HELENA – LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST
Belt Creek - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District - Crazy Mountains
White Sulphur Springs, Montana

Order #01-15-07-18-05

FOREST ORDER

Occupancy and Use Restrictions – Food Storage

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the following orders and restrictions regarding food storage on the Crazy Mountain Range of the Belt Creek - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District of the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest are hereby enacted:

1. **All food, refuse or other attractants must be acceptably stored or acceptably possessed during daytime hours. (36 CFR 261.58 (cc), (36 CFR 261.58 (s)**
2. **All food, refuse or other attractants must be acceptably stored during nighttime hours, unless it is being prepared for eating, being eaten, being transported, or being prepared for acceptable storage. (36 CFR 261.58 (cc), (36 CFR 261.58 (s)**
3. **Any harvested animal carcass must be acceptably stored, unless the carcass is being field dressed, transported, being prepared for eating, or being prepared for acceptable storage. (36 CFR 261.58 (s)**
4. **Camping or sleeping areas must be established at least ½ mile from a known animal carcass or at least 100 yards from a known acceptably stored animal carcass. (36 CFR 261.58 (e)**
5. **The responsible party shall report the death and location of livestock to a Forest Service official within 24 hours of discovery. Any Forest user finding dead livestock should contact the Forest Service. (36 CFR 261.58 (s)**
6. **Burnable attractants that cannot be completely consumed by fire (i.e., no post burning residue) must be packed out. (36 CFR 261.58 (cc), (36 CFR 261.58 (e)**

Definitions of terms used in support of the restrictions are also included as Attachment A. The area affected is depicted on the attached map Attachment B. This Order is effective March 1 through December 1, annually, until rescinded.

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

1. Persons with a permit 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.

These prohibitions and restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A. Violations of these prohibitions are 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 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Executed in Helena, Montana, this 24th day of July 2018.

William Avey
Forest Supervisor
Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest

Attachment "A" – Forest Order #01-15-07-18-05

Food Storage and Sanitation Definitions

1. "Food, refuse and other attractants" means any substance, solid or liquid or refuse (excluding water, baled hay, or hay cubes without additives), which is or may be eaten or otherwise taken into the body to sustain health or life, provide energy, or promote growth of any person or animal. Also includes items such as soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, canned foods, pet foods, processed livestock feed and grains, personal hygiene products, and empty food and beverage containers. .

2. "Animal carcass" means the dead body or parts thereof, of any harvested mammal, bird, or fish, including the head or skull plate with antlers or horns and hide or cape of big game animals and any domestic livestock that may be found in the restricted area. Packaged or prepared animal carcass products transported into the restricted area for consumption, game birds, small mammals, or fish harvested for consumption in the restricted area are considered food under the previous definition.

3. "Burnable attractants" include items such as food leftovers, waste products, food grease or residue, food saturated containers or other substances that will not completely consumed by fire. To be completely consumed, there must be no residual attractant on the surface of in the soil. These items shall not be buried, discarded or burned in an open campfire, unless placed in a suitable container (i.e. tin can or fire pan) to prevent leaching into the ground, and burned over an open campfire. Any remaining attractants unconsumed by burning shall be placed with other garbage, acceptably stored and packed out.

4. "Acceptably stored" means:
   a) Stored in bear-resistant container and/or utilizing a method listed on the most recent Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Certified Bear Resistant Products List.
   b) Stored in a closed vehicle, trailer or container where the storage compartment is constructed of solid, non-pliable material that, when secured, will have no openings, hinges, lids, or coverings that would allow a bear to gain entry by breaking, bending, tearing, biting, or pulling with its claws (any windows in the vehicle must be closed), or
   c) Suspended at least 10 feet clear of the ground at all points and 4 feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole, or
   d) Stored within a hard-sided residence, building, or storage container subject to the terms and conditions of a special-use authorization or operating plan, or
   e) Stored by other methods approved in a permit issued by the Forest Supervisor responsible for the area where the method is proposed for use.
   f) Animal carcasses must be acceptably stored (a. through e. above) when located 100 yards to ½ mile of a camping or sleeping area or within 200 yards of a Forest Road or Trail.
   g) Animal carcasses more than ½ miles from a camping area and more than 200 yards from a Forest Road or Trail may be left on the ground.

   h) Animal carcasses killed or harvested (and parts thereof) within ½ mile of any established camping area or sleeping area must be acceptably stored, possessed, or moved to a distance beyond ½ miles from any such camp or sleeping area by the party(-ies) responsible for killing or harvesting such animal.

Attachment A – Forest Order #01-15-07-18-05

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5. "Acceptably possessed" means:
   a) Possessed or attended during daytime by a person(s) that is physically present within 100 feet and direct sight of the accessible food, refuse or attractant or
   b) Possessed or attended by such a person(s) for the purpose of field dressing lawfully taken animal carcasses, transporting any food or animal carcass, preparing any animal carcass or food for eating, or eating any food.

