

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

AREA CLOSURE
Upper Rock Creek Campgrounds
For Protection of Public Health and Safety

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following act is prohibited on the National Forest System Lands described in this Order, all within the Minidoka Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect through **June 14, 2019**, unless rescinded earlier by the Forest Supervisor.

1. Going into or being upon the Area described below. **36 CFR 261.53(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.
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

AREA CLOSURE DESCRIPTION

The Upper Rock Creek Campgrounds Closure is described as all National Forest System (NFS) lands (including Roads and Trails within the Area) within 100 feet of the following Developed Campgrounds.

Lower Penstemon -T14S, R18E, S24; Twin Falls County

Upper Penstemon - T14S, R18E, S24; Twin Falls County

Pettit - T14S, R18E, S25; Twin Falls County

Porcupine Springs – T14S, R19E, S32; Cassia County

The described Area is shown on the Map attached hereto as Exhibit A, and is within the Minidoka Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest, Twin Falls and Cassia Counties, Idaho, Boise Meridian.

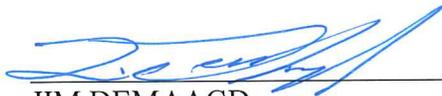
PURPOSE:

To provide for public safety due to hazards associated with the recent snow event that resulted in numerous downed trees and the need to remove hazard trees prior to public entry, the above described Area is closed to all public entry.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect through **June 14, 2019**, unless rescinded earlier by the Forest Supervisor.
2. A map identifying the above-described Area is attached to 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 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/notices for the above-described Area or portions thereof.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Minidoka Ranger Station, Burley ID, (208) 678-0430 or the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office in Jerome, ID; 208-423-7500.

Done at Jerome, ID this 24th day of May, 2019.



JIM DEMAAGD
Forest Supervisor
Sawtooth National Forest

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan
Minidoka Ranger District – Sawtooth National Forest

1. Background. A recent snow event has resulted in numerous downed trees and hazard trees that threaten public health and safety in campgrounds located in Upper Rock Creek. To provide for public safety, the hazards must be removed before public use of the campgrounds can be permitted.

2. Intent of Subpart B Order. This temporary Area closure is for all public access to the following Campgrounds in the Upper Rock Creek Area: Lower Penstemon, Upper Penstemon, Pettit and Porcupine Springs.

3. Enforcement Plan. District staff will install on ground signing at the entrance to each of the above campgrounds and perform maintenance of the signs as needed. The signing will advise the public that the Campgrounds are closed to all public entry. USFS personnel will make compliance contacts as needed.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed Order	Appropriate Staff with LE&I input	05/21/19
Review proposed Order	Supervisory LEO	05/23/19
Review proposed Order	RO LE&I and OGC	05/23/19
Post Order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	When Signed
Prepare news release for local media describing the Order and management objectives	PAO Staff	As-needed
Contacts will be made to obtain compliance as needed	Appropriate Staff LEO/field going personnel throughout the temporary closure period.	On going

Plan approved for implementation:



JIM DEMAAGD
Forest Supervisor
Sawtooth National Forest



DATE

