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**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest
Pintler Ranger District**

DALY FIRE-AREA, ROADS, AND TRAILS 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) roads and trails on the Pintler Ranger Districts, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area, Roads, and Trails"):

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/Roads/Trails

The closure applies to the following National Forest System (NFS) lands, including roads and trails in the interior boundary of the area closure, depicted on the attached map (Attachment A).

All areas along State Highway 38 (Skalkaho Highway) beginning at the top of Skalkaho Pass near mile marker 26.5 (T6N,R17W, SEC 30) along State Hwy 38

to the East and turning to the north at the junction of State Hwy 38 and Rock Creek Road (T6N, R15W, SEC 31). From State Highway 38 and Rock Creek Road (County Road 102) turning north to the junction of State Highway 348 and Rock Creek Road (T7N, R16W, SEC 25) and proceeding northwesterly on Rock Creek Road (County Road 102) to the junction of USFS Road 241 (T7N, R16W, SEC 21). Following USFS Road 241 (Stony Creek Road) moving southwesterly to the junction of Little Stony Creek and Stony Creek (T6N, R17W, SEC 11). Following Little Stony Creek to the west to the top of ridge where Trail 313 Bitterroot Rock Creek Divide Trail (T6N, R17W, SEC 17). Proceeding south along Trail 313 to the intersection of State Highway 38 (Skalkaho Highway).

Trail Closure. All miles of Forest Service System trails on the Pintler Ranger District:

- Crystal Creek Trail (Trl. 8010)
- Fuse Lake Trail through Basin Gulch Trail (Trl. 8011)
- Coal Gulch Trail (Trl. 8129)
- Sapphire Trail (Trl. 130)
- Stony Lake Trail (Trl. 8002)
- Bitterroot Rock Creek Divide Trail (Trl 313)

Road Closures. Forest Service System roads on the Pintler Ranger District:

- FS Road 5029
- FS Road 5028
- FS Road 78581
- FS Road 1559
- FS Road 129
- FS Road 78554
- FS Road 78555
- FS Road 78556
- FS Road 5069
- FS Road 78557
- FS Road 78563

- FS Road 5002
- FS Road 5062
- FS Road 5027
- FS Road 78562
- FS Road 78561
- FS Road 78560
- Basin Gulch Road
- FS Road 5012
- FS Road 5014
- FS Road 241

Area Closure. All of the National Forest System lands within:

- T6N, R17W, SEC 30
- T6N, R15W, SEC 31
- T7N, R16W, SEC 25
- T7N, R16W, SEC 21
- T6N, R17W, SEC 11
- T6N, R17W, SEC 17

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to ensure public health and safety during fire suppression efforts of the Pintler Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from October 4, 2024 at 0600 until November 30, 2024 at 0001, or rescinded, 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 [Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest - Alerts & Closures \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/land-management/land-use/land-use-planning/beaverhead-deerlodge-national-forest-alerts-closures)

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 Pintler Ranger District in Philipsburg, MT, (406) 859-3211, or Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Supervisor's Office in Dillon, MT, (406) 683-3900, 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 _____

Alfred Watson, Forest Supervisor
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest