

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

Special Order No. F14-088-L-15

Prohibitions in Recommended Wilderness Areas and Research Natural Areas

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) & (b), the following acts are prohibited in recommended wilderness areas and Research Natural Areas administered by the Forest Service within Kootenai National Forest and portion of the Kaniksu National Forest administered by the Kootenai National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, become effective when signed, and will remain in effect until recinded or revoked.

The purpose of this order is to implement the Kootenai National Forest Land Management Plan- 2015 Revision and Record of Decision. It provides for changes in management of recommended wilderness areas (Roderick, Scotchman Peaks and additions to the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness) and eleven Research Natural Areas (RNAs). The order specifically addresses use of motor vehicles including over-snow vehicles, mechanized vehicles, and motorized equipment.

Recommended Wilderness

36 CFR 261.53 and 261.56 – Special Closures and Use of Vehicles

The following is prohibited yearlong in the described **areas** (Exhibit A-D):

1. Using or possessing any type of motor vehicle, including but not limited to over-snow vehicles, 4x4 vehicles, off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and motorcycles (36 CFR 261.56).
2. Using or possessing any type of mechanized vehicle including bicycles, wagons and carts (36 CFR 261.53(f)).
3. Using or possessing any type of motorized equipment, including handheld equipment (36 CFR 261.53(f)).

36 CFR 261.53 and 261.55 – National Forest System Trails

The following is prohibited yearlong on the described **trails**:

1. Using or possessing any type of motor vehicle, including but not limited to over-snow vehicles, 4x4 vehicles, off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and motorcycles (36 CFR 261.55(b)).
2. Using or possessing any type of mechanized vehicle including bicycles, wagons and carts (36 CFR 261.55(c)).
3. Using or possessing any type of motorized equipment, including handheld equipment (36 CFR 261.53(f)).

Research Natural Areas

36 CFR 261.53 and 261.56 – Special Closures and Use of Vehicles

The following is prohibited in the described **areas** (Exhibit A-K):

1. Using or possessing any type of motor vehicle, including but not limited to over-snow vehicles, 4x4 vehicles, off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and motorcycles (36 CFR 261.56)
2. Using or possessing any type of mechanized vehicle including bicycles, wagons and carts (36 CFR 261.53(f)).

36 CFR 261.55 – National Forest System Trails

The following is prohibited yearlong on the described **trails**:

1. Using or possessing any type of motor vehicle, including but not limited to over-snow vehicles, 4x4 vehicles, off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and motorcycles (36 CFR 261.55(b)).

Area Description

The areas are as described below and as depicted on attached Exhibits A-K.

| Recommended Wilderness Area | | | |
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| Area | Ranger District | Description* | Exhibit |
| Cabinet Mountains East Additions | Libby, Three Rivers, Cabinet | Sec. 13, 23-26, T31N, R33W; Sec. 18-23, 27-30, 32-34, T31N, R32W; Sec. 2-5, 8-16, 21-24, 35-36, T30N, R32W; Sec. 1-3, 11-14, 23-26, 35-36, T29N, R32W; Sec. 19, 30-31, T29N, R31W; Sec. 6, T28N, R32W | A |
| Cabinet Mountains West Additions (Chippewa) | Libby, Three Rivers, Cabinet | Sec. 1, 11-12, T28N, R33W; Sec. 6-7, T28N, R32N; Sec. 35-36, T27N, R32W; Sec. 29, 31-33, T27N, R31W; Sec. 1-2, 11-12, T26N, R32W; Sec. 4-6, 8-9, 16-17, 19-21, 28-30, 32-34, T26N, R31W; Sec. 4-9, 16-17, T25N, R31W | A, B, D |
| Roderick | Three Rivers | Sec. 10-15, 22-26, T34N, R33W; Sec. 2-4, 9-36, T34N, R32W; Sec. 18, 19, 30, T34N, R31W; Sec. 1-5, 9-12, 14-15, T33N, R32W | C |
| Scotchman Peaks | Three Rivers, Cabinet | Sec. 25, 26, T29N, R35W; Sec. 27-34, T29N, R34W; Sec. 1-29, 32-36, T28N, R34W; Sec. 29-32, T28N, R33W; Sec. 1-4, 11-15, 23-25, T27N, R34W; Sec. 5-9, 13-24, 26-30, 32-34, T27N, R33W | D |

| Research Natural Area (RNAs) | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--|---------|
| Area | Ranger District | Description* | Exhibit |
| Big Creek | Ksanka | Sec. 2-3, T35N, R29W | E |
| Doonan Peak | Three Rivers | Sec. 1-2, 11-12, T29N, R33W | A |
| Hoskins Lake | Three Rivers | Sec. 8, 17, T36N, R31W | F |
| Huson Peak | Libby | Sec. 32, T33N, R32W; Sec. 1, T32N, R33W; Sec. 6-10, 16-18, T32N, R32W | C |
| LeBeau | Ksanka | Sec. 16-17, T33N, R24W | G |
| Lower Ross Creek | Three Rivers | Sec. 12-13, T28N, R34W | D |
| Norman Parmenter | Libby | Sec. 12, T30N, R32W | A |
| Pete Creek Meadows | Three Rivers | Sec. 13, 24, T37N, R33W | H |
| Seven Point Genetical | Cabinet | Sec. 12-13, 24-25, T24N, R30W; Sec. 17-20, 29-32, T24N, R29W; Sec. 5, T23N, R29W | I |
| Ulm Peak | Cabinet | Sec. 22-23, 26-27, T25N, R34W | J |
| Wolf Weigel | Libby | Sec. 1, T31N, R27W | K |

*Section numbers listed may be whole or partial sections.

Trail description

Trails are as described below:

| Trail No. and name | Ranger District | Prohibition ^{5 6} | Description ^{1 2 3 4} | Area |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---|--|
| Recommended Wilderness Area | | | | |
| 14 Indian Head | Libby | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 14 from junction with FST 15 to end of trail | Cabinet Mountains east Recommended Wilderness |
| 136 Granite Creek | Libby | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 136 from trailhead to CMW boundary (MP 2.2) | |
| 137 Flower Creek | Libby | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 137 from trailhead to CMW boundary (MP 1.9) | |
| 140 Parmenter Creek | Libby | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 140 from junction with FST 15 (MP 1.8) to CMW boundary (MP 6.4) | |
| 141 Cedar Creek | Libby | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 141 from trailhead to CMW boundary (MP 2.9) | |
| 316 Norman Mountain | Libby | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 316 from junction FSR 4728 (MP 1.1) to end of trail | |
| 319 Grambauer | Libby | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 319 from junction FST 323 to CMW boundary (MP 4.7) | |
| 322 Williams Creek/ Grambauer | Libby | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 322 from trailhead to CMW boundary (MP 3.8) | |
| 383 Grambauer Ridge | Libby | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 383 from junction with FST 649 to junction with FST 319 | |
| 649 Scenery Mountain | Libby | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 649 from junction FST 141 to CMW boundary (MP 4.5) | |
| 649A Scenery Mountain Tie | Libby | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 649A from trailhead to junction with FST 649 | |
| 966 Devils Club | Cabinet | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 966 from trailhead on FSR 407 to CMW boundary (MP 1.1) | Cabinet Mountains west Recommended Wilderness |
| 987 Dad Peak | Cabinet | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 987 from junction with FSR 2289 (MP 3.8) to CMW boundary | |
| 912 Swamp Creek | Cabinet | NOMOTOR /MECH | Trail 912 from trailhead to CMW boundary (MP 4.3) | |
| 921 Goat Ridge | Cabinet | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 921 from junction with FST 923 (MP 6.1) to junction with FST 924 | |
| 924 Wanless Lake | Cabinet | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 924 from trailhead to CMW boundary (MP 6.0) | |
| 926 Engle Peak | Cabinet | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 926 from junction with FSR 2287 (MP 2.2) to CMW boundary (MP 3.9) | |
| 932 Engle Lake | Cabinet | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 932 from trailhead on FSR 2285 to CMW boundary (MP 1.4) | |
| 972 North Fork Bull River | Cabinet | NOMOTOR /MECH | FST 972 from end of FSR 2722 (MP 1.8) to CMW boundary (MP 2.8) | |
| 978 Middle Fork | Cabinet | NOMOTOR | FST 978 from junction with FSR 2722 (FST | |

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---|---|
| Bull River | | /MECH | 972) to CMW boundary (MP 2.8) | |
| 19 Pleasant View/Shepherd | Three Rivers | NoMOTOR/MECH | FST 19 from junction with FSR 6108D (MP 2.9) to Trailhead on FSR 471 | Roderick Recommended Wilderness |
| 189 Roderick Mountain | Three Rivers | NOMOTOR/MECH | FST 189 from last intersection with FSR 6132 (MP 2.7) to junction with Trail 19 | |
| 193 Roderick Ridge/Independence | Three Rivers | NOMOTOR/MECH | FST 193 from trailhead on FSR 472 to junction with FST 19 | |
| 547 Independence Creek | Three Rivers | NOMOTOR/MECH | FST 547 from trailhead on FSR 472X to junction with FST 193 | |
| 142 Ross Creek | Three Rivers | NOMOTOR/MECH | FST 142 from trailhead on FSR 398 to end of trail | Scotchman Peaks Recommended Wilderness |
| 143 Little Spar Lake | Three Rivers | NOMOTOR/MECH | FST 143 from junction with FSR 384 (MP 0.7) to end of trail | |
| 321 South Fork Ross Creek | Three Rivers | NOMOTOR/MECH | FST 321 from junction with FST 142 to end of trail | |
| 324 Spar Peak | Three Rivers | NOMOTOR/MECH | FST 324 from junction with FSR 384 (MP 0.6) to end of trail | |
| 513 Mount Vernon/Spar Peak | Three Rivers | NOMOTOR/MECH | FST 513 from trailhead on FSR 4629 to junction with FST 324 | |
| 998 Big Eddy | Cabinet | NOMOTOR/MECH | FST 998 from junction with FST 999 (MP 2.8) to junction with FST 1016 | |
| 997 Blacktail Creek | Cabinet | NOMOTOR/MECH | FST 997 from trailhead to end of trail (MP 1.8) | |
| 1016 Star Gulch | Cabinet | NOMOTOR/MECH | FST 1016 from junction FST 1020 to junction with FST 998 | |
| 1019 Hamilton Gulch | Cabinet | NOMOTOR/MECH | FST 1019 from junction FST 1020 to end of trail | |
| 1035 Napoleon Gulch | Cabinet | NOMOTOR/MECH | FST 1035 from junction FST 1020 to junction with FST 1036 | |
| 1036 Pillick Ridge | Cabinet | NOMOTOR/MECH | FST 1036 from trailhead on FSR 2702 to junction with FST 1016 | |
| Research and Natural Areas | | | | |
| 855 Bear Creek | Cabinet | NOMOTOR | FST 855 from trailhead on FSR 207 to trailhead on FSR 2238 | Seven Point RNA |
| 162 Hoskins Lake | Three Rivers | NOMOTOR | FST 162 from trailhead on FSR 746 to junction with FST 51 | Hoskin RNA |
| 706 Skyline National Recreation Trail | Three Rivers | NOMOTOR | FST 706 from junction with FSR 4429L to junction with FST 41 | Huson RNA |

¹CMW Cabinet Mountains Wilderness²FSR Forest System Road³FST Forest System Trail⁴MP Mile Post⁵NOMOTOR/MECH – Prohibits motor vehicles including over snow, mechanized vehicles, and motorized equipment⁶NOMOTOR – Prohibits motor vehicles including over snow

Order F14-087-L-15 replaced order F-14-064S01 signed on September 14, 2001.

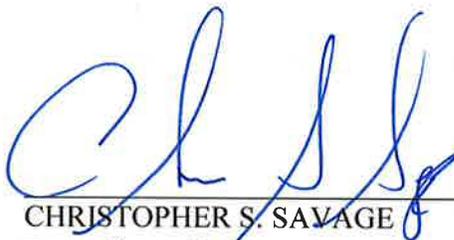
This order corrected minor edits and replaces Order F-14-087-15 signed on April 29, 2015 which is now revoked.

Exemptions

The following individuals are exempt from this prohibition pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e):

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force (36 CFR 261.50(e)(4)).
3. Forest Service employees and their agents in the performance of an official duty (36 CFR 261.50 (e)(6)).

Signed at Libby, Montana this 27 day of October, 2015 by;



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Forest Supervisor
Kootenai National Forest

Any violation of the prohibitions of this Part (261) shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months or both pursuant to Title 18 U.S.C., section 3571 and Title 16 U.S.C., section 551 and, unless otherwise provided.

EXHIBIT A – over snow/mechanized area closure
Cabinet Mountains East/West recommended wilderness
Doonan Peak, Norman Parmenter RNA's
Libby, Three Rivers, Cabinet Ranger Districts

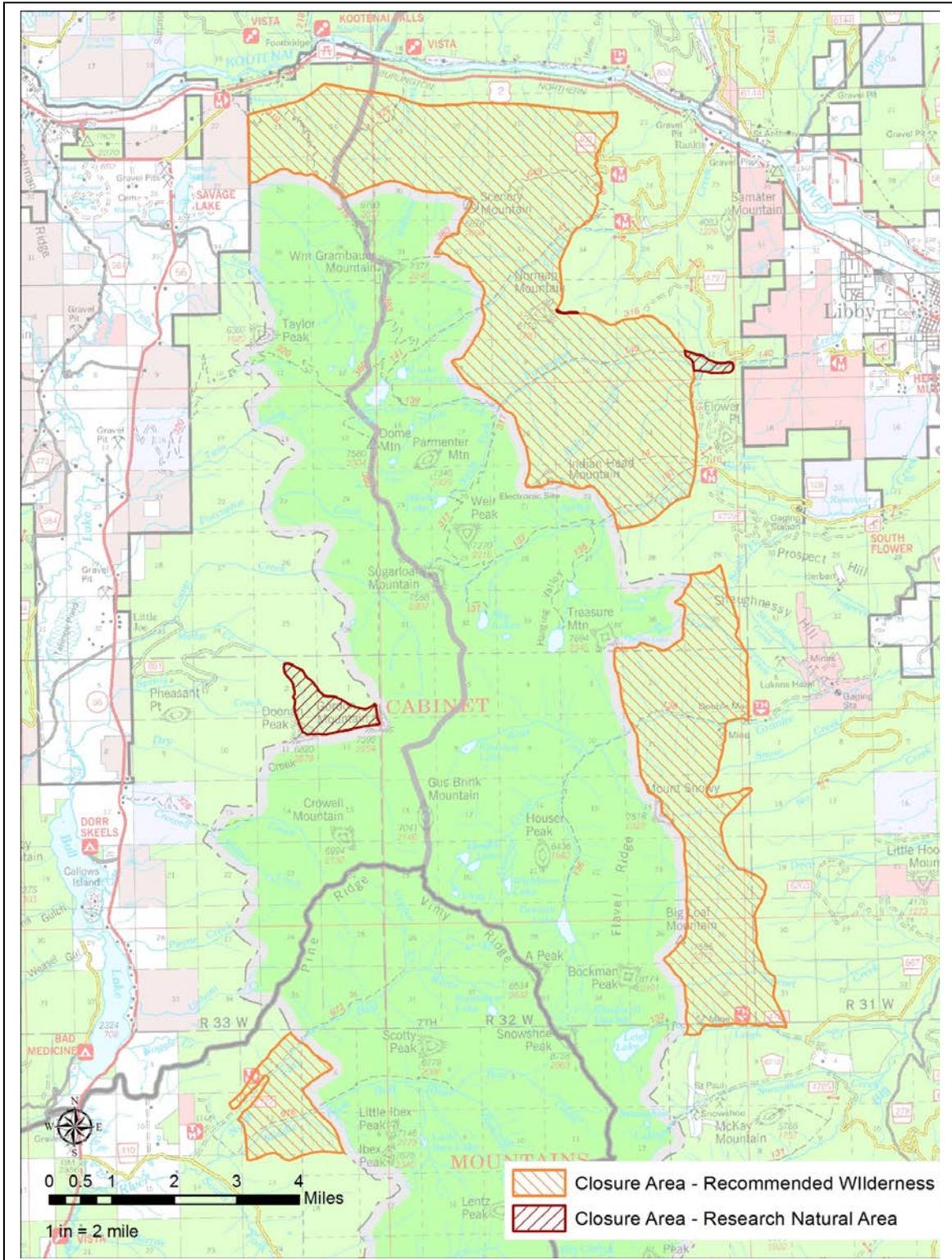


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Cabinet Mountains west recommended wilderness
Cabinet Ranger Districts

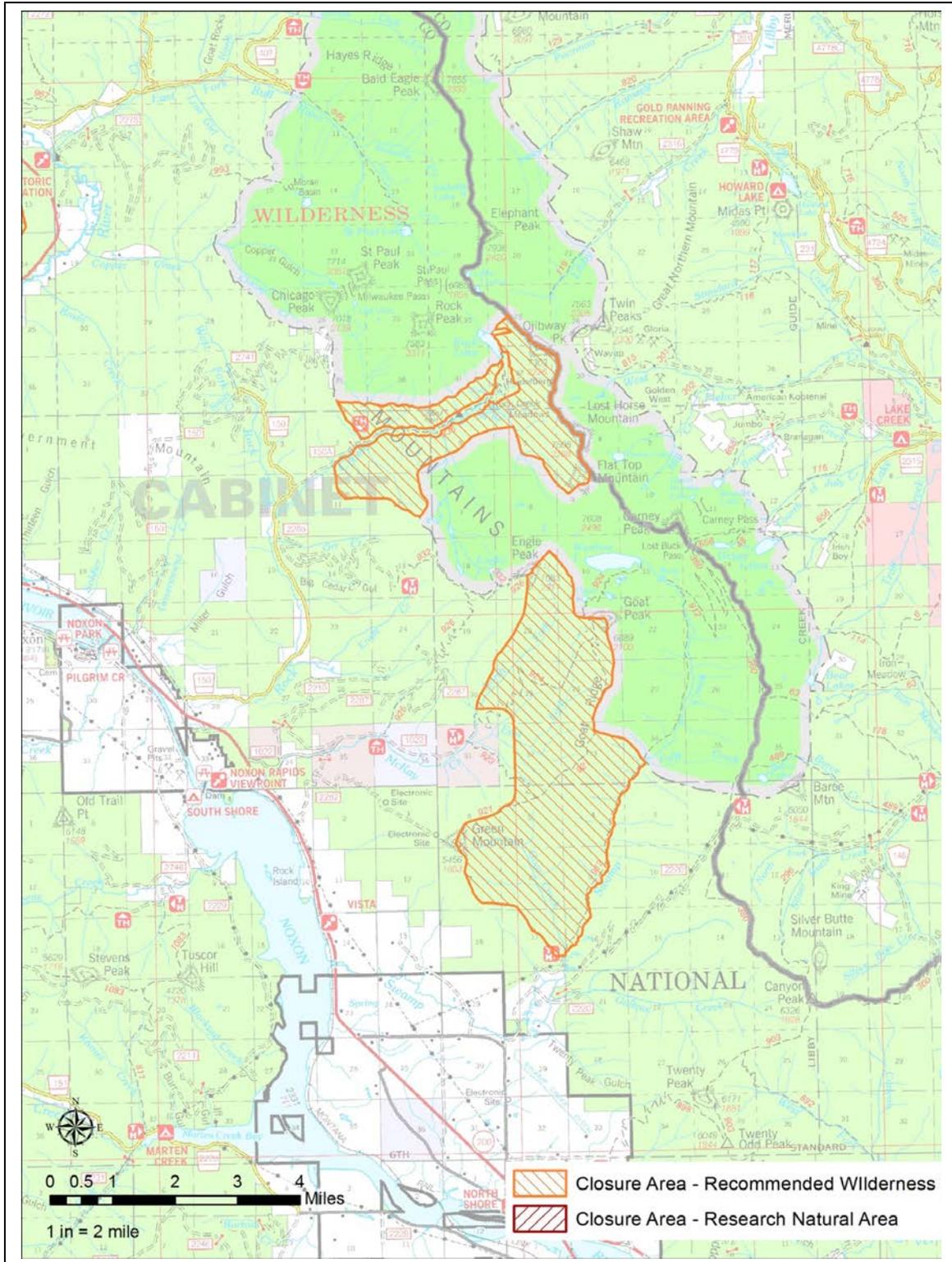


EXHIBIT C – over snow/mechanized area closure
Roderick recommended wilderness; Huson Peak RNA
Three Rivers Ranger District

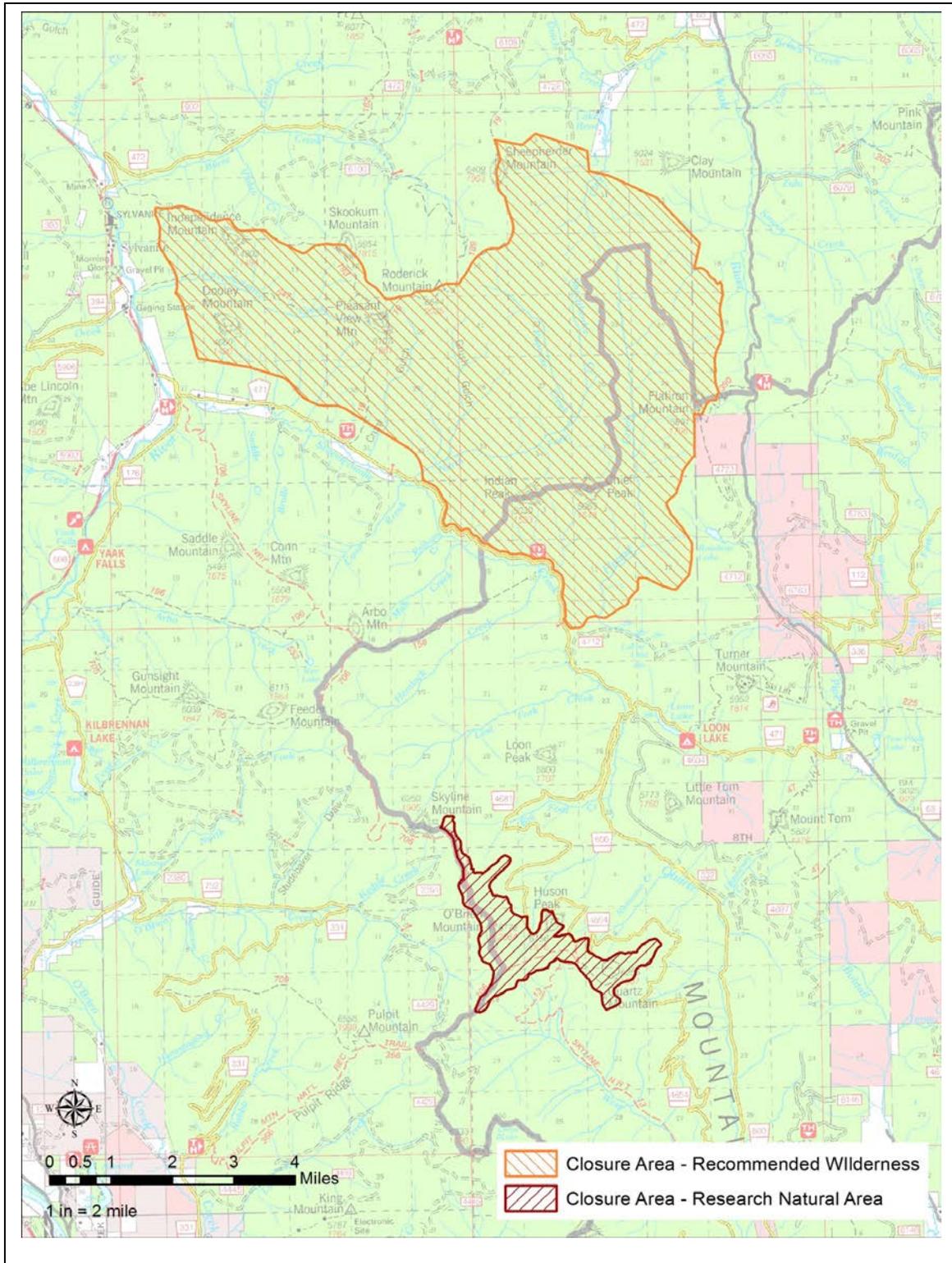


EXHIBIT D – over snow/mechanized area closure
Scotchman Peaks, Chippewa, recommended wilderness; Ross Creek RNA
Three Rivers, Cabinet Ranger Districts

