

Kootenai National Forest
12557US Hwy 2
Libby, MT 59923
Forest Supervisor's Order

AREA, ROAD and TRAIL RESTRICTION
South Flower Creek Cross Country Ski Area

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation 261.50 (b), the following restriction is in effect on the Libby Ranger District on 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.

PROHIBITION

For public health or safety, it is prohibited to be on or use of

36 CFR 261.55 – National Forest Systems Trails

Use by any type of traffic or mode of transport prohibited by the order [Title 36, 261.55(c)]

36 CFR 261.54 – National Forest system Roads

Using any type of vehicle prohibited by the order. [Title 36, 261.54(a)]

36 CFR 261.53 – Special Closures, Prohibited to go into or be upon any area

Public health or safety [Title 36, 261.53(e)]

PURPOSE

For the purpose of this order, it is prohibited to be on any National Forest System Road, Trail, or within the boundaries of the South Flower Creek Cross Country Ski Area with an over-snow vehicle due to concentrated pedestrian traffic.

TRAIL CLOSED

An areas west of National Forest System Trail (NFST) SNO827-A (Trail –A, Exhibit A) dual designated as National Forest System Road (NFSR) 4729, from its junction with NFSR 128, east and then west (along Trail A and then B, Exhibit A) to the junction with NFST 134A, then north on NFST 134A to its junction with FSR 128, then east along NFSR 128 to the beginning with the junction with SNO827-A (Trail – A, Exhibit A).

NFST SNO827-A (NFSR 4729 mp 0-0.95), E, F (NFSR 4729d mp 0-0.6), G, H, I, J (Trails A, E, F, G, H, I, and J on Exhibit A), NFST 134 and 134a are closed to over-snow vehicles. NFST SNO827-B (Trail B, Exhibit A) is closed to over-snow vehicles from the junction with Trail A west to NFST 134a (NFSR 4729 mp 0.95-1.6 and NFSR 4729e mp 0-0.6).

IMPLEMENTATION

This order will be in effect from the day it is signed and will be nullified on May 1st, 2021

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. §261.50(e), the following 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. 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e)(1).
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty. 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e)(4)

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 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581).

INFORMATION

Further information regarding this order may be obtained at the Libby Ranger District office in Libby, MT, (406) 293-7773, or at the Kootenai National Forest Supervisor's Office located at 31374 Highway Two West, Libby, MT, 5993, (406) 283-7773.

Done at Libby, Montana this 9th day of December 2020.

By: _____



Chad W. Benson
Forest Supervisor

South Flower Creek Cross Country Ski Area Closure Order D05-126-S-20

Kootenai National Forest
Parts of Sec 19, 21, 28, 29, 30 T30N, R31W, PMM

Exhibit A Closure Order D05-126-S-20

MT DNRC

City of
Libby

4 mi.
To Libby

128

134

29

32

Not To Scale

Legend

- Non-Motorized Trail, yearlong
- ~ Cross Country Ski Trails
- Roads
- ▨ Closure Area
- Forest Service
- Other

