Order Number: 0412-495

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST
NEW MEADOWS RANGER DISTRICT

ROAD CLOSURE

National Forest System Road #50135
(For Resource Protection)

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b) the following act is prohibited on the road as described in this order, all within the administrative boundaries of the New Meadows Ranger District, Payette National Forest. This order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until **May 31, 2017 at 11:59 P.M.**, unless rescinded prior by the Forest Supervisor.

1. Being on the road with a vehicle. **36 CFR 261.54(a)**

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.
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.
4. Timber contractors, and their employees and agents, while doing timber work in the area in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract(s).

ROAD DESCRIBED:

National Forest System (NFS) Road #50135 is described as beginning at the intersection of National Forest System (NFS) Road #50127, located at Township 19N, Range 2W, Section 31 and continuing to its end, located in Township 19N, Range 2W, Section 36.

The above described road, as shown on the attached map, is located on the New Meadows Ranger District, Payette National Forest, Adams County, Idaho, Boise Meridian.

PURPOSE:

NFS road #50135 as described above is closed to all mechanized and motorized vehicles through May 31, 2017 at 11:59 P.M. to provide for resource protection. The decision to improve the roads in this area was made in the Lost Creek Boulder Creek Landscape Restoration Project Environmental Impact Statement. The purpose of the project is to restore forest stands toward historical range of variability and improve habitat for wildlife, contribute to the economic vitality of the communities adjacent to the forest, reduce wildland fire hazard, and provide resource protection. The road is closed for protection of transportation resources. **Specifically, this road is closed due to the poor conditions brought on by spring weather combined with the partially completed road work.**

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until **May 31, 2017 at 11:59 P.M.**, unless rescinded prior by the Forest Supervisor.
2. A map identifying the road 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 18USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the New Meadows Ranger Station (208-347-0300) and the Payette Forest Supervisor's Office (208-634-0700), McCall, ID.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same, or similar acts covered in the above described area

Done at McCall, Idaho this 24th day of April, 2017.

Keith B. Lannom

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Forest Supervisor
Payette National Forest

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Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan
New Meadows Ranger District – Payette National Forest

1. **Background.** National Forest System (NFS) Road 50135 is closed to all public entry to provide for resource protection of partially completed road work. This road is the main haul route of the 4th Rock timber sale within the LCBC project. The purpose of the project is to restore forest stands toward a historical range of variability and improve habitat for wildlife, contribute to the economic vitality of the communities adjacent to the forest, reduce wildland fire hazard, and resource protection. The road is closed to mechanized and motorized vehicles to protect the wet road from potential damage.

2. **Intent of Subpart B order.** The intent of the order is to prevent damage to the road. New culverts have been installed and the fill material is currently very wet and soft due to spring conditions. This road already shows signs of rutting from use. Road work has not yet been accepted and any additional damage will need to be repaired by the contractor before this road can be accepted.

3. **Enforcement Plan.** On the ground signing will be installed at the Junction of NFS 50127 and NFS Road #50135. The signs will advise the public of the temporary closure. Additionally, the seasonal closure gate at this location will be closed and locked. Forest Service personnel will make compliance contacts as needed.

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LE&I input	4/17/2017
Review proposed order	LEO Amy Ohme Patrol Captain Breck Young R4 LEI and OGC	4/17/2017 4/18/2017
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	When Signed
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	Upon Signing
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District Ranger	As Needed
Educational and compliance contacts will be made as needed	LEO/field going personnel throughout the temporary closure period.	On-Going

Plan approved for implementation:

Keith B. Lannom

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Forest Supervisor
Payette National Forest

04/24/17
DATE

4th of July Creek Road Closure
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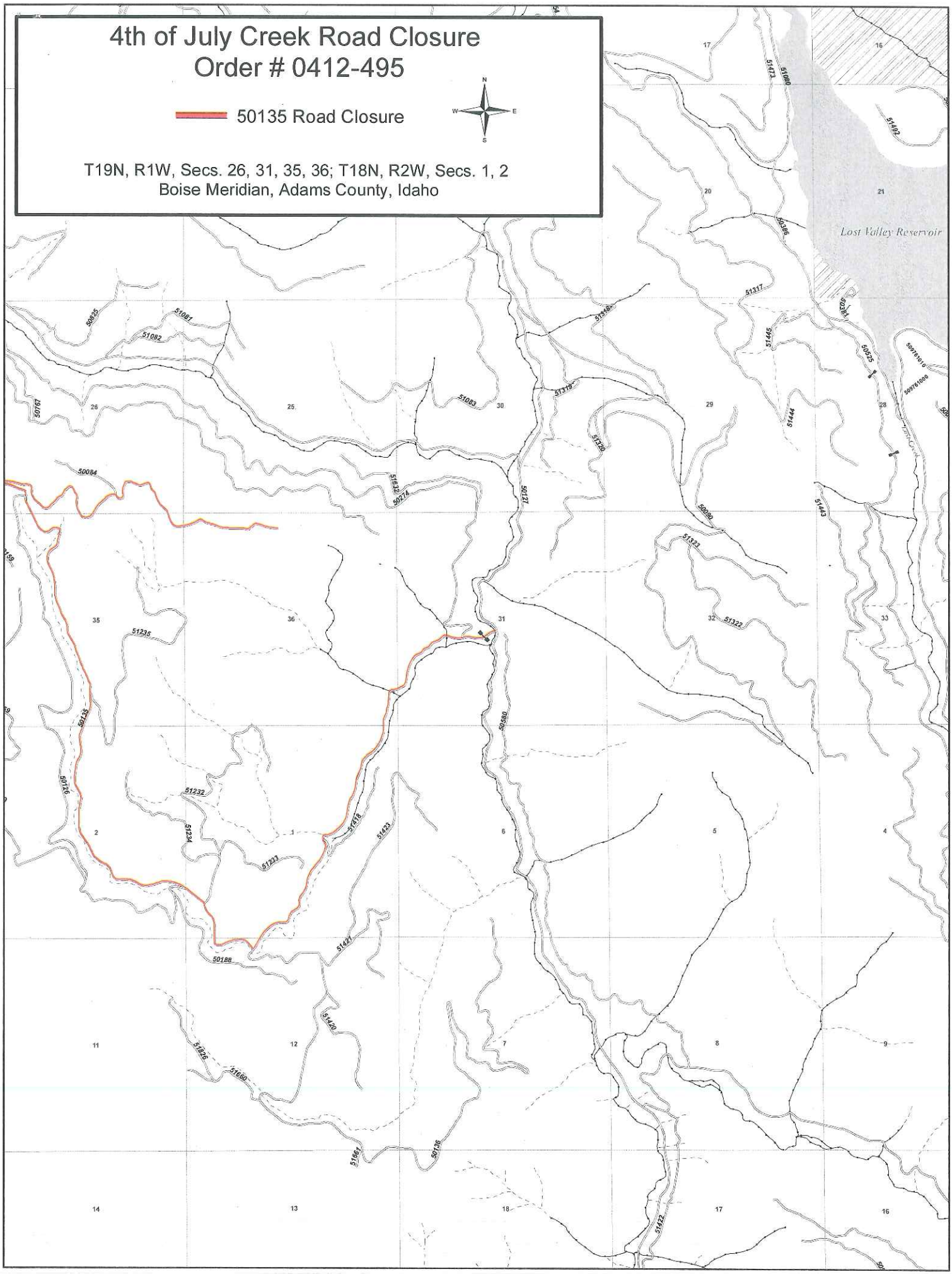
50135 Road Closure

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