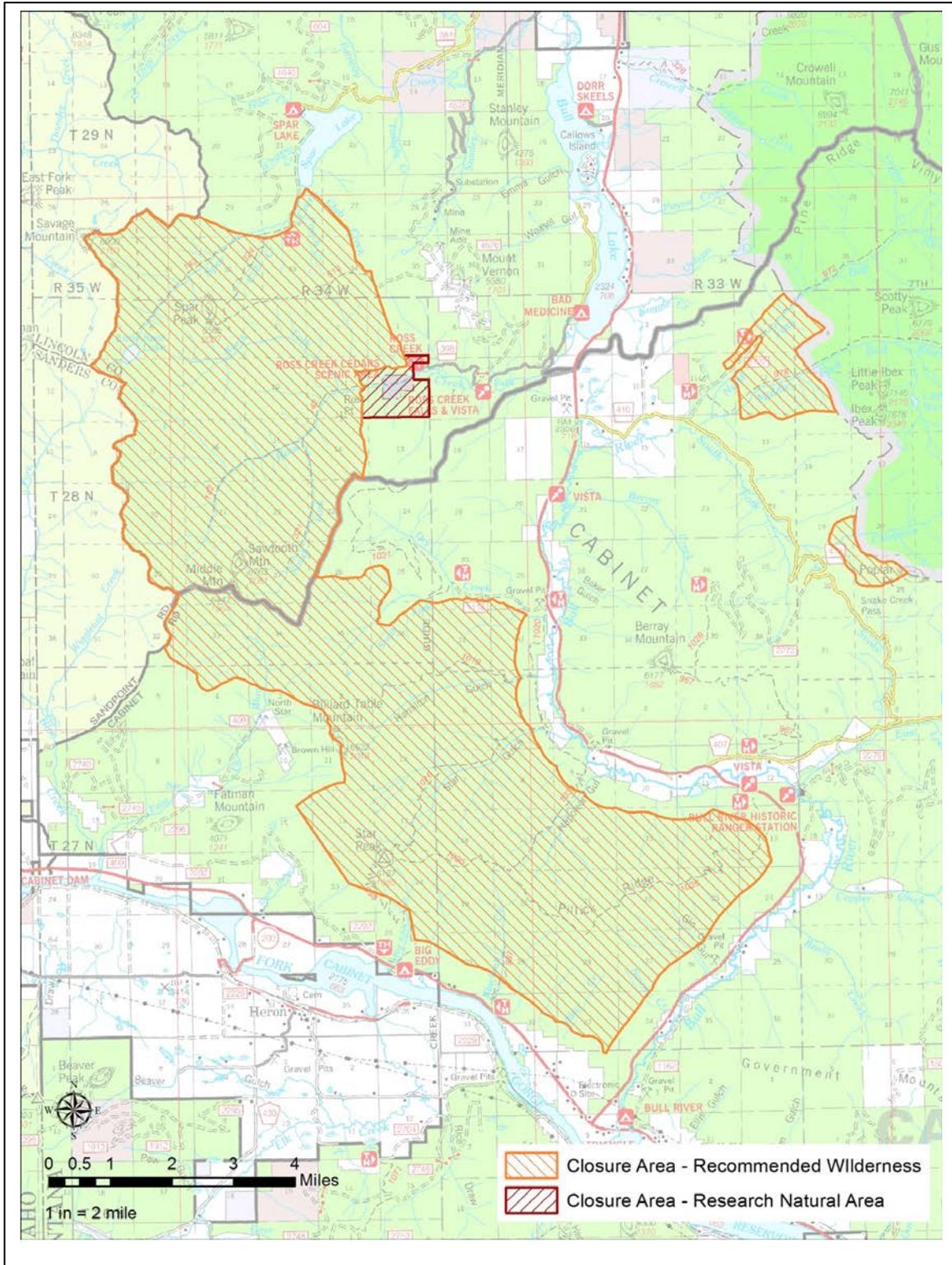


EXHIBIT E – over snow/mechanized area closure
Big Creek RNA
Ksanka Ranger District

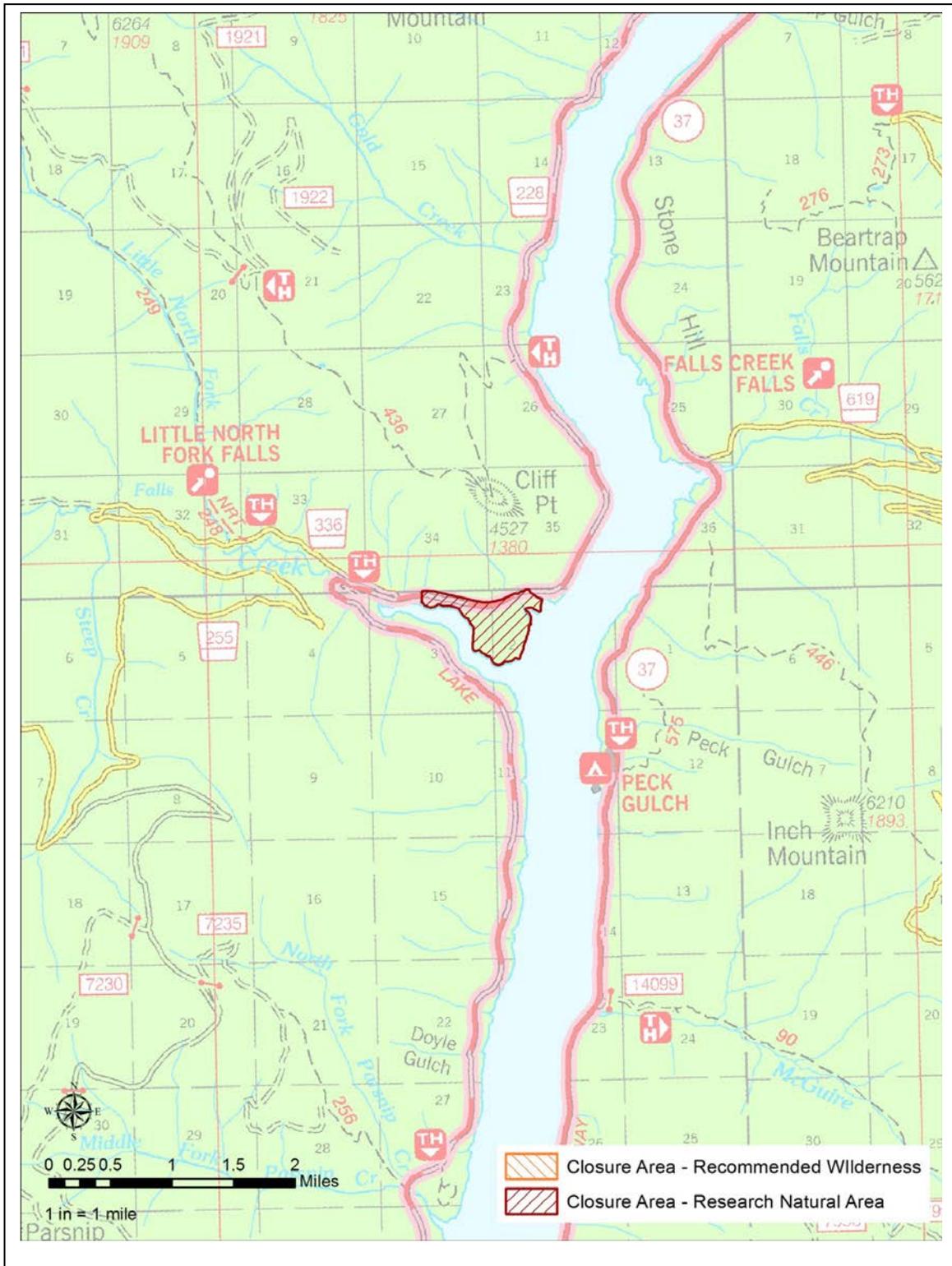


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Hoskins Lake RNA
Three Rivers Ranger District

