

# U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Sawtooth National Forest, Sawtooth National Recreation Area Salmon-Challis National Forest, Middle Fork Ranger District Boise National Forest, Lowman Ranger District

## Wapiti 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 is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails in the Sawtooth National Forest, Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Salmon-Challis National Forest, and Boise National Forest as described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area" and "Described Roads and Trails"):

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

The Described Area is the NFS lands in Boise, Elmore, and Custer Counties, Idaho, Boise Meridian, within the following boundaries:

• Beginning at the intersection of State Highway (SH) 21 and the northern boundary of Section 35, Township 12 North, Range 10 East;

 Following but not including SH-21 northeast and then southeast until the intersection with the Sawtooth National Forest Boundary (private lands) in Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 12 East;

- Following the Sawtooth National Forest Boundary south and then east until its intersection with SH-21 in Section 36, Township 11 North, Range 12 East;
- Following but not including SH-21 southeast until its intersection with the Sawtooth National Forest Boundary (private lands) in Section 6, Township 10 North, Range 13 East;
- Following the Sawtooth National Forest Boundary south until its intersection with Goat Creek in Section 17, Township 10 North, Range 13 East;
- Following Goat Creek southwest until its intersection with the eastern boundary of Section 23, Township 10 North, Range 12 East;
- Following the section line south until the southeast corner of Section 26, Township 10 North, Range 12 East;
- Following the southern boundary of Section 26, Township 10 North, Range 12 East to the west, until its intersection with the Boise/Custer County Boundary;
- Following the Boise/Custer County Boundary south, until its intersection with NFS Trail #154 in Section 13, Township 8 North, Range 12 East;
- Continuing south along, but not including NFS Trail #154 to its intersection with NFS Trail #452 in Section 36, Township 8 North, Range 12 East;
- Continuing northwest along, but not including NFS Trail #452 to its intersection with the boundary between Township 8 North, Range 12 East and Township 9 North, Range 12 East;
- Following the township boundary west until its intersection with the eastern boundary of Section 1, Township 8 North, Range 10 East;
- Following the eastern boundary of Section 1, Township 8 North, Range 10 East, north to the northeast corner of that section;
- Following the boundary between Township 8 North, Range 10 East and Township 9 North, Range 10 East to the west, until the southeast corner of Section 31, Township 9 North, Range 10 East;
- Following the eastern boundary of Section 31 to the north and continuing along the eastern boundary of Section 30, Township 9 North, Range 10 East until its intersection with NFS Trail #149;

 Continuing north along, but not including NFS Trail #149 to its intersection with NFS Road #025QB in Section 7, Township 9 North, Range 10 East;

- Continuing northeast along, but not including NFS Road #025QB to its intersection with SH-21 in Section 7, Township 9 North, Range 10 East;
- Continuing west along, but not including SH-21 until its intersection with Eightmile Creek in Section 17, Township 9 North, Range 9 East;
- Continuing north along Eightmile Creek to the intersection with NFS Trail #144 in Section 28, Township 11 North, Range 9 East;
- Continuing north along, but not including NFS Trail #144 to the intersection with the west section line of Section 6, Township 11 North, Range 10 East;
- Continuing north along the west section lines of Section 6, Township 11 North, Range 10 East and Section 31, Township 12 North, Range 10 East to the northwest corner of Section 31;
- Continuing east along the northern boundary of Sections 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, until the intersection with SH-21 in Section 35, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, the beginning point.

The Described Roads and Trails are all NFS Roads and Trails within the Described Area.

The following NFS Roads and Trails bordering the Described Area are open: NFS Road #025QB and NFS Trails #154, #452, #149, and #144.

#### **PURPOSE**

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

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- 1. This Order shall be in effect from October 2, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. through December 31, 2024, at 11:59 p.m., unless rescinded.
- 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 www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/boise/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 Lowman Ranger District in Lowman, ID at (208) 259-3361, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in Stanley, ID at (208) 774-3000, or the Middle Fork Ranger District in Challis, ID at (208) 879-4101 for more information about this Order.
- 6. This Order replaces and supersedes Order Number 0414-04-154.

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