Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551, 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System Lands, roads and trails within the Idaho Panhandle National Forests effective July 12th, 2021 at 12:01 am and shall remain in effect until October 31st, 2021 unless rescinded.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. 36 CFR § 261.52(a).

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials. 36 CFR § 261.52(d).

3. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off of National Forest System roads and trails for OHV's and MC's. 36 CFR § 261.56.

4. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. A patrol is required for 1 hour (3 hours for anyone engaged in a commercial harvest operation) following cessation of all work as described in a, b, and c below.
   a. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, yarding, processing, road building, or woodcutting during industrial operations or firewood gathering. 36 CFR § 261.52(h) and (j).
   b. Blasting, welding, or other activities that generate flame or flammable material. 36 CFR § 261.52(i).
   c. Using an explosive. 36 CFR § 261.52(b).

PURPOSE:

These restrictions are promulgated to protect National Forest System Lands and the Public from wildland fire.

IMPLEMENTATION:

This order will be in effect from **July 12th, 2021 at 12:01 am** and shall remain in effect until October 31st, 2021 unless rescinded.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 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.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels. Such devices, including propane campfires, may be used only in an area cleared of flammable material.
3. Persons using a generator with an approved spark arrester on areas that are cleared of all flammable materials within three feet of the generator.
4. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. All land within a city boundary.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Special Use or Other Authorization.** A written document issued by an authorized officer of the Forest Service to specifically authorize an otherwise prohibited act.

**Restriction.** A limitation on an activity or use.

**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).

These restrictions are in addition to those prohibitions enumerated in Subpart ‘A’ of 36 CFR § 261 and any other special restrictions pertaining to the described lands.

**INFORMATION:**

Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Idaho Panhandle National Forests Supervisor’s Office, 3232 West Nursery Road, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Telephone: (208) 765-7223.

Signed at Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, this 10th day of July, 2021

KIMBERLY PIERSON

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Idaho Panhandle National Forests
Forest Closure - Stage II Fire Fire Restriction Order Number 01-04-00-21-001
Idaho Panhandle National Forests

Closures
Restricted Area

Name: Stage II Fire Restrictions 01-04-00-21-001
Effective Date: July 12th, 2021 at 12:01 am
Rescind Date: October 31st, 2021
Reason: Protect NFS Lands and the Public from wildland fire.

Reason:
Restrictions apply to all National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails within the Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

Coeur d'Alene Lake
Priest Lake
Kaniksu
Pend Oreille Lake

Closure Information
Name: Closure Order Number:
Effective Date: Rescind Date:
Reason:

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Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background:

The Forest Service has prepared this emergency closure due to extreme fire danger. It is necessary to close this area, in order to protect USFS lands and provide for public safety.

2. Intent of Subpart B order:

The intent of the following order is to protect public safety by restricting access on and around National Forest System lands, while providing for efficient operations while this closure is in effect.

3. Enforcement:

Enforcement of the closure forest order will be a combination of signing, public information, personal contacts and law enforcement actions. The following summarizes the enforcement goals with respect to this closure order:

- The goal will be to ensure that people are informed of the closure order. This will initially be disseminated through contacts and information releases before the special order goes into effect.

- LEO’s & FPO’s will attempt to enforce the order through patrols and contacts when available to do so. Enforcement with a warning or citation will be at the discretion of the Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) or Forest Protection Officer (FPO).

4. Posting:

Current posting will be modified to reflect the new prohibition. Posting will be completed by the Forest Staff and will be posted at a minimum on the NPCLWNF Alerts & Notices web page, every District office, developed campgrounds and signage in the immediate area of the closure.
AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: That person vested with the overall responsibility and authority for an agency at an administrative unit. These individuals may include BIA Superintendents, Forest Supervisors, State Lands Area Managers, BLM District Managers, Park Managers and other state agency officials. Agency Administrators at the Geographical Area Level would include the Regional Forester, BLM State Director, and the State Forester of the Idaho Department of Lands.

CAMPFIRE: A fire, not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation mounted on a vehicle, which is used for cooking, branding, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or aesthetic purposes. Campfires are open fires (usually built on the ground) using native fuels or charcoal, and include burn barrels, enclosed fireplace stands, and charcoal grills.

APPROVED SPARK ARRESTER: A spark arresting device for internal combustion engines that is properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order meeting either: (1) U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a, or (2) Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a).

CHAINSAW: A saw powered by an internal combustion engine, with cutting teeth linked in an endless chain.

CLOSURE: The closing of an area to entry or use.

DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS: Those roads and trails that are identified on maps regularly provided to the public by land management agencies.

DESIGNATED RECREATION SITE: A recreation area that has been improved and designated by sign as a privately-owned commercial campground, tribal, or agency-owned campground, picnic area, or trail head.

METAL FIRE PAN: A metal fire pan with sides at least three inches high with a metal grate on top.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT: Any equipment or vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine.

OWNER-PROVIDED FIRE STRUCTURE: A permanent metal or concrete improvement specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire, or cooking fire provided by the agency, or landowner with a clearance of ten feet on all sides that is free of any flammable vegetation. This does not include a metal fire pan as defined above.

PATROL: One or more people who will travel through a work site checking for, suppressing, and reporting fires discovered adjacent to and within the work site.

PERMIT: A written document issued by an authorized agency representative to specifically authorize an otherwise prohibited act.

RESTRICTION: A limitation on an activity or use.

STOVE FIRE: A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove.