

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

**AREA CLOSURE ORDER  
West Fork Fire**

**The West Fork 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 hereby 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A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and becomes effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.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 West Fork 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 within the described West Fork Fire area or on any National Forest System (NFS) Road or Trail in portions or all of: Sections 1-5, 9-16, and 24 of T31N, R32W; Sections 1-10, 15-22, 27-28, and 33-34 of T31N, R31W; Section 13, and 24-25 of T32N, R33W; Sections 1-30, and 32-36 of T32N, R32W, Sections 4-10, 14-23 and 26-35 of T32N, R31W, Sections 23-26, and 33-36 of T33N, R32W and Sections 28-34 of T33N, R31W as described in:**

- NFS Trails #13, #42, #43, #213, #47, #375 and #406
- NFS Roads #332, #600, #601, #4604, #4613, #4654, #4667, #4681, #4690, #4696, #4697, #6144, #6145, #6146, #6704, #14490
- The closure area is described as Forest Service lands north of the Kootenai River Road from Pipe Creek road 567. Continuing to the junction of NFS Rd #68 and #471 (17 Mile Rd), to the junction of NFS Rd #4681. NFS Rd #2681 to the crossing at Big Foot Creek. Follow Big Foot Creek up to the ridge top. Ridge top down to O'Brien Mtn, to China Mtn, to Flagstaff Mtn. From Flagstaff Mtn down Burrell Creek to NFS Trail Number 42. NFS


Trail Number 42 to the junction of Kootenai River Rd to Pipe Creek Rd #567 being the southern boundary of the closure.

**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 this day of September 06, 2017.

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.

# Kootenai National Forest Exhibit A

Order Number D05-075-S-17

