KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST
31374 US Highway 2
Libby, Montana
Forest Supervisor's Order

AREA CLOSURE ORDER
Smearl Fire

The Smearl Fire area is closed to all public travel for public safety

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation 261.50 (b), the following restriction is in effect on the Libby Ranger District administered by the Kootenai National Forest, Lincoln County, Montana as depicted on the attached map as **Exhibit A,** and herby incorporated into the order. This temporary restriction is in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and becomes effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

36 CFR 261.52 – Fire:
Going into or being upon the area [Title 36, 261.52(e)]

36 CFR 261.54 – National Forest System Roads:
Being on the road [Title 36, 261.54(e)]

36 CFR 261.55 – National Forest Systems Trail:
Being on the trail [Title 36, 261.55(a)]

The below listed area closure associated with the Smearl Fire is closed to all use for public safety due to fire activity.

Description of Restricted National Forest Access

For the purpose of this order, it is prohibited to be on any National Forest System Road or Trial within the boundaries of the Smearl Fire area in portions or all of: Sections 3-6, T28N, R31W; Sections 1,2,12, T28N, R32W; Sections 19, 27-33, T29N, R31W; Sections 23-26,34-36 T29N, R32W, PMM, as described in:

- From the Junction of the 867 Cherry Creek road north on the 6203 Little Hoodoo road; along private property boundary in Sec. 20 and 29 to Deep Cr; west to the upper end of Deep Creek; from the upper end of Deep Creek south to Bockman Peak; southwest to Snowshoe Peak; southeast to Snowshoe Lakes; Snowshoe Creek east to confluence with Big Cherry Creek; Big Cherry Creek north to the junction of Cherry Creek road 867 and 6203 Little Hoodoo road.
- NFS Trails will be closed at the trailhead.
    - #125 Snowshoe Lake Trail
    - #132 Leigh Lake Trail
- NFS System Roads
    - 4786 Leigh Lake Road

- 867 Cherry Creek Road from Junction of FS road 6203 road to the end.

Exemptions:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following are exempt from this restriction:

1. Persons with a permit issued by a forest officer specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

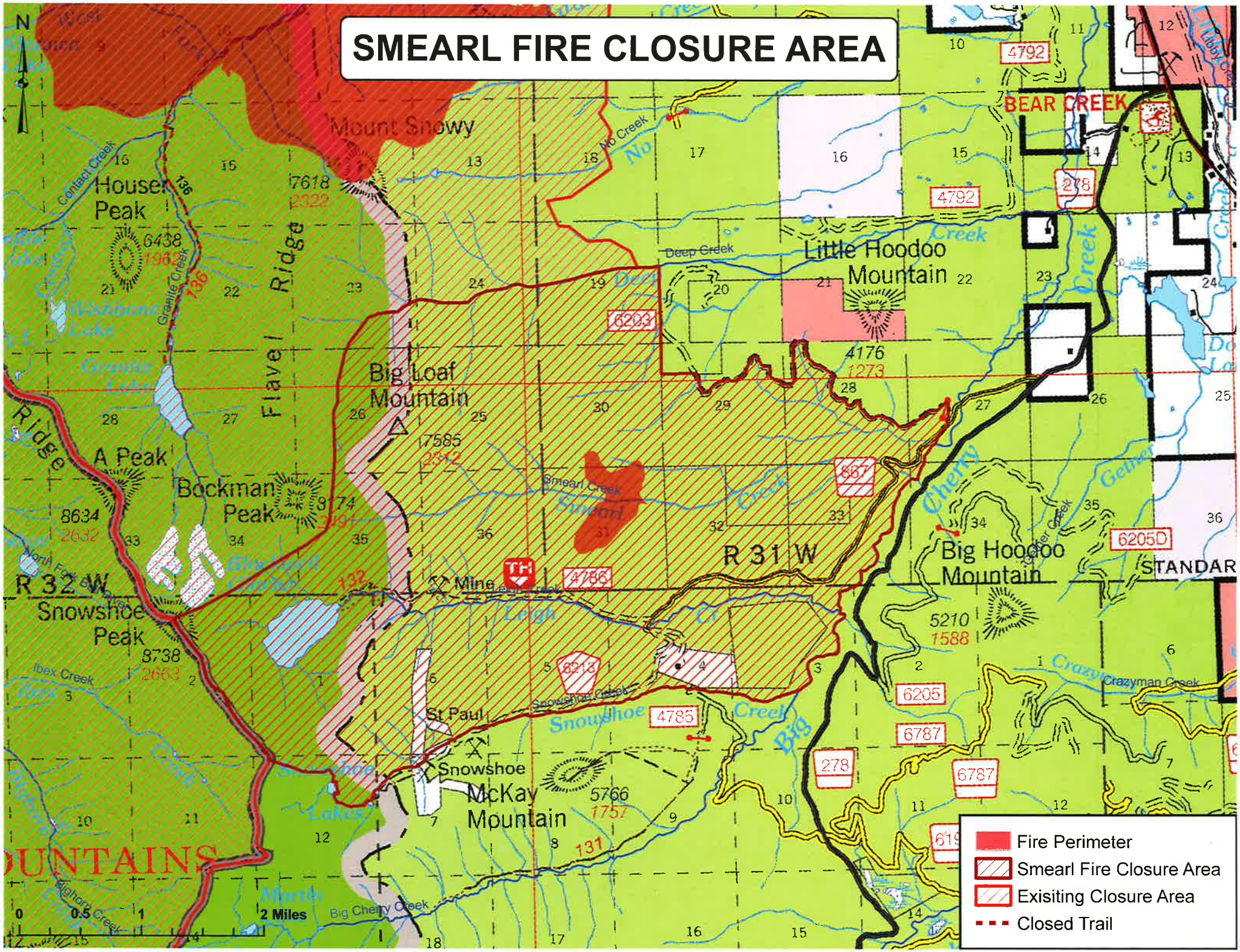
Done at Libby, Montana, October 09, 2015.

By: _____
CHRISTOPHER S. SAVAGE
Forest Supervisor

Penalty:

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

Notification:

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.

SMEARL FIRE CLOSURE AREA