

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

650 Wolfpack Way

Kalispell, MT 59901

Forest Supervisor's Order

AREA CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. §551, and 36 C.F.R. §261.50(a) and §261.50(b), the following restrictions are in effect on all National Forest System lands within the area described below on the Swan Lake Ranger District on the Flathead National Forest, Flathead County, Montana.

PROHIBITION

36 CFR §261.52(e) It is prohibited to go into or be upon the Closed Area described below.

PURPOSE

This restriction is for public health and safety due to the Whitetail Creek and Boulder Fires.

CLOSED AREA

The Closed Area includes all National Forest System Lands shown as the yellow hash-marked polygon on the attached map (Exhibit A). This area closure is located in the Porcupine and Woodward drainages. On the north edge, The Closed Area begins at the north section lines of sections 3, 4 and 5, T_24N, R 18W, and extends approximately 13 miles to the south, ending at the south section line of Section 31, T 23N, R_18W. The western edge of the closed area is the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Reservation boundary. The eastern boundary of the closure begins at the intersection of roads 10229 and 9803 and runs south along roads 10229 then to 9719 until the boundary of National Forest and State Lands then follows this boundary to the south.. All of Section 34, T 23N, R 18W is also closed.

IMPLEMENTATION

This order will be in effect from August 4th, 2021 to October 1st, 2021 or until rescinded, whichever comes first. These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. §261.50(e), the following are exempt from this Order:

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 C.F.R. § 261.50(e)(4)
2. 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).

PENALTY

Violation of these prohibitions is 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 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581).

INFORMATION

Further information regarding this order may be obtained at the Swan Lake Ranger District office located at 200 Ranger Station Rd. Bigfork, MT, 59911, (406) 837-7500, or at the Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office located at 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT, 59901, (406) 758-5208.

Done at Kalispell, Montana this 5 day of August 2021.

By: 

Kurt Steele
Forest Supervisor

Exhibit A

FIRE CLOSURE - Flathead National Forest, Swan Lake Ranger District Whitetail Creek and Boulder Fire Area Closure - D01-151-S-21



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