

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

**AREA CLOSURE
*Beaver Creek Fire – Version #10
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) with motorized or mechanized vehicles or stock. **36 CFR 261.53(e)**
2. Being on a trail (as described below) with a motorized or mechanized vehicle or stock. **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.

AREA DESCRIPTION:

Portions of the Deer Creek watershed within the 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 #97 (a.k.a. Deer Ck. Road) and NFS Road #102 (a.k.a. Wolfstone Creek Road) in T2N R17 E, Section 6; continuing northwesterly in Sections 6, 31 & 30 approximately 2½ miles along the ridgeline separating the North Fork Deer Creek drainage from the Panther Gulch drainage to the junction of trails #331, #931 & #156 in T3N R17, Section 30; then continuing northerwesterly along but not including Trail #156 approximately 3.2 miles to the junction with Trail #120 (but not including) in T3N R16E, Section 14; continuing westerly approximately 1 mile to the junction with Trail #151; then continuing westerly 2.4 miles along (but not including) Trail #151 to the junction with Trail # 199 in T3N R16E, Section 17; continuing southwesterly up the ridgeline east of Cabin Gulch approximately 2 miles to the Fairfield Ranger District Boundary in T3N R16E, Section 30; then southerly approximately 9 miles along the Ketchum Ranger District boundary to the Sawtooth National Forest boundary in T2N R16E, Section 23; then east 1 mile along the Sawtooth National Forest boundary to the head of Wolfstone Creek drainage, in T2N, R17E, Section 25; then northeasterly down Wolfstone Creek drainage approximately ¼ mile to Wolfstone Ck Road #102; then continuing northeasterly approximately 3.5miles along road (but not including) to the intersection with Deer Creek Road # 97, point of beginning.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS:

The following trails are closed to all motorized and mechanized (bicycles) vehicles and stock:

- 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.
- Lost Shirt Trail #147; Alden Gulch Trail #144 in the Baker Ck drainage;
- Placer Ck Trail #141; Barr Gulch Trail #168; Upper Meadow Ck Trail #302; Middle Fk of Warm Springs Trail #150; Ridgeline Trail #199 in the Warm Springs drainage;
- In the Deer Ck. drainage: Wolftone #160; Kinsey #319; Kinsey/Curran Connector #318; Curran #160; Deer Ck. #158; Enclosure #152; Lick Ck. #218; North Fk Deer Ck. #157; and, Howards #331.

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 the perimeter (a.k.a. Beaver Creek Fire). The area and trails are limited to foot travel for public safety and to limit resource damage during wildfire recovery period and until appropriate post-fire repairs can be completed.

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 2 day of July, 2014.



MONTE L. WILLIAMS
Acting Forest Supervisor
Sawtooth National Forest

**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 vehicle 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 vehicle and stock use. As risks from vehicle 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. To promote public acceptance and safety, installation and maintenance of signing will occur and Forest Officers will make educational and enforcement contacts as necessary. The following actions will occur:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Kurt J. Nelson	06/30/2014
Review proposed order	Breck Young & RO LEI	06/30/2014
Approve proposed order	Monte Williams – Acting FS	When Signed
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	Renee Catherin and District Staff	07/2-3/2014
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives.	Kurt Nelson – DR Julie Thomas- PAO	06/30/2014
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	07/2/2014

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:



 MONTE L. WILLIAMS
 Acting Forest Supervisor

7-2-2014
 DATE