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NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE ORDER SAWLOG DISPERSED RECREATION AREA

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AGENCY: Butte Field Office, Western Montana District, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

ACTION: Notice of Wildland Fire Related Dispersed Recreation Area Closure Order temporarily restricting access to and use of the Sawlog Dispersed Recreation Area in Beaverhead and Deer Lodge County.

DATES: This Closure Order will be in effect from May 3, 2025 – until rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Wildland Fire Related Dispersed Recreation Area Closure Order affects public lands within the Sawlog Dispersed Recreation Area. The legal description of the affected public lands is: S17,18 T01N R13W.

The Wildland Fire Related Dispersed Recreation Area Closure Order is necessary to ensure public safety around the Sawlog Dispersed Recreation Area during the wildland fire suppression activities. BLM will post the Order at the main entry points to these areas. A copy of the Closure Order and a map of the affected area will be available at the BLM Butte Field Office (see contact information above).

Pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 9268.3 (d) the following acts are temporarily prohibited on all BLM administered lands in the Sawlog Dispersed Recreation Area.

1. Entering or using a site or a portion of a site closed to public use, including general day-use, offloading, or launching of watercraft.

The following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes construction activities.
- 2. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
- 3. Any federal, state, or local officer or employee in the performance of their official duties, including members of an organized rescue, or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 4. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

NOTE: An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for performing any exempted activity.

Any person who knowingly and willfully violates this Recreation Site Closure Order Title 43 § 9268.3(d)(2) shall be fined not more than \$1,000, imprisoned for not more than 12 months, or both.

Updated at the Butte Field Office this 4th day of May 2025.

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