

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

FOREST DEVELOPMENT ROADS, TRAILS AND AREAS

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b) the following act is prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails as described in this order, all within the administrative boundaries of the Ketchum and Fairfield Ranger Districts and Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Sawtooth National Forest until further notice.

1. Using any type of vehicle on National Forest System roads in violation of the restrictions described below. **36 CFR 261.54(a)**
2. Using any type of vehicle on National Forest System trails in violation of the restrictions described below. **36 CFR 261.55(b)**
3. Being on any National Forest System trails in violation of the restrictions described below. **36 CFR 261.55(a)**
4. Possessing or using a vehicle off National Forest system roads or trails in violation of restrictions on the Ketchum and Fairfield Ranger Districts and Sawtooth National Recreation Area described below. **36 CFR 261.56**
5. Landing of aircraft, or dropping or picking up any materials, supplies, or persons by means of an aircraft, including helicopters, except at established airfields. **36 CFR 261.58(y)**

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with permit specifically exempting them from 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.

PURPOSE:

This order replaces order number #0414-00-013 and #04-14-05-017, which identified prohibited motor and mechanized vehicle and other uses on the Ketchum and Fairfield Ranger Districts, and the Sawtooth NRA.

This order does not implement any new travel restrictions. This order restates the restrictions in order #0414-00-013 and #04-14-05-017 that apply to motorized, mechanized, and other uses that are not covered by the MVUM and the travel rule, 36 CFR 261.13, which include aircraft, watercraft, mechanized, over-snow vehicles, pedestrian and stock use.

ROADS, TRAILS AND AREAS DESCRIBED:

All National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas described as open, restricted, or closed on the Ketchum and Fairfield Ranger Districts and Sawtooth National Recreation Area as described below and on the map(s) attached to and made part of this order, on National Forest System lands within the administrative boundaries of the Ketchum and Fairfield Ranger Districts and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area within Blaine, Boise, Camas, Custer and Elmore counties, Idaho.

Use may be temporarily restricted or closed on some roads, trails, or areas depending on seasonal conditions for resource protection and/or public safety. The temporary closures will be posted on the ground until such time that the roads or trails are determined to be suitable for travel and the closure signs and/or barricades have been removed from the travel way by Forest Officers.

THIS ORDER APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING ROADS, TRAILS AND AREAS:

All areas within the administrative boundaries of the Ketchum and Fairfield Ranger Districts and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area are closed to the Landing of aircraft, or dropping or picking up any materials, supplies, or persons by means of an aircraft, including helicopters, except at established airfields.

Areas designated on the accompanying maps (exhibits A and B) with the symbol ‘A’ and all roads and trails within those designations (except as identified elsewhere in this map), are closed to all over-snow vehicle use yearlong.

Areas designated on the accompanying maps (exhibits A and B) with the symbol ‘B’ and all roads and trails within that designation, are closed to over-snow vehicles until March 15 each year.

Areas designated on the accompanying maps (exhibits A and B) with the symbol ‘C’ and all roads and trails within that designation, are closed to over-snow vehicles from December 1 to May1 each year.

Areas designated on the accompanying maps (exhibits A and B) with the symbol ‘D’ are open to over-snow vehicles except during elk, deer, moose, sheep, goat, and antelope hunting seasons each year.

In addition, the following roads and trails, highlighted and numbered 1 on the accompanying map (exhibit B, pg. 2) are closed to over-snow vehicles Yearlong:

Ketchum Ranger District

- Road # 036, Spruce Creek Road
- Road # 125, Moran Creek Road

The following roads, highlighted and numbered 2 on the accompanying map (exhibit B, pg. 1) are closed to over-snow vehicles from May 1 through November 30 and during the State of Idaho's elk, deer, moose, sheep, goat and antelope hunting seasons:

Fairfield Ranger District:

- Road #003/003A-B, Warbois Road
- Road #010, Couch Summit-Deer Park (Salt-Bowns) Road
- Road #011/011A, Skunk Creek Road
- Road #014/014A-B, OP Creek Road
- Road #030/030A-B, Paradise Timber Road
- Road #034, Miller Creek Road
- Road #051/633/634, Lower Little Smoky (Wash Canyon) Road
- Road #056/056A, Barlow Creek Road
- Road #074/074A-E, West Fork of Shake Creek Road
- Road #166B1,166B1A, 166B1B Log Chute Gulch
- Road #166B3, 166D, 166D5 Spur Roads (Abbot and Virginia Gulch Road systems)
- Road #465/465A-E, Worswick Road

The following roads and trails, highlighted and numbered 3 and 4 on the accompanying map (exhibit B, pg. 2) are closed to over-snow vehicles from August 30 through November 30 each year:

Ketchum Ranger District:

- Road #168, East Fork of Baker Creek Road
- Trail #147, Osberg Ridgeline Trail
- Trail # 145, Rooks Creek Trail
- Trail #168, Barr Gulch Trail
- Trail #140, Castle Creek Trail
- Trail #141, Placer Creek Trail
- Trail #076, Placer Creek Connector Trail
- Trail #938, Fox Peak Connector

The following trails, highlighted and numbered 5 on the accompanying map (exhibit A) are closed to bicycle use:

Sawtooth National Recreation Area:

- Trail #105, Champion Creek Trail
- Trail #130, Amber Gulch Trail

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. Three maps (Exhibits A and B-2 pages) identifying the areas A, B, C & D, and the trails and roads affected by this order are attached and made part of this Order.
3. Violation of the above prohibition(s) is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) 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 Fairfield Ranger District located in Fairfield, ID, telephone number (208) 764-3202, at the Ketchum Ranger District located in Ketchum, ID, telephone number (208) 622-5371, at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area located in Ketchum, ID, telephone number (208) 727-5000 and at the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office in Twin Falls, ID, telephone number (208)-737-3200.
5. This Order supersedes any previous Order(s) prohibiting the same, or similar acts prohibited by this Order in the areas (and/or roads, trails) covered by this Order.

