



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Flathead National Forest
Spotted Bear and Hungry Horse Ranger Districts**

Area Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b) the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails on the Spotted Bear and Hungry Horse Ranger Districts, Flathead National Forest described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

1. It is prohibited to go into the area, including to be upon any road or trail in the area, closed for the protection of: Public health or safety. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. It is prohibited to be on the trails listed in the order. 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. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA and TRAILS

Area The northern boundary of the closure area starts from the point where Swan Lake District Boundary meets the Jewel Basin Hiking Area boundary in section 28 T27N R18W and runs east along the Jewel Basin boundary to where it meets National Forest System (NFS) Trail #64. The closure boundary then continues east along NFS Trail #64, NFS Road 895F, NFS Road 895G, across Hungry Horse Reservoir due east from the end of 895G to Hungry Horse/Spotted Bear District boundary. NFS Trail #64 and NFS Road 895F are not part of the closure and remain open.

The northern boundary of the closure area continues along the district boundary to Prospector Mountain and the Great Bear Wilderness boundary in section 9 T27N R16W. The waters of Hungry Horse Reservoir south of this boundary are included in the order.

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The eastern and southern boundary of the closure area starts at Prospector Mountain and runs south and then west along the Great Bear and Bob Marshall Wilderness boundaries to Inspiration Point in section 4 T23N R16W. The western boundary is the Swan Lake District Boundary from Inspiration Point to the point where district boundary meets the Jewel Basin Hiking Area boundary.

Roads and Trails All roads and trails within the closure are closed to the public. There are 2 additional trails outside the closure area that are closed:

- NFS Trail #7 (Alpine 7) from the junction with NFS Trail #10 (Six Mile Trail), south to the Junction with NFS Trail #31(Napa Point Trail).
- Spotted Bear River Trail #2 from the Wilderness Boundary to its junction with NFS Trail #173 (Pentagon Creek).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public and firefighter safety due to fire activities on the ***Tin Soldier Complex and other fires nearby on the Spotted Bear District.***

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from August 3, 2023 at 0700 through December 31, 2023 at 1700, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area 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/flathead/alerts-notice> .
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 Spotted Bear Ranger District (406) 758-5376 or the Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office in Kalispell, MT, at (406) 758-5208 for more information about this Order.

Signed and issued on August 3, 2023

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