REGIONAL ORDER
Occupancy and Use Restrictions
Northern Region

Pursuant to Title 16 United States Code ("USC") 551, and Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands administered as National Forests or National Grasslands within the Northern Region (Region 1) of the United States Forest Service in the states of Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and/or Washington. This Regional Order is supplemental to and does not rescind or replace those restrictions at 36 CFR 261 Subpart A, and/or any Forest Supervisor Order issued under 36 CFR 261 Subpart B. This Regional Order is necessary to protect public health and safety and to provide the public with consistent restrictions in the Northern Region.

National Forests	National Forests	National Grasslands
Bitterroot	Beaverhead-Deerlodge	Dakota Prairie
Custer-Gallatin	Flathead	
Helena	Idaho Panhandle	
Kootenai	Lewis & Clark	
Lolo	Nez Perce-Clearwater	

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Operating any motor vehicle on National Forest System roads in violation of applicable state, county or local government law, regulation and/or ordinance relating to the use and possession of motor vehicles. 36 CFR 261.54(d)

2. Cause or knowingly permit a child under the age of eighteen (18) years to operate a motor vehicle upon any national forest system road when the child or ward is in violation of any applicable state vehicle code provision. 36 CFR 261.53(e)

3. Operating a vehicle carelessly, recklessly or without regard for the rights or safety of other persons or in a manner or at a speed that would endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property on National Forest System roads. 36 CFR 261.54(f)

4. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions. 36 CFR 261.58(g)

5. Using snow removal or grooming equipment on National Forest System roads without a permit or written authorization from the Forest Service. 36 CFR 261.54(a)

6. Using a National Forest System road for commercial hauling without a permit or written authorization from the Forest Service. 36 CFR 261.54(c)

7. Possessing or consuming a beverage which is defined as an alcoholic beverage by state law in violation of state, county or local law or ordinance. 36 CFR 261.58(bb)

8. Possessing a drug or other controlled substance, or immediate precursor, included in schedules I, II, III, IV or V of Part B of the Controlled Substances Act (21 USC 812) unless such substance was obtained by the possessor directly, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order, from a practitioner acting in the course of professional practice or otherwise allowed by Federal or State law. 36 CFR 261.53(e)

9. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or pyrotechnic device. 36CFR 261.52(f)

10. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order, meeting either: (1) Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a (as amended); or (2) Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a). 36 CFR 261.52(j)

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

2. Persons utilizing motorized vehicles to provide incidental services and supplies for holders of National Forest System inholdings, for holders of Forest Service special use authorizations, and/or for authorized public services, are exempt from Prohibition 6. "Incidental" is defined for the purposes of this Regional Order as the occasional delivery of fuel, food and other necessary supplies, or provision of services to the above described holders and/or authorized users.

3. Persons who have attained the age of 21 years are exempt from Prohibition 7 to the extent not otherwise restricted by applicable federal, state or local law.

4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty are exempt from Prohibitions 1, 4, and 5. Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer in the performance of an official duty is exempt from Prohibition 7, 8 and 9 when described items are seized as evidence in a criminal matter.

This Regional Order shall be in effect for a period of two years from the date signed below, or until rescinded.

Done at Missoula, Montana this 1st day of May, 2014

Faye Krueger
Regional Forester
Northern Region

Violation of Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation ("36 CFR") regulations are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).