Done at Twin Falls, Idaho this 21st day of May, 2013.



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Sawtooth National Forest

Order Number: 0414-00-016

**Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan
Roads, Trails and Areas
Sawtooth National Forest - North Travel Restrictions**

Background – The Sawtooth National Forest has roads, trails and areas that have travel restrictions regarding where and when motorized and mechanized conveyances may be used. These restrictions have been developed to protect resources (i.e., to reduce runoff and sedimentation, provide wildlife and fish security, reduce hunting vulnerability for game species, reduce degradation of water quality, protect riparian areas, and to restore or protect habitat for Threatened, Endangered, Candidate, and Sensitive species), and to provide socio/economic benefits (i.e., improving safety for Forest visitors, providing a mix of experience opportunities, reducing the cost of road and trail maintenance, and protecting investments in recreation and transportation infrastructure). The restrictions reflect the results of decisions made through administrative and NEPA processes across the Forest.

All restrictions on travel on the Sawtooth National Forest were displayed on the 2012 Sawtooth National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map for Ketchum & Fairfield Ranger Districts and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and the 2013 Sawtooth National Forest Winter Visitor Map for Ketchum & Fairfield Ranger Districts and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, and were enforced through Special orders #0414-00-013 for the Ketchum and Fairfield Ranger Districts and the Sawtooth NRA, signed by Forest Supervisor Jane Kollmeyer on January 27, 2010, and Special Order # 0414-05-017, for the Fairfield Ranger District signed by Forest Supervisor William LeVere on February 11, 1998.

Publication of the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) in accordance with 36 CFR 212.56, on June 18, 2008, completed the motorized route designation process for use of motor vehicles on the Ketchum, Fairfield and the Sawtooth NRA. The prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13, which prohibits the use or operation of a motor vehicle that is not in accordance with the designations on the MVUM, went into effect at that time, and superseded orders 0414-00-009 and 0410-02-015 for certain motor vehicle uses on the Ketchum, Fairfield, and Minidoka Ranger Districts and the Sawtooth NRA. Use of aircraft, watercraft, mechanized, and over-snow vehicles are exempted from the prohibition established under this rule. Special Order #0414-00-013 replaced those previous orders to continue to manage the use of these types motor and mechanized vehicles in accordance with prohibitions set forth in order number 0414-00-009 and 0414-02-015, and to eliminate the prohibitions of the types of motor vehicle uses that are now covered by the MVUM and 36 CFR 261.13. A file search revealed that the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13 also superseded order 0414-05-017. In application of Special Order #0414-00-013 administrative errors were discovered that led to confusion for both the public and enforcement officers. A thorough review was made of all aspects of the Special Order and minor revisions were made to clarify and display the restrictions clearly in one order.

This order does not implement any new travel restrictions. The orders restate the restrictions in orders # 0414-00-013 and # 0414-05-017 that apply to motor vehicle and mechanized uses that are not covered by the MVUM and the travel rule, 36 CFR 261.13, which include aircraft, watercraft and over-snow vehicles.

Intent of Subpart B Order – Special orders # 0414-00-013 and # 0414-05-017 support the decisions made in the Environmental Assessment, Travel Plan Map Revision signed in February, 2008, and the objectives of various NEPA and administrative decisions by providing enforcement of the selected alternatives of the environmental documents and the restrictions on the types of motorized and mechanized vehicle use on the roads, trails and areas on the Sawtooth National Forest. These orders apply primarily to snowmobiles, aircraft, and bicycles.

Wildlife: Many closures are intended to protect critical winter habitat or to minimize harassment of wildlife. These areas include hunting season security areas and winter range or denning areas. The Idaho Department of Fish & Game is a cooperator in closure enforcement. In some instances it has been necessary to restrict and control aircraft landings for the same reasons.

Public Safety: In some cases types of travel are restricted to insure user safety. Visitors should use caution when on Forest travel ways.

Conflict of use: In some areas it has become necessary to give preference to one mode of transportation over another to resolve problems that exist between user groups. Citizen groups have worked with the Sawtooth National Forest on the Ketchum Ranger District and Sawtooth National Recreation Area to help determine areas where snowmobile use is excluded in favor of non-motorized, "quiet recreation" opportunities, for example. In some instances it has been necessary to restrict and control aircraft landings for the same reasons.

Economics: In some areas it has been necessary to restrict mountain bike use to protect road and trail beds during muddy seasons.

Enforcement Plan – The following needs to occur to implement this special order. District and NRA staff will continue to post and maintain on the ground signing at locations and media that reasonably bring the restrictions and prohibitions to the attention of the public. Forest protection officers, LEO's and other District and NRA staff will patrol areas to inform users and gain compliance and take enforcement action on persons not in compliance with these orders and the MVUM. Because these orders do not reflect any changes in restrictions from previous years, no media events are planned.

Prepare draft order	SLEO and Forest Rec Staff
Review draft order	RO LE&I and OGC
Approve final order	Forest Supervisor
Post Order (per 36CFR 261.51)	District and NRA staff
Develop implementation strategy, including education/enforcement approach, tolerance guidelines, patrol schedules.	District and Area Rangers
Implement strategy	LEO's and FPO's

Approved for implementation:


REBECCA S. NOURSE
Forest Supervisor
Sawtooth National Forest


Date