



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Bitterroot National Forest
Stevensville Ranger District**

Big Creek Road and Trail Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) roads and trails in the Stevensville Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Roads/Trails"):

1. Being on the road. 36 C.F.R § 261.54(e).
2. 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. 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. § 261.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED ROADS and TRAILS

CLOSED ROADS (Exhibit A)

1. **Big Creek, National Forest System Road #738** from milepost 1.6 at its junction with the Forest Boundary to its terminus.

CLOSED TRAILS (Exhibit A)

1. **Big Creek, National Forest System Trail #11** in its entirety from milepost 0.00 at

its junction with NFS Road #738 to its terminus.

2. **South Fork Big Creek, National Forest System Trail #118**, in its entirety from milepost 0.00 at its junction with NFS Trail #11 to its terminus.
3. **Big Creek Divide, National Forest System Trail #306**, in its entirety from milepost 0.00 at its junction with NFS Trail #11 to its terminus.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is for public health and safety due to fire activity and related suppression activities on the Big Creek fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from May 12, 2025 at 1800 through June 12, 2025 at 0001, unless rescinded.
2. 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/r01/bitterroot/alerts>.
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 Stevensville Ranger District in Stevensville, MT (406) 777-5641, and Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor's Office in Hamilton, MT (406) 363-7100, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Roads and Trails.

Signed and issued on this 12th day of May, 2025.

Forest Supervisor
Bitterroot National Forest