UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST
KETCHUM RANGER DISTRICT

AREA CLOSURE

Beaver Creek Fire – Version #9

For Public Safety

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the area and trails described in this Order, within the administrative and proclaimed boundaries of the Ketchum Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest until further notice.

1. Going into or being upon the Area (as described below). **36 CFR 261.53(e)**
2. Being on a Trail (as described below). **36 CFR 261.55 (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.
2. Any Federal, State, or local Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.
4. Persons on NFS Road #227 (a.k.a. Ketchum-Featherville or Warm Springs Road).

AREA DESCRIPTION:

Beaver Creek Fire Area (Including all Roads and Trails within the Area) is described as beginning at the junction of National Forest System (NFS) Road #227 (a.k.a. Ketchum-Featherville or Warm Springs Road) and NFS Road #021 (a.k.a. Rooks Creek Road) in Township 4 North, Range 16 East, Section 26; continuing northwesterly in Section 26 approximately ½ mile to the ridgeline separating the Rooks Creek drainage from the Thompson Creek drainage; continue northerly approximately 5 miles along the ridgeline over Boyle Mountain to (but not including) Adam Gulch Trail #142 in T5N, R16E, Section 35; continuing westerly approximately 1/2 mile to the junction with Osberg Ridgeline Trail #147; then continuing northerly (but not including) Trail #147 to NFS Road #168 (a.k.a. East Fork Baker Creek Road) continuing northwesterly approximately ½ mile along (but not including) NFS Road #168; continuing easterly approximately 3/4 mile in T5N, R16E, Section 26 to the intersection with (but not including) NFS Road #168 to NFS Road #162 (a.k.a. Baker Creek Road) in T5N, R16E, Section 21; then southwesterly approximately 6 miles along (and including) Baker Creek Road #162 to Baker Lake Trailhead; continuing southwesterly approximately 2 miles up (and including) Baker Creek to the Ketchum Ranger District and Fairfield Ranger District boundary in T4N, R15E, Section 16; continuing southerly along the Ketchum and Fairfield District boundary approximately 18 miles to the southern boundary of the Ketchum Ranger District in T2N, R16E, Section 23; continuing approximately 14 miles along the southern then eastern boundary of the Ketchum Ranger District to (but not including) NFS Road #117 (a.k.a. Greenhorn Gulch Road) in T3N, R17E, Section 15; continuing westerly to (but not including)

the road's terminus at Greenhorn Trailhead; then continuing westerly approximately ¼ mile along (but not including) Imperial Gulch Trail #315 to its junction with Greenhorn-Imperial Connector Trail #974, then continuing westerly approximately ½ mile along (but not including) Trail #974 to its junction with Mahoney Butte Trail #821; then continuing westerly approximately 3 miles along (but not including) Trail #821 to its junction with Mahoney-Greenhorn Ridge Trail #156; then continuing westerly approximately 2 miles along (but not including) Trail #156 to its junction with Red Warrior Creek Trail #152 in T3N, R16E Section 14; continuing northwesterly approximately 1 mile along (but not including) NFS Trail #152 to its junction with NFS Trail #120 (a.k.a. Red Warrior-Warfield Connector) in T3N, R16E Section 14; continuing westerly approximately 1 mile along (but not including) NFS Trail #120 to its junction with Warfield-South Fork Trail #151 in T3N, R16E Section 10; continuing westerly approximately 4 miles along (but not including) NFS Trail #151 to its junction with Meadow Creek Trail #302 in T3N, R16E Section 18; continuing northerly approximately ½ mile along (but not including) NFS Trail #302 to its junction with NFS Road #227 (a.k.a. Ketchum-Featherville or Warm Springs Road); continuing easterly approximately 5 mile along (but not including) NFS Road #227 back to the point of origin.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION:

The following trails are CLOSED TO ALL USES:

- Adams Gulch Trail #142 from the junction with Rooks Creek Trail #145 to the junction with Osberg Ridgeline Trail #147 both in T5N, R16E, Section 35;
- Osberg Ridgeline Trail #147 from the junction with Trail #142 in T5N, R16E, Section 35 to the junction with East Fork Baker Creek Road #168 in T5N, R16E, Section 26.

The above described area (including all roads and trails within the area) and trails are within the proclaimed and administrative boundaries of the Ketchum Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest, Blaine County, Boise Meridian, Idaho.

PURPOSE

The area (including all roads and trails within the area) and trails, as described above have ongoing wildfire recovery, rehabilitation, and flooding activity within their perimeter (a.k.a. Beaver Creek Fire). The area and trails are closed for public safety and protection from hazards associated with wildfire recovery, rehabilitation, and flooding activities.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Special Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the above described roads, trails, and area is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this Order is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six months [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581(b)(7)].
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Ketchum Ranger Station in Ketchum, ID, telephone number 208-622-5371, and at the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office in Twin Falls, ID, telephone number 208-737-3200.

Done at Twin Falls, Idaho this 15th day of May, 2014.

MONTE L. WILLIAMS
Acting Forest Supervisor
Sawtooth National Forest

Sawtooth NF Order Number: 0414-03-029

Assessment of Need for Area Closure to provide for public safety and resource protection in the area burned during the Beaver Creek wildfire.

1. Background. The Beaver Creek Fire burned 111,387 acres north, south, and west of Ketchum, Idaho during August 2013. Many areas within the fire's perimeter were damaged by high-intensity fire that have yet to be fully assessed for risks to public safety and/or resource damage.

2. Intent of Subpart B order. The intent of this order is to provide for resource protection by excluding human, mechanized and stock use of constructed fire suppression lines, roads, trails & areas burned during the Beaver Creek Fire that are not yet cleared of obstacles' or are susceptible to serious soil erosion from human, mechanized, and stock use. As risks from human, mechanized and stock use of roads, trails, and areas are mitigated, the closure area will be systematically reduced by moving closure signs as appropriate.

3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety.

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order	Joe Miczulski, Rec. Prog. Mgr.	05/14/2014
Review proposed order	Breck Young	05/14/2014
Approve proposed order	Monte Williams – Acting FS	When Signed
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	Renee Catherin and District Staff	05/15/2014
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives.	Kurt Nelson – DR Joe Miczulski/Julie Thomas- PAO	05/15/2014
Implementation/action taken for order, such as posting notices, planned patrols, contacts to local public agencies, enforcement strategies. Implement Plan.	Renee Catherin, Sara Hopkins Brad Fleenor - LEO	05/15/2014

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

MONTE L. WILLIAMS
Acting Forest Supervisor

5-15-14
DATE