Order Number: # 04-15-23-307

U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Caribou-Targhee National Forest
Westside Ranger District

Emergency Closure / Roads

PROHIBITIONS

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

1. Using any type of vehicle prohibited by the order 36 C.F.R. § 261.54 (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 resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED ROADS

The following Roads on the Westside Ranger District will be closed to full-size vehicle use (i.e. vehicles over 50 inches in width) until August 15, 2023. Beach Hollow (030).

Pebble Road (036) will be closed to all vehicles including vehicles under 50 inches in width or less, from the lower gate for the first 1.5 miles.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to prevent resource damage to the roads from full-size vehicle use due to late winter conditions.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from June 16, 2023 at 0800 through August 15, 2023 at 2400, unless rescinded.

2. A map identifying the Described Road & 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/alerts/r4/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 Westside Ranger District in Pocatello Idaho, (208) 236-7500, or the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Supervisor's Office in Idaho Falls Idaho, (208) 557-5900, for more information about this Order.

6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Roads.

Signed and issued on June 16, 2023.

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