TRAIL RIDGE FIRE-TRAIL CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) trails in the Wisdom and Darby-Sula Ranger Districts, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest and Bitterroot National Forest, respectively, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Trails”):

Being on the trails. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55 (1).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

2. Persons with a Forest Service special use authorization or other authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
DESCRIBED TRAILS

The Described Trail Closure Area is all NFS trails within the boundary.

- For the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest jurisdiction (7 miles of trail): starting in the NE¼ of the SW¼ of Section 14 in T1S R19W at the junction of FS Road 106 and FS Trail 9-CDNST (Gibbons Pass Trailhead); then continuing along the Trail 9-CDNST to the junction of FS Trail 3105 and the Trail 9-CDNST in the NW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 16 in T1S R18W;
- For the Bitterroot National Forest jurisdiction (4.5 miles of trail): starting in the SW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 32 in T1N R18W at the junction of Trail 78 and Trail 175; then continuing south along Trail 78 to the junction of FS Trail 9-CDNST; then continuing is southwest direction to the NE¼ of the SW¼ of Section 14 in T1S R19W at the junction of FS Road 106 and FS Trail 9-CDNST (Gibbons Pass Trailhead).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to ensure public health and safety during fire suppression efforts of the Trail Ridge Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from September 2, 2022 at 0600 until rescinded or until October 31, 2022 at 0001, whichever occurs first.

A map identifying the Described 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/bdnf/alerts-notices.

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.

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.

Contact the Wisdom Ranger District in Wisdom, MT, (406) 689-3243, and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Dillon, MT, (406) 683-3995, for more information about this Order.

This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in/on the same Described Area/Roads/Trails.

Signed and issued on 9/1/22
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