



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
HELENA-LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST
BELT CREEK-WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS RANGER DISTRICT – NEIHART, MONTANA**

FOREST ORDER

National Forest System Area Closure-Balsinger Fire of the Divide Complex Fire

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551, 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and 36 C.F.R. § 261.52 (e) the following acts are prohibited on the Belt Creek-White Sulphur Springs Ranger District, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest.

PROHIBITION:

1. **To go into or be upon the area described below [36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e)].**

AREA CLOSURE DESCRIPTION:

All National Forest Systems lands within the boundary of the following area and shown on the Attached Map are closed (Attachment A – Area Closure Map). From the junction of Belt Park Road, Forest Road 6511 and Trail 322 (Tillinghast Trail), then following Road 6511 south to the Junction of Forest Road 839 (Divide Road). Then west on Forest Road 839 to the private boundary line at Deer Creek Claims in Section 6, Range 6 East and Township 14 North. Then following the private property line northeast to Trail 305 (Deer Creek Trail), then heading east on Trail 305 to the junction with Trail 304 (Pilgrim Creek Trail). Then following Trail 304 north to the junction with Trail 336 (Thunder Mtn. Trail). Then east along Trail 336 to Trail 322 (Tillinghast Trail). Then along Trail 322 back to the junction of Forest Road 6511 (Belt Park Road).

Roads #6511 and #839 are currently open to the public. All other roads and trails within the area closure boundary, including those describing the closed area, are closed.

PURPOSE:

This closure is for public health and safety due to the Balsinger Fire of the Divide Complex Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION:

This order will be in effect from August 26, 2021, and shall remain in effect until September, 31, 2021, or until the order is rescinded, whichever occurs first.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.



EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- (1) Persons with a Forest Service special use authorization or other authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order;
- (2) Owners or lessees of land in the area;
- (3) Residents in the area;
- (4) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty; and

VIOLATION:

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. §551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571(b)(6) and 3581(b)(7).

INFORMATION:

Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Belt Creek- White Sulphur Springs Ranger District Office located at 204 W. Folsom Street, White Sulphur Springs, Montana, 59645, (406) 547-3361, and at the Helena-Lewis and Clark Forest Supervisor's Office located at 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, Montana, 59602, (406) 449-5201.

Executed in Helena, Montana, this 26th day of August, 2021.

SARA MAYBEN
Acting Forest Supervisor

