



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Black Hills National Forest
Mystic Ranger District**

Veteran's Point Area 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 and trails in the Mystic Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area and Trails"):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. Being on the Described Trails from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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 service in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA AND TRAILS

The Described Area is in Pennington County, South Dakota and includes all NFS lands within the following boundaries: beginning on the west edge of US Hwy 385 extending from the north end of Pactola Dam for one half mile to the north and then extending southwest from these points approximately 0.2 miles. The Described Area includes Veteran's Point and the Veteran's Point parking lot along Pactola Reservoir.

The Described Trails include (1) the entirety of Veteran's Point Trail, NFS Trail #56; and (2) a segment of the Centennial Trail Temporary Reroute, NFS Trail #89.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety while timber service work being conducted.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from March 25, 2024, through March 29, 2024, from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, unless rescinded.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/blackhills/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 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 Mystic Ranger District in Rapid City, SD, (605) 343-1567, and the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor's Office in Custer, SD, (605) 673-9200, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in and on the same Described Area and Trails.

Signed and issued on _____.

Forest Supervisor
Black Hills National Forest