

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
ROGUE RIVER-SISKIYOU NATIONAL FOREST  
Medford, OR**

**ORDER NO. 06-10-20-21-23**

**Butte Fork and Knox Gulch Trail Bridge Closure**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(b), the following act is prohibited within the Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District of the Rogue-River-Siskiyou National Forest in order to protect public safety, as described below and depicted in the map attached as Exhibit A. These prohibitions will become effective July 30, 2021, and will remain in effect through July 30, 2022, unless rescinded sooner.

**PROHIBITION:**

Being on a trail. [36 CFR 261.55 (a)]

**CLOSURE DESCRIPTION:**

**Butte Fork trail bridge** in its entirety, Township 48 North, Range 12 West, Section 35, located on the Butte Fork trail # 957.

**Knox Gulch trail bridge** in its entirety, Township 48 North, Range 12 West, Section 20, located on the Middle Fork trail # 950.

**EXEMPTIONS:**

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

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire-fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.

Violations of these prohibitions are 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; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581).

Executed in Medford, Oregon this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

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Merv George, Jr.  
Forest Supervisor  
Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest

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## Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

**Prohibition Objective:** The closure of the trail bridges is necessary to ensure public health and safety due to the condition of the bridges.

**Public Notification Plan:** Information associated with the closure will be made available to the public through media releases, partner organizations, and at Forest Service offices. The affected trails will be posted with signs indicating the trail bridges are closed to public entry.

### **Enforcement Plan:**

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Forest staff	7/8/2021
Review proposed order (Law Enforcement)	Patrol Captain	7/12/2021
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	Public Affairs Officer	
District staff will be responsible for the management and enforcement of this closure. Any enforcement actions will be within normal policies and procedures established by the LEI Patrol Captain for the zone.	District Staff	

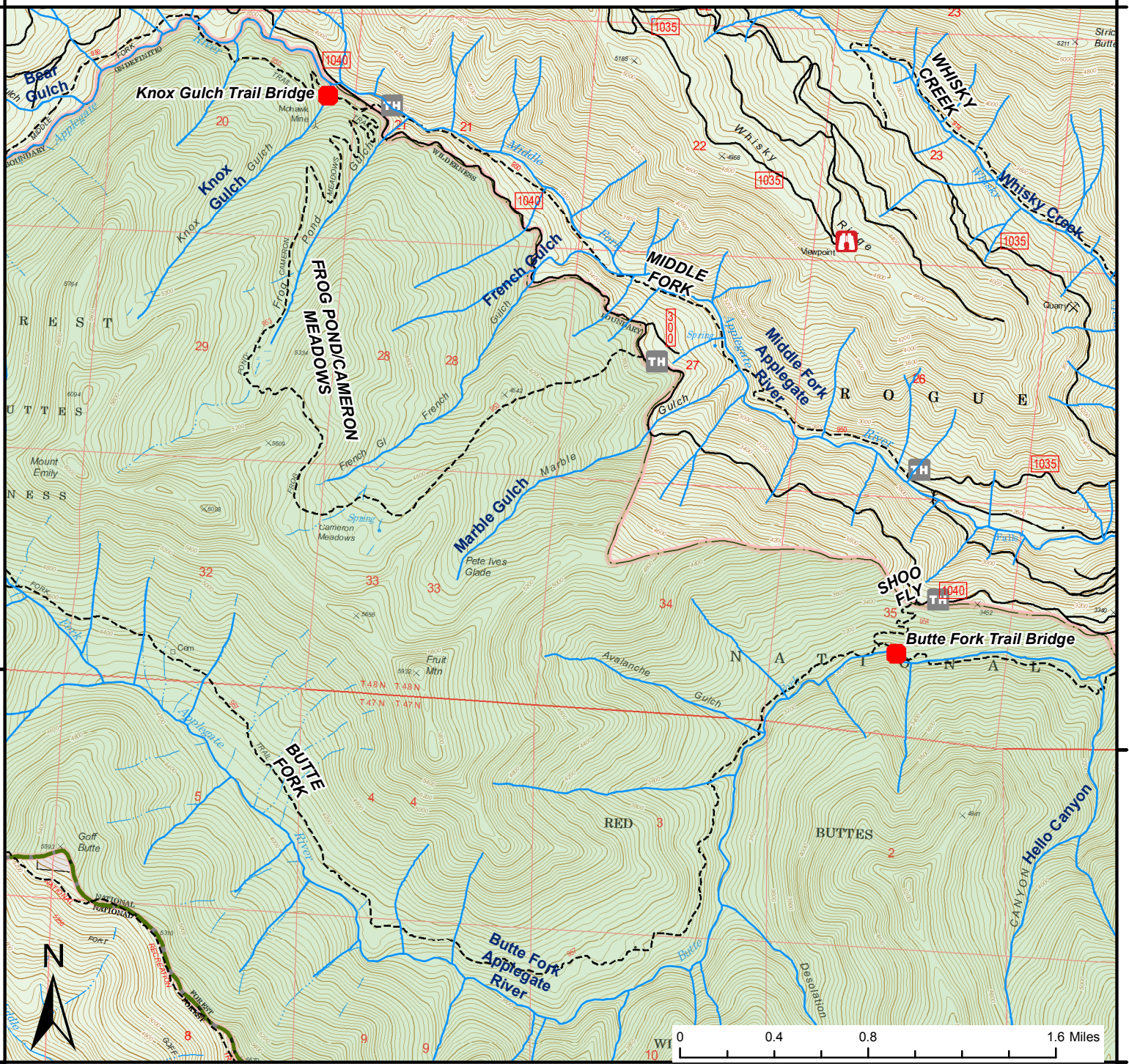
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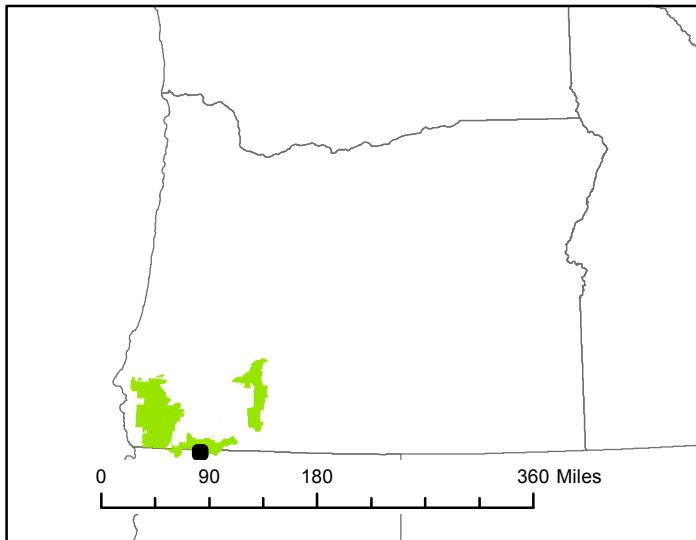
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**Butte Fork Trial Bridge Closure  
Knox Gulch Trail Bridge Closure  
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541-618-2200**

**Legend**

- Site Closure
- USFS Admin Boundary
- Road/Trail Closure
- Area Closure
- National Forest Land
- Wilderness

