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# U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Sawtooth National Forest Minidoka Ranger District

# Black Mountain Fire Area, Road, and Trail Closure

#### **PROHIBITIONS**

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

- 1. Going into or being in the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).
- 2. Being on the Described Roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).
- 3. Being on the Described Trails. 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. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
- 2. Owners or lessees of land in the Described Area or who need to use the Described Roads or Trails to access land they own or lease.
- 3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 4. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

## **DESCRIBED AREA, ROADS, AND TRAILS**

The Described Area is within Cassia and Twin Falls County, Idaho and includes all NFS lands within the following boundaries:

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Beginning on the intersection of the Sawtooth National Forest boundary and NFS Road 544 in Section 4, Township 13 South, Range 18 East and following the Sawtooth National Forest Boundary to the east through Sections 3, 2, 1; then turning to the south at the boundary between Section 1, Township 13 South, Range 18 East and Section 4, Township 13 South, Range 19 East along the section line through Sections 12 and 13 to the intersection of NFS Road # 054; continuing south along and including NFS Road # 054 to the intersection of NFS Roads # 054 and # 617 in Section 19, Township 13 South, Range 19 East; continuing south on NFS Road # 617 to the intersection of NFS Road # 500 in Section 14, Township 14 South, Range 18 East where the closed area follows west along, but not including NFS Road # 500 to the intersection of NFS Road # 544 in Section 8, Township 14 South, Range 18 East where the closed area follows north along, but not including NFS Road # 544, back to Section 4, Township 13 South, Range 18 East.

The Described Roads and Trails include the following portions of NFS roads and trails located within and bordering the Described Area:

- 1. NFS Roads: the segments of NFS Roads # 054, # 617, # 618, # 232, # 237, # 237A, # 237B, and # 240 where these roads border or are located within the Described Area.
- 2. NFS Trails: the entirety of # 099, the entirety of # 845, the entirety of # 846, and the entirety of # 001 within the Described Area.

The segments of NFS Roads # 500 and # 544 bordering the Described Area remain open.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety during an active wildfire.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- 1. This Order shall be in effect from August 30, 2023 at 00:01 AM through December 31, 2023 at 12:00 AM, unless rescinded.
- 2. A map identifying the Described Area, 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/alerts/sawtooth/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

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imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C.  $\S$  551; 18 U.S.C.  $\S$  3559, 3571, and 3581.

- 5. Contact the Minidoka Ranger District in Burley, ID (208) 678-0430, and Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office in Jerome, ID (208) 423-7500, for more information about this Order.
- 6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Area, Roads, and Trails.

Signed and issued on August 29, 2023.

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Forest Supervisor Sawtooth National Forest

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