UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE 857 WEST SOUTH JORDAN PARKWAY SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH 84095

SPECIAL ORDER OF FOREST SUPERVISOR UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST SPANISH FORK RANGER DISTRICT

TEMPORARY BLACKHAWK AREA CLOSURE

PROHIBITION:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and 36 CFR 261.50(b), the following acts are prohibited on the National Forest System area described in this order. The area affected is located on the Spanish Fork Ranger District, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. This order is in effect when signed August 16, 2019 and will remain in place until August 30, 2020 or until deemed safe for use.

1. Being in or upon the Blackhawk area, which includes the campground all roads and trails in the closed area as described below and shown on attached map. This includes all motorized vehicles, pedestrian, equestrian, and bicycle use. [36 CFR 261.53 (e)]

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this order.
- 2. Any Federal, state or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. Federal or State administrative personnel in performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIPTION:

Blackhawk area closure, which includes the Blackhawk campground all roads and trails in the closed area located in Township 10 South, Range 3 East, Sections 30, 31 and 32, Township 11 South, Range 3 East, Sections 5, and 6 all within the Salt Lake Based Meridian and shown on attached map.

PURPOSE:

Blackhawk area closure is for public health and safety concerns until hazards can be assessed and removed.

Closures are due to <u>Fire Impacts</u>: Standing hazard trees, unstable soils, down trees, and burned trail structures (retaining walls/ bridges etc.); <u>Snowpack/Wet Spring</u>: saturated soils, high runoff, drainage concerns, down trees; <u>Weather Concerns</u>: potential for flash floods, debris flows and/or avalanches; <u>Habitat Protection</u>: to allow vegetation to re-establish along trail corridors; <u>Trail Rehab</u>: projects such as felling hazard trees is highly technical. Public entering into work areas will cause significant delays.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- 1. This Order will be in effect when signed August 16, 2019, and shall remain in effect until August 30, 2020 or until the area is deemed safe for use.
- 2. Attached map shows the area affected by this Order.
- 3. Violation of the above prohibition(s) is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization and/or imprisonment for not more than 6 months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b) (6), Title 18 USC 3581(b) (7)].
- 4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Spanish Fork Ranger District, (801) 798-3571 or the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Supervisors Office, (801) 999-2103.
- 5. This Order supersedes any previous Order(s) prohibiting the same, or similar acts prohibited by this Order in the area covered by this Order.

Done at Salt Lake City, Utah this 16th day of August 2019.

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