

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

AREA CLOSURE  
*Grape Creek Fire*  
*For Public Safety*

**PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following act is prohibited on all lands as described in this order, within the Minidoka Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest. This Order will be in effect beginning Friday, September 2, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

1. Going into or being upon the area as described in this order. **36 CFR 261.52(e)**

**EXEMPTIONS:**

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

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization 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; and
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

**AREA DESCRIPTION:**

**The Grape Creek Fire Closure Area** is described as all National Forest System (NFS) lands (including all roads and trails within the area) within the following boundary – all lands within the Albion Division located south of NFS Road #548. NFS Road #548 is described as beginning at Township 13 South, Range 24 East, Section 33 and continuing west along NFS Road #548 to the Forest Service boundary located Township 14 South, Range 24 East, Section line of 35 and 36. **NFS Road #548 will remain open.**

The above described Area (including all roads and trails within the Area) is located on National Forest System lands within the administrative and proclaimed boundaries of the Minidoka Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest, Cassia County, Idaho, Boise Meridian.

**PURPOSE:**

The area as described above has ongoing wildfire activity (Grape Creek Fire). This area is closed for public safety and protection from hazards associated with wildfire.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This Order will be in effect **beginning Friday, September 2, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.** and shall remain in effect until rescinded.
2. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Violation of the above prohibition(s) 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 Order(s) prohibiting the same, or similar acts prohibited by this Order in the areas (and/or roads, trails) covered by this Order.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Minidoka Ranger Station 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2016.

  
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KIT T. MULLEN  
Forest Supervisor  
Sawtooth National Forest