Lolo National Forest Boundary southeast back to its intersection with NFSR 4243 at Eightmile Saddle (T10N, R18W, Sect 2).

DESCRIBED ROADS

Schwartz Creek, NFSR #502, from its junction with Hollowman-Schwartz Road, NFSR 4245 (T11N, R17W, Sect 4) to its intersection with the Bitterroot Divide Road, NFSR 4243 (T11N, R17W, Sect 19).

Miller Creek Road, NFSR 464, from its intersection with CTY-37 (T11N, R18W, Sect 7) to the end of the road.

Skyline Drive (North), NFSR 2127-1, from its intersection with Lower Skyline Road No 19075 (T12N, R19W, Sect 13) to the Forest Service Boundary (T12N, R18W, Sect 18).

Bitterroot Divide Road, NFSR 4243, from its intersection with Schwartz Creek Road 502 (T11N, R17W, Sect 19) to Eightmile Saddle (T10N, R18W, Sect 2).

Lower Skyline, NFSR 19075, from its intersection with Skyline Drive (North) Road No 2127-1 (T12N, R19W, Sect 13) to the Forest Service Boundary (T12N, R18W, Sect 18).

PURPOSE

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

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. This Order shall be in effect from 0001 on August 2, 2024, through 2359 on October 31, 2024, unless rescinded.
- 2. A map identifying the Described Area and Roads 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-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 Missoula Ranger District in Missoula, MT, (406) 329-3814, and 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 Area and Roads.

Signed and issued on	
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