



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

FOREST ORDER-AMERICAN FORK FIRE

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

PROHIBITION:

1. **Being on the trails described below [36 C.F.R. § 261.55 (a)].**

PURPOSE:

The trail closures are for public safety due to the American Fork Fire area and firefighting efforts on the Belt Creek-White Sulphur Springs Ranger District of the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest.

TRAIL CLOSURE DESCRIPTION:

The trail closure applies to National Forest System Big Elk Creek Trail, #640, in its entirety from Big Elk Creek Trailhead in (T6N, R12E, Sect 26) to its terminus at the intersection of the Helena Lewis and Clark and Custer Gallatin National Forest Boundary (T5N, R11E, Sect 10) -(approximately 7mi).

IMPLEMENTATION:

This order will be in effect from July 22, 2021, and shall remain in effect until November 1, 2021, or until the order is rescinded, whichever occurs first.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 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)



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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)).

INFORMATION:

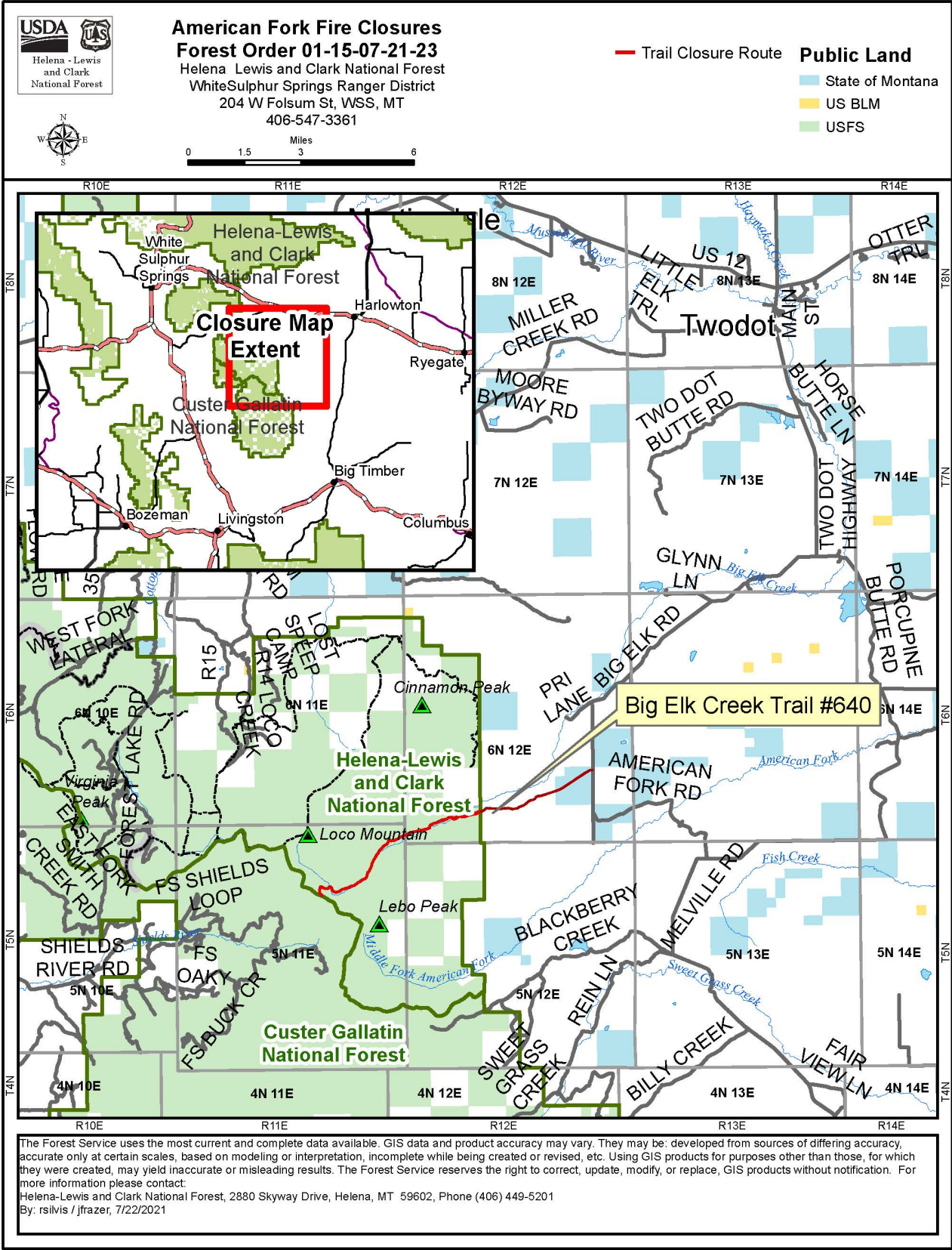
Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Belt Creek-White Sulphur Springs Ranger District Offices located at White Sulphur Springs, Montana, (406) 547-3361, and located at Belt Creek, Montana, (406) 236-5511 and at the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Supervisor's Office located at 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena, Montana, (406) 449-5201.

Executed in Helena, Montana, this 22nd day of July, 2021.

SARA MAYBEN
Acting Forest Supervisor



Attachment A: Area Closure Map





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