



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
NORTHERN REGION
REGIONAL OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS**

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited in the areas described in this Order and depicted on the attached Maps (“Restricted Areas”), hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A, within the Northern Region National Forests and National Grasslands in the states of Montana, Idaho, Washington, North Dakota and South Dakota.

1. Entering the Restricted Areas with a “group” in excess of 10 individuals.
36 C.F.R. § 261.58(f)

DEFINITIONS

The term “group” refers to “any collection, assemblage, cluster, or aggregation of persons.”

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit 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.

RESTRICTED AREAS:

(Includes all Forest Service system lands within the Northern Region)

Idaho Panhandle NF

Nez-Pearce Clearwater NF

Kootenai NF

Flathead NF

Lolo NF

Bitterroot NF

Helena-Lewis & Clark NF

Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF

Custer-Gallatin NF

Dakota Prairie NG

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order, which reflects federal and state guidance to limit the spread of COVID-19, is to protect public health and safety.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be effective on March 25, 2020 at 12:01am and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2020, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581 (b)(7)).
3. Maps identifying the Restricted Areas are attached and made a part of this Order.
4. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained from the Northern Region Regional Office located in Missoula, Montana, telephone number: **406-329-3511**, and at the following websites and phone numbers:

USDA Forest Service Northern Region website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r1/home>

MONTANA Department of Health and Human Services: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/>

Joint Information Center 1-888-333-0461

IDAHO Department of Health and Welfare <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/>

Idaho Public Health Contact numbers: within the state call 211 or 1-800-926-2588

NORTH DAKOTA Department of Health: <https://www.health.nd.gov/>

ND Department of Health contact number: 1-866-207-2880

SOUTH DAKOTA Department of Health: <https://doh.sd.gov/>

SD Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline: 1-800-997-2880

WASHINGTON State Department of Health <https://www.doh.wa.gov/>

WA State Department of Health contact number: 1-800-525-0127

Done at Missoula, Montana this 24 day of March, 2020.



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EXHIBIT A



