Order Number: 04-14-01-017

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST MINIDOKA RANGER DISTRICT

# Castle Rocks Area Occupancy and Use

### **PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) the following acts are prohibited within the area described in this order, all within the Minidoka Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest until further notice.

1. Placing or maintaining permanent anchors for climbing. 36 CFR 261.10(a)

#### **EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this order.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

#### **AREA DESCRIBED:**

All National Forest System (NFS) lands within Township 15 South, Range 24 East, Sections 5 and 6, located adjacent the southern NFS boundary of the Albion Mountain Division of the Minidoka Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest, Cassia County, Idaho.

#### **DEFINITION:**

**Permanent Anchors:** A structure or improvement device to facilitate climbing, and remains in a particular location after the completion of the climb.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To provide consistent management within the Castle Rocks Joint Management Area

administered by the Minidoka Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest and Bureau of Land Management, and Castle Rocks State Park administered by the State of Idaho Parks and Recreation Department.

## **IMPLEMENTATION:**

- 1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
- 2. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made part of this Order.
- 3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual, or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
- 4. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by the Order in the above-described area.
- 5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Minidoka Ranger District located in Burley, ID, telephone number 208-678-0430, and at the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office in Twin Falls, ID, telephone Number 208-737-3200.

Done at Twin Falls, Idaho this 26 day of March, 2004.

RUTH M. MONAHAN

Forest Supervisor

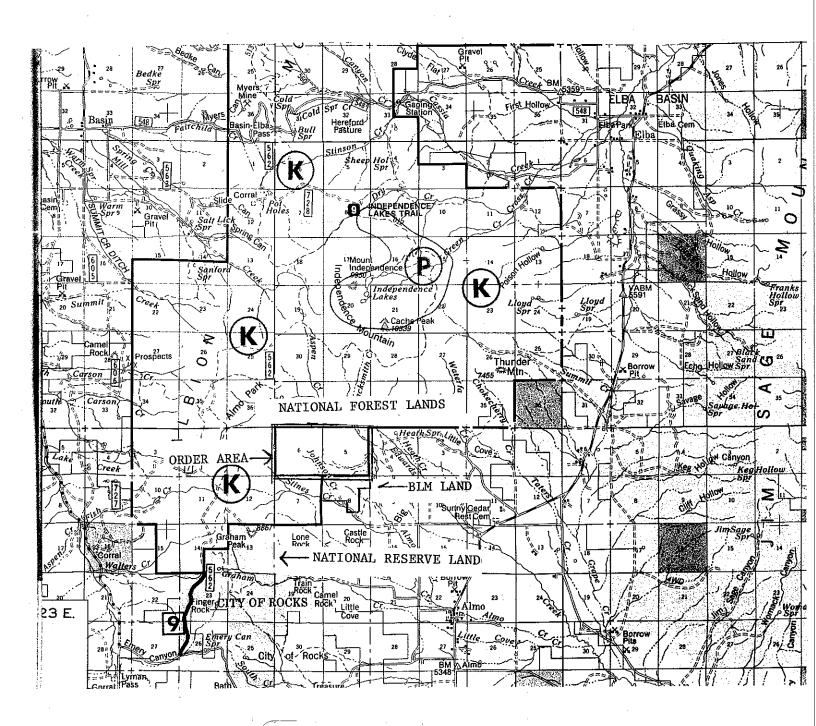
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#### **Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan**

## Castle Rocks Management Area Special Order Sawtooth National Forest Order #0414-01-017

- 1. <u>Background</u>. To co-manage the Castle Rocks area with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and State of Idaho Parks and Recreation Department (IDP&R) with consistent management strategies. This action is considered a Categorical Exclusion: FSH 1909.15.31.1b(1), Orders pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261 Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or protect public health and safety. Case file and Decision Memo not required.
- 2. <u>Intent of Subpart B order</u>. To prohibit the placement of permanent (fixed) anchors used in climbing to preserve the natural conditions of the area described in the Order, which is consistent with adjacent areas being managed by the cooperating agencies (Bureau of Land Management and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation).
- 3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety: District staff will post the prohibitions in such locations and manner to reasonably bring the prohibitions to the attention of the public as required by 36 CFR 261.51(b). District personnel (Forest Protection Officers) shall make patrols in the area to insure proper maintenance of the required signing, make education and compliance contacts with forest visitors, issue warning notices, or Violation Notices to known persons as appropriate, and complete incident reports for violations where the person committing the violation is unknown. The District Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) will provide technical advice and support as needed. All documentation related to Warning Notices, Violation Notices, and Incident Reports completed will be provided to the District LEO in a timely manner.

<u>Action</u>	Responsible Official	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	District Recreation Rec Staff Zimmerman with LE&I input	02/13/04
Review proposed order Review proposed order	Supervisory LEO - Lipus RO LE&I and OGC	03/18/04 03/19/04
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	03/22/04
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	04/01/04

Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives

District Ranger

04/01/04

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Implement law enforcement action itemsAppropriate District Staff, as described in #3 above. Forest Protection Officers, and

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LEO.

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

Forest Supervisor

Sawtooth National Forest

3/26/04