

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 in the southeastern corner of Section 33, T12N, R17W, near Schwartz Creek Road, NFSR 502, on the Lolo National Forest boundary, heading west. Following, but not including Schwartz Creek Road to its intersection with Holloman-Schwartz Road, NFSR 4245 (T11N, R17W, Sect 4). Continue west following and including Holloman-Schwartz Road to the eastern section line of Section 18 (T11N, R18W, Section 18). Heading north to the northern section line of Section 18 and then turning west to the intersection with Miller Creek Road, NFSR

464 (T11N, R18W, Section 18). Head northwest, following and including Miller Creek Road to where it turns into CTY-37. Continue northwest, following but not including CTY-37 to the western section line of Section 6 (T11N, R18W, Section 6). Heading north, following the Lolo National Forest boundary to the northern section line of Section 6 (T11N, R18W, Section 6). Heading east to the western section line of Section 32 (T12N, R18W, Section 32). Heading north to the northern section line of Section 32 (T12N, R18W, Section 32). Heading east to the western section line of Section 28 (T12N, R18W, Section 28). Heading north to the northern section line of Section 28 (T12N, R18W, Section 28). Heading north to the northern section line of Section 21, turning east and still following the section line of Section 21 to the western section line of Section 15 (T12N, R18W, Section 15). Heading north to the northern section line of Section 15, turning east and still following the northern section line of Section 15 and 14 to the Lolo National Forest boundary in the northeastern corner of Section 13 (T12N, R18W, Section 13). Heading southeast, following the Lolo National Forest boundary back to the start of the closure area (T12N, R17W, Section 33).

DESCRIBED ROADS

Miller Creek Road, NFSR 464, from its intersection with CTY-37 (T11N, R18W, Sect 7) to its intersection with Holloman-Schwartz Road, NFSR 4245, (T11N, R18W, Section 18).

Holloman-Schwartz Road, NFSR 4245, from its intersection with Schwartz Creek Road No 502 (T11N, R17W, Sect 4), to its intersection with Miller Creek Road, NFSR 464, (T11N, R18W, Section 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 28, 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 _____.

Forest Supervisor Lolo National Forest