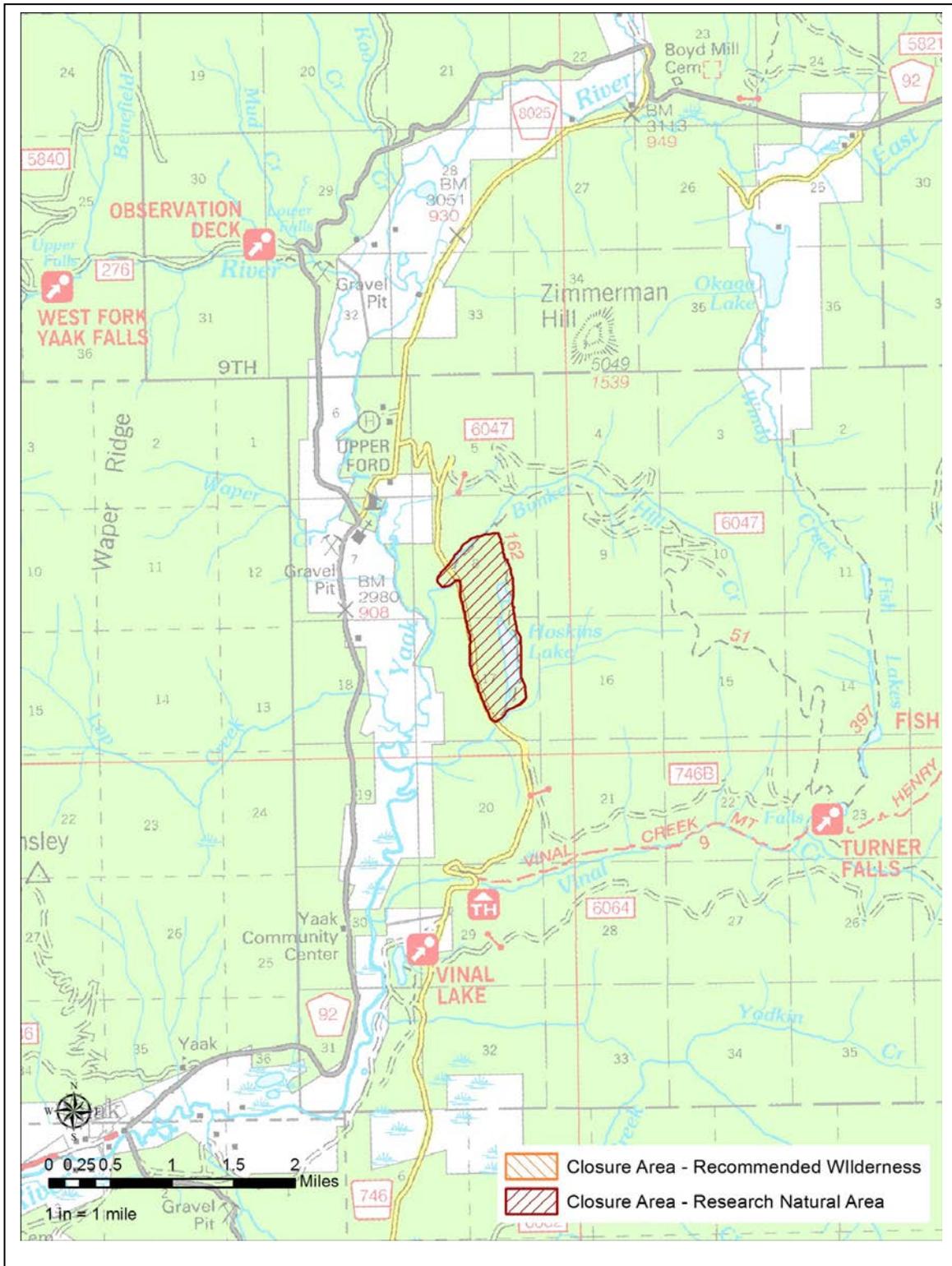


EXHIBIT G – over snow/mechanized area closure
LeBeau RNA
Ksanka Ranger District

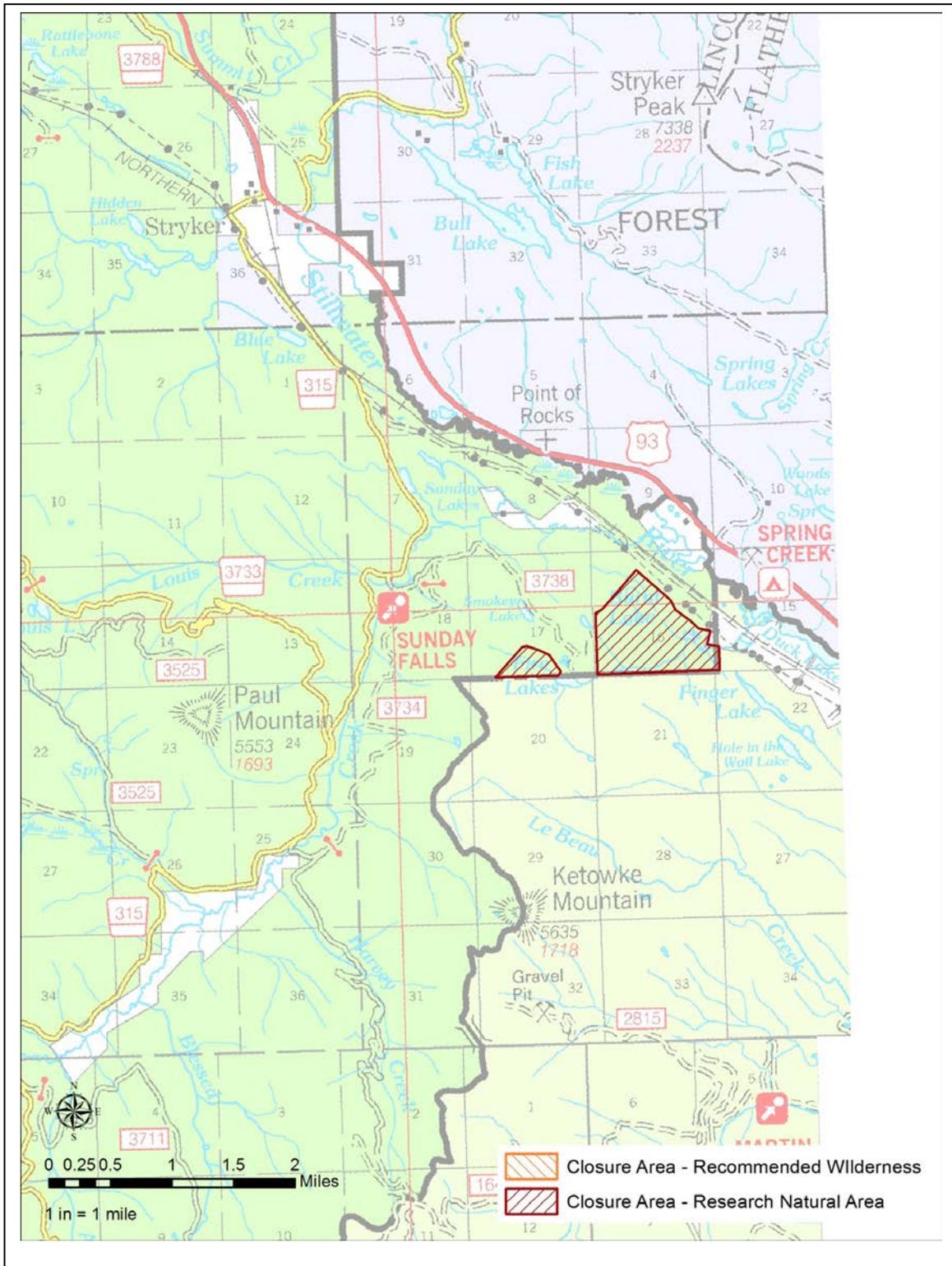


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Pete