

Order Number: # 01-18-08-24-02



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
DAKOTA PRAIRIE GRASSLANDS
McKenzie Ranger District
OCCUPANCY AND USE - AREA AND ROAD CLOSURES**

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) in the McKenzie Ranger District, Dakota Prairie Grasslands, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A:

- 1. When provided by an order, it is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of: Public Health and Safety. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).**
- 2. Being on the road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).**

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Owners or lessees of land in the area.
2. Residents in the area.
3. 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).
4. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA/ROADS/TRAILS

The closure applies to all National Forest System (NFS) lands including roads and trails within the area including lands in T149N, R97W Sections 8-17, 19-35; T149N R98W Sections 26 & 35, and T148N R98W Sections 1-4, 10-12, 14 & 15 as depicted on the

attached map (Attachment A) and including the following National Forest System Roads: 854, 855, 855-1, 855-3, 856, 8561, 8562, 856-20, 856-21, 856-22, 8563, 856-5, 856-7, 857, 8571, 8572, 8573, 8574, and 8575.

PURPOSE

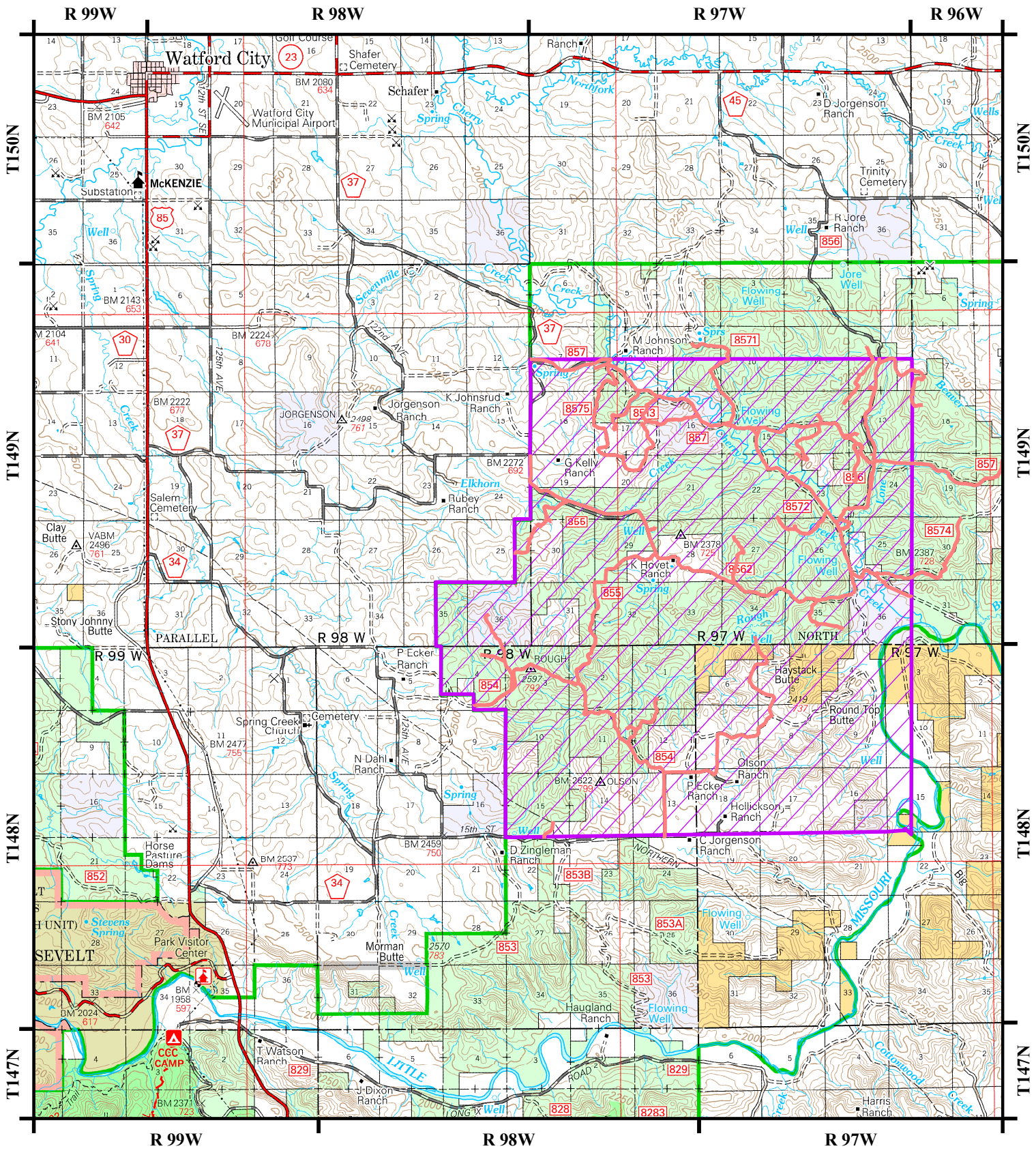
The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from October 8, 2024 at 3 pm through December 31, 2024 at 11:59 pm, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area/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/dpg/alerts-notice>.
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 McKenzie Ranger District in Watford City, ND (701) 842-8500, and Dakota Prairie Grasslands Supervisor's Office in Bismarck, ND, (701) 989-7300, for more information about this Order.

Signed and issued on this 8th day of October, 2024.

BETHANY IHLE
Grasslands Supervisor
Dakota Prairie Grasslands



Elkhorn Fire Closure Order # 01-18-08-24-02

- Road Closed
- National Grassland
- NPS
- Area Closure
- BLM
- State
- Private