6. "Camping/sleeping area" means national Forest System Lands temporarily used for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently fixed structure or lands temporarily occupied by unattended camping equipment.

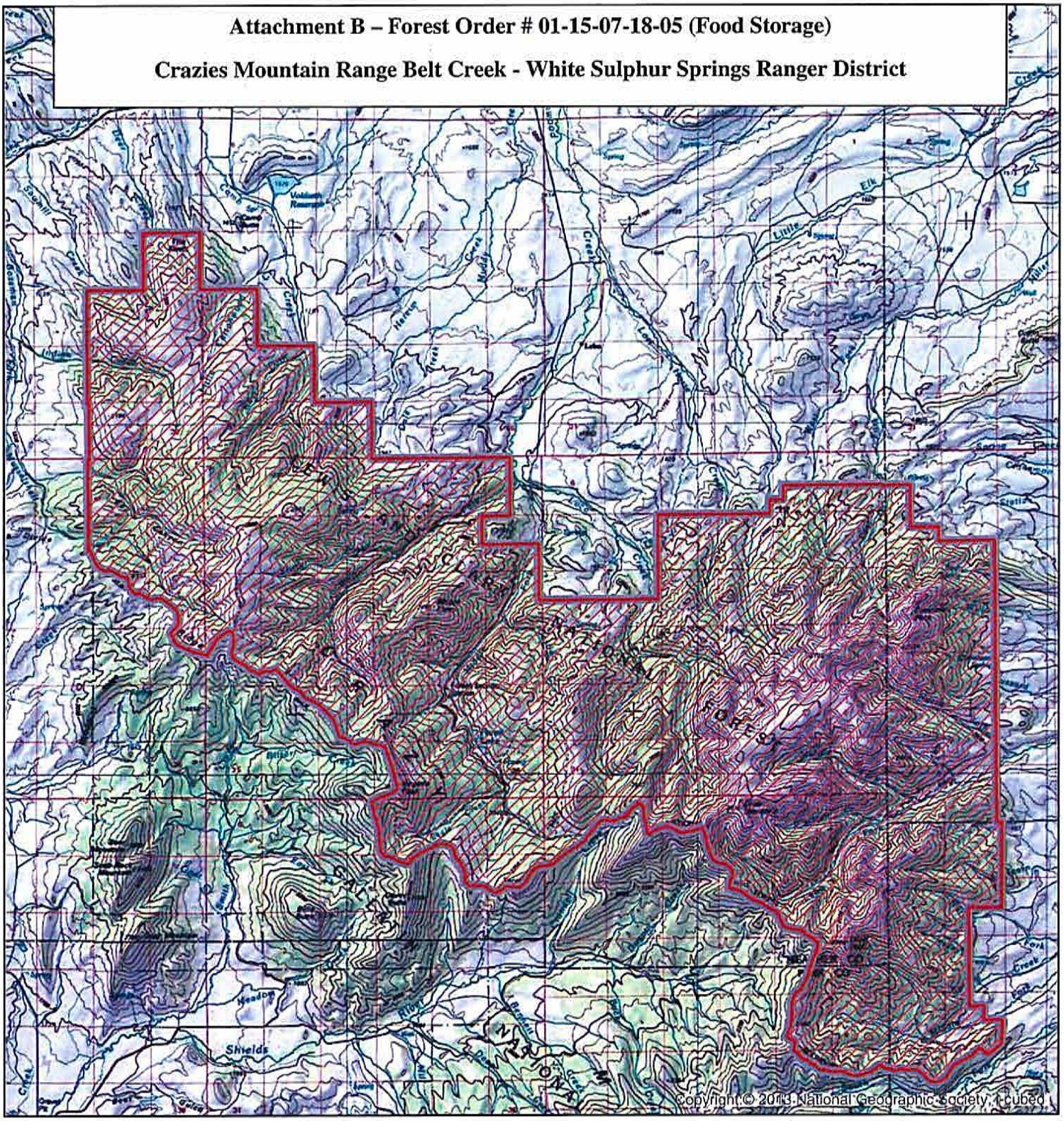
7. "Daytime" means ½-hour before sunrise until ½-hour after sunset, Mountain Time.

8. "Nighttime" means ½-hour after sunset until ½-hour before sunrise, Mountain Time.

9. "Forest Road or Trail" means a road or trail wholly or partly within, or adjacent to and serving the National Forest System that the Forest Service determines is necessary for the protection, administration, and utilization of the National Forest System and the use and development of its resources. .

Attachment B – Forest Order # 01-15-07-18-05 (Food Storage)

Crazies Mountain Range Belt Creek - White Sulphur Springs Ranger District



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