

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S.D.A FOREST SERVICE
BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST
BEARLODGE RANGER DISTRICT

AREA CLOSURE ORDER

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within those National Forest System Lands (the "Restricted Area") and on those National Forest System Trails (the "Restricted Trails") located in the Cook Lake Area within the Black Hills National Forest, Crook County, Wyoming as further described below and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

The Restricted Area encompasses Sections 1-2, 9-11, and 14-16 of Township 53 North, Range 63 West.

The Restricted Area is further defined as beginning of the intersection of National Forest System Roads (NFSR) 830, 842 and 843. Traveling Northeast on NFSR 830 approximately 1.1 miles; then North/Northwest along the ridgeline for approximately 2.1 mile to the intersection of Beaver Creek and private property; then Southwest within the drainage for approximately 1.3 miles to private property; then turn onto County Road 63 Southwest for approximately 0.3 miles to private property; then following the drainage to the Southeast for approximately 0.8 miles to the intersection of Beaver Creek; then following the ridge to the East for approximately 1 mile to the intersection of NFSR 843; turn east along NFSR 843 for approximately 0.6 miles to the beginning point.

The purpose of this Order is to protect human life and provide public safety due to saturated soils, high water, and the potential of landslides in the Cook Lake area.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Going into or be upon the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e)

EXCEPT: Persons camping or parking within three hundred feet of the centerline on NFSR's 830 and 843, consistent with the Black Hills National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map are authorized to be in that area within three hundred feet of the centerline of NFSR's 830 and 843.

2. Being on a trail within the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a)

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force when in the performance of an official duty.
2. Any person with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

This Order will be in effect from May 9, 2014 through May 8, 2015, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.



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Any violation of this Order is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571 (b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].