



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CUSTER GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST, HEBGEN LAKE RANGER DISTRICT**

Emergency Area Closure

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), the following are prohibited within the area described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”) within the Hebgen Lake Ranger District, Custer Gallatin National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. Using any type of vehicle prohibited by the order. **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).**

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA:

As depicted in Exhibit A, all National Forest System lands within the boundary starting at the junction of National Forest System Trail (NFST) #494 and Highway 20, heading east along the forest boundary to the junction with National Forest System Road (NFSR) #1703, then southwest following NFSR #1703 to the junction with NFST #484, then following NFST #484 southwest to the NFST #116, proceeding northwest following the NFST #116 to the junction with NFSR #1790, heading northwest along the NFSR #1790 to the junction with Highway 20, then following Highway 20 east to the point of origin.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety from unsafe conditions resulting from bear activity in the area.

IMPLEMENTATION

This order will be in effect from July 22, 2023, and shall remain in effect until August 25, 2023.

A map identifying the Described Roads/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/custergallatin/alerts-notice>

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 Hebgen Lake Ranger District in West Yellowstone, Montana, (406) 823-6961 and the Custer Gallatin National Forest Supervisor's Office in Bozeman, Montana (406) 587-6701, for more information about this Order.

Signed and issued on this 22nd day of July, 2023.

Mary Erickson
Forest Supervisor
Custer Gallatin National Forest

Exhibit A

Forest Order #01-11-07-23-02
Custer Gallatin National Forest
Hebgen Ranger District

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