



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service  
BITTERROOT National Forest  
Darby-Sula Ranger District**

**RAILROAD AND DALY CREEK FIRES-AREA CLOSURE**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) roads and trails on the Darby-Sula Ranger Districts, Bitterroot National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area"):

**PROHIBITIONS:**

Going into or being upon the area described in the Order. 36 CFR 261.53(e)

Being on the road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).

Being on the trail. 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. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a Forest Service special use authorization or other authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

**DESCRIBED AREA:**

- The boundary of the closed area, as further depicted on Exhibit A, starts at junction of FS Road 75 and FS Road 62736 in the NW ¼ of Section 20 T4N R18W proceeding 4.5 miles down Trail 87 to Junction with Trail 313, SE to Rooster Comb in Section 2 T3N R18W. Progressing North from Trail 313 along Forest Boundary

15 miles to Section 11 T5N R18W. Connecting NW for 1 mile from Trail 313 to FS Road 62618 at Section 3 T5N R18W. Continuing SW along FS Road 62618 for 2.5 miles to Section 9 T5N R18W at Junction of HWY 38 and FS Road 711. Additionally, from Junction of FS Road 75 and FS Road 720 in NE ¼ Section 7 T4n R18W for 3 miles to Eastern Portion of Section PB38 T4N R18W at FS Road 1370 Junction progressing North along FS Road 1370 to Trail 154 at Section PB46 T5N R19W 5 miles to Junction of FS Road 75 and HWY 38. All roads and trails described above and otherwise within the described area are closed.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Order is to ensure public health and safety during fire suppression efforts of the Railroad and Daly Creek Fires.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

This Order shall be in effect from August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 0600 until rescinded or until October 31, 2024 at 0001, whichever occurs first.

A map identifying the Described 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/bdnf/alerts-notice>.

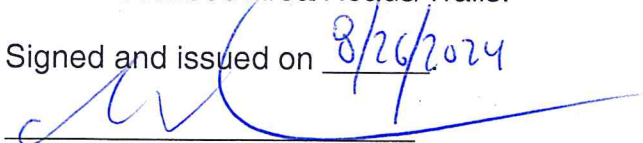
Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.

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.

Contact the Darby-Sula Ranger District in Darby, MT, (406) 821-3913, or Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor's Office in Hamilton, MT, (406) 363-7100, for more information about this Order.

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

Signed and issued on 8/26/2024

  
Matthew Anderson, Forest Supervisor  
Bitterroot National Forest