

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
NORTHERN REGION
Order # R1-2015-01**

**REGIONAL CLOSURE ORDER
CAMPING RESTRICTIONS**

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 Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The closure order will be effective as of January 1, 2015.

Restricted Areas: The Restricted Areas in Montana include the following National Forests:

<u>National Forests</u>	<u>National Forests</u>
Bitterroot	Beaverhead-Deerlodge
Custer-Gallatin	Flathead
Kootenai	Helena
Lewis & Clark	Lolo

Restricted Areas: The Restricted Areas in North Dakota and South Dakota include the following National Forests and National Grassland:

<u>National Grassland</u>	<u>National Forest</u>
Dakota Prairie	Custer

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Camping or otherwise occupying a single location on all National Forest Service System lands within the state of **Montana** for a period longer than 16 consecutive days. The term “location” means the occupied undeveloped or developed campsite and the lands within a 5 mile radius. After leaving the location, a minimum of 7 days is required before any group or persons from that group may reoccupy the original locations. **36CFR 261.58(a)**
2. Using or leaving camping equipment and or related supplies at any location on all National Forest System lands in the state of **Montana** for more than 16 consecutive days. The term “location” means the occupied undeveloped or developed campsite and the lands within a 5 mile radius. **36CFR 261.58(e)**
3. Camping or otherwise occupying a single location on all National Forest System lands within the states of **North Dakota** and **South Dakota** for a period longer than 14 consecutive days. The term “location” means the occupied undeveloped or developed campsite and the lands within a 5 mile radius. After leaving the location, a minimum of 5 days is required before any group or persons from that group may reoccupy the original location. **36CFR 261.58(a)**

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4. Using or leaving camping equipment and or related supplies at any single location on all National Forest System lands in the states of **North Dakota** and **South Dakota** for more than 14 consecutive days. The term "location" means the occupied undeveloped or developed campsite and the lands within a 5 mile radius **36CFR 261.58(e)**

(Additional forest or site specific camping restrictions may be in place on any one forest to address specific area issues.)

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. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Forest Service employees in the performance of their official duties

Done at Missoula, Montana this 9 day of December, 2014.

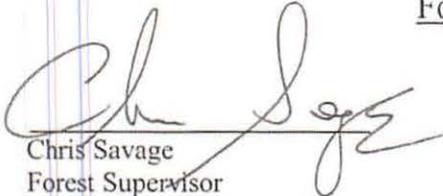


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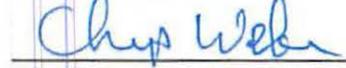
Violation of Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation ("36 CFR") regulations are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC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

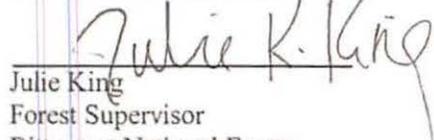
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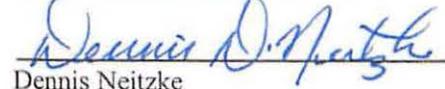

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