



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST
DILLON, MONTANA**

FOREST ORDER

STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551, 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the **following acts are prohibited** on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest as described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”):

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 area, 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. Operating or using any internal combustion engine (e.g. chainsaw, generator, ATV) without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either: (a) Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or (b) Appropriate Society of automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a). [36 CFR § 261.52(j)]
4. Operating a chainsaw without an approved spark arresting device as described in Prohibition #3, and a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (8 oz. capacity by weight or larger and kept with the operator) and a round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use. [36 CFR § 261.52(j)], [36 CFR § 261.52(g)]
5. Operating a generator, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, that has not been cleared of all surrounding and overhead flammable materials within three feet of the device. [36 CFR § 261.52(h)]
6. Operating a motor vehicle any distance off designated roads and trails (parking is permitted in areas immediately adjacent to designated roadways completely barren of any flammable materials). [36 CFR § 261.52(h)]
7. Target Shooting or discharging a firearm (see exemptions) [36 CFR 261.58 (m)]

THE FOLLOWING ACTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM 1:00 PM. TO 1:00 A.M.:

8. Operating a chainsaw or other portable equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, processing, road building and woodcutting during industrial operations or firewood gathering capable of igniting a fire. Outside these hours, a one-hour foot patrol in the work area is required following cessation of these activities. [36 C.F.R. § 261.52(h)]
9. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. Outside these hours, a one-hour foot patrol in the work area is required following cessation of these activities. [36 CFR § 261.52(i)]



PURPOSE:

To reduce fire risk, prevent human-caused wildland fires, protect property, and protect public health and safety during periods of high or extreme fire danger.

RESTRICTED AREA:

All National Forest System Lands located within the exterior boundary of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest as shown on “Attachment A- Area Closure Map.”

IMPLEMENTATION:

This order will be in effect from 00:01AM July 24, 2021 and shall remain in effect until **00:01AM September 30, 2021** or until the order is rescinded, whichever occurs first.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this order.

EXEMPTIONS:

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

Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order. 36 CFR § 261.50(e)(1).

Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty. 36 CFR § 261.50(e)(4).

For Prohibition #1, devices using pressurized liquid or gas (stoves, grills or lanterns) that include shut-off valves are permitted when used in an area at least 3 feet or more from flammable material 36 CFR § 261.50(e)(6).

For prohibition #7, Persons possessing a valid Montana hunting license and hunting during the open hunting season as specified by the laws of the State of Montana, may discharge a firearm for the lawful take or attempt to take of wildlife, including nongame species and predators. 36 CFR § 261.50(e)(6).

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 and 3581(b)(7)).



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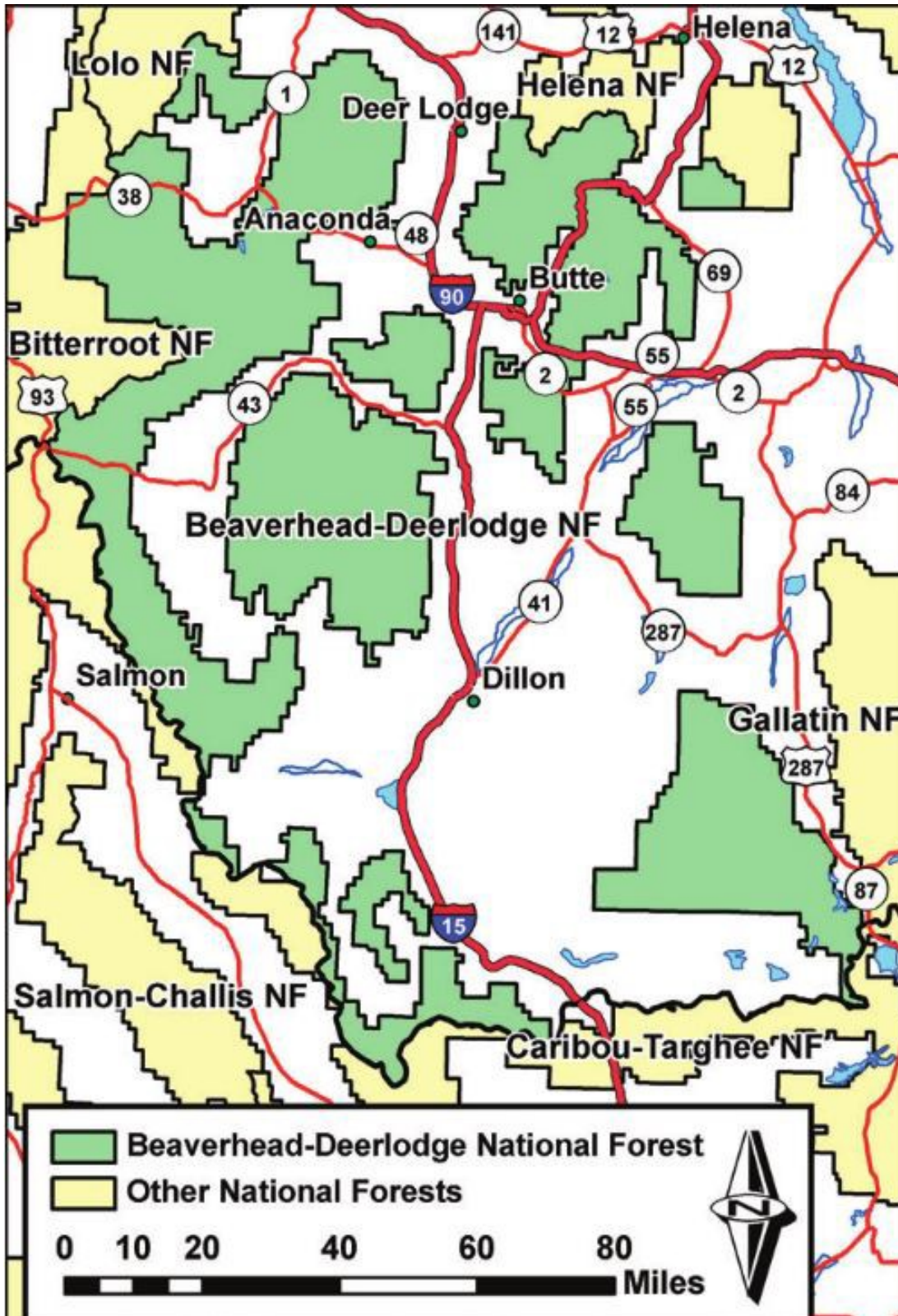
Further information regarding this order may be obtained at the Beaverhead Deerlodge Forest Supervisor's Office located at 420 Barrett Street, Dillon, Montana, 59725, (406) 683-3900.

Executed in Dillon, Montana, this 22 day of July 2021.

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ATTACHMENT A- AREA CLOSURE MAP