Creek Meadows RNA
Three Rivers Ranger District

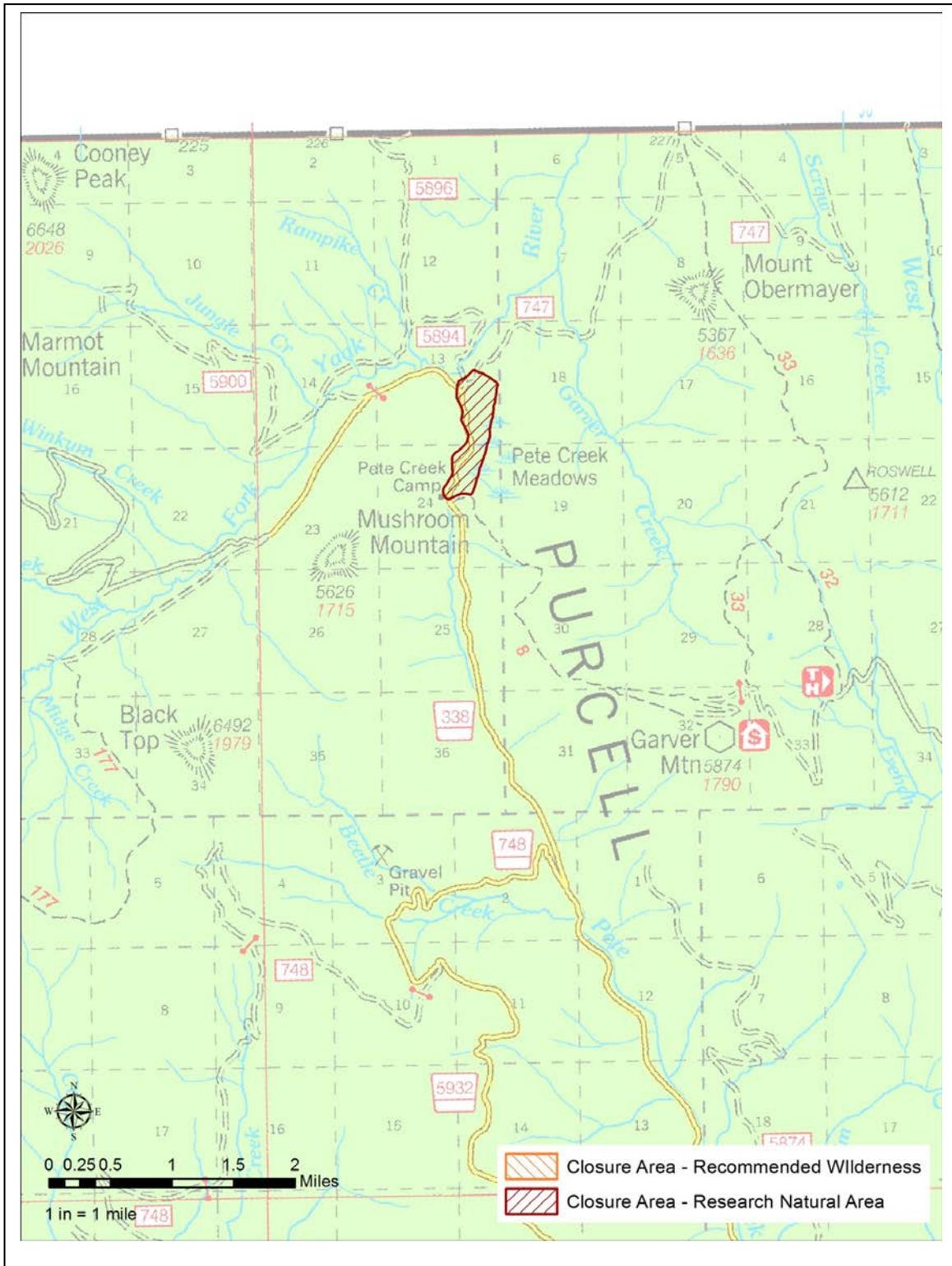


EXHIBIT I – over snow/mechanized area closure
Seven Point Genetical RNA
Cabinet Ranger District

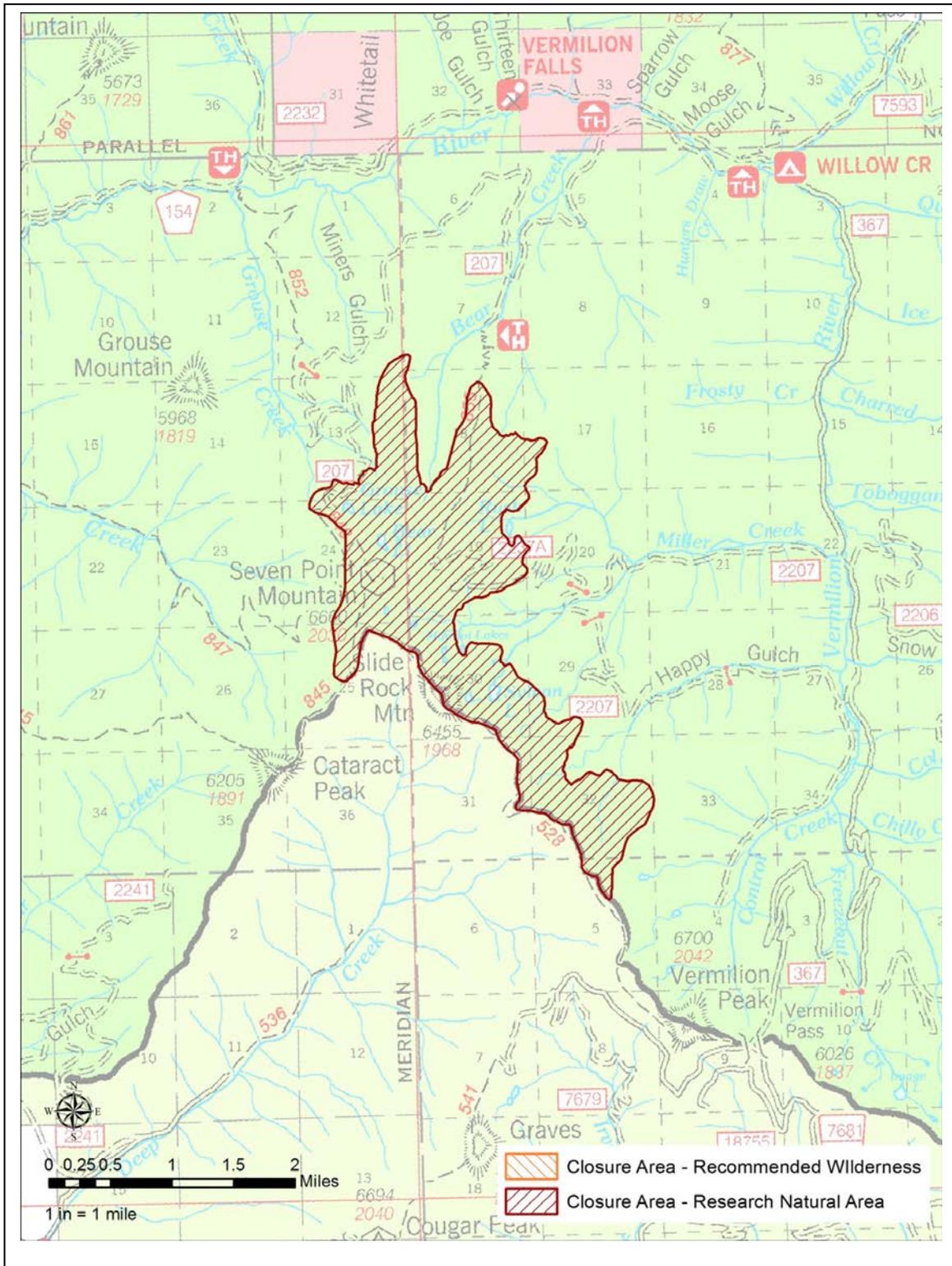


EXHIBIT J – over snow/mechanized area closure
Ulm Peak RNA
Cabinet Ranger District

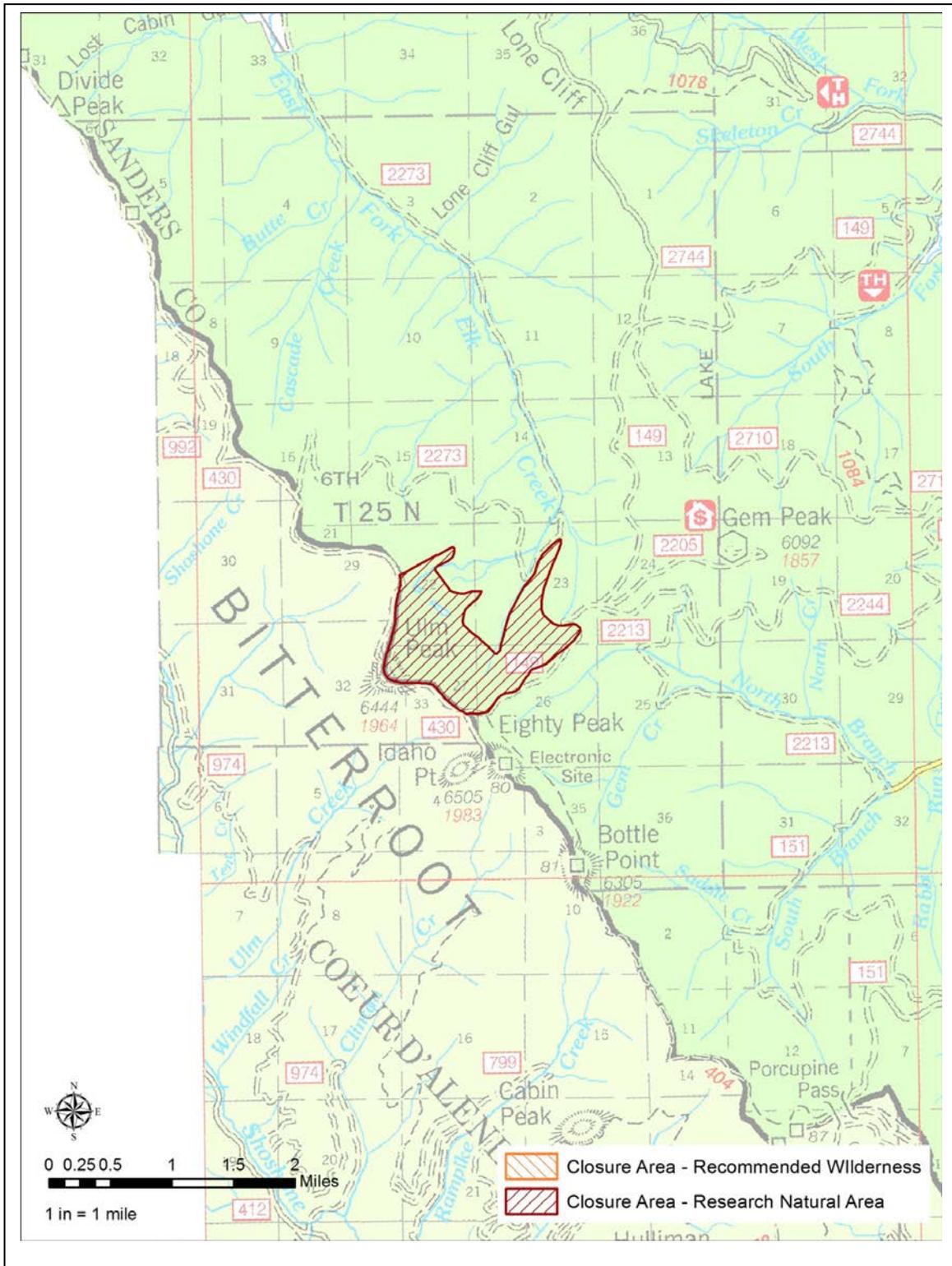


EXHIBIT K – over snow/mechanized area closure
Wolf Weigel RNA
Libby Ranger District

