Order Number: 0402-03-57

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
BOISE NATIONAL FOREST
IDAHO CITY RANGER DISTRICT

NFS ROADS 327 & 384
(For Public Safety & Resource Protection)

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (b) the following act is prohibited on the roads as described in this order, all within the administrative boundaries of the Idaho City Ranger District, Boise National Forest. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.

1. Using any type of motorized vehicle on the roads. **36 CFR 261.54(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.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS DESCRIBED:

National Forest System Road (NFS) #327 (also known as the Granite Creek-Rabbit Creek Road) from the junction of State Highway 21 within Township 6 North, Range 6 East, Section 30, then continuing the entire length of the road to the Junction of NFS Road #327 and NFS Road #268 (Middle Fork Boise River), within Township 8 North, Range 8 East, Section 8, Boise Meridian.

NFS Road #384 (also known as the Edna Creek-Crooked River Road) from the junction of State Highway 21 within Township 7 North, Range 7 East, Section 10, then continuing the entire length of the road to the junction of NFS Road #384 and NFS Road 327 within Township 6 North, Range 8 East, Section 3, Boise Meridian.

The above described roads are within the administrative boundaries of the Idaho City Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Boise and Elmore Counties, Idaho.

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PURPOSE:

The roads described are temporarily closed to all motorized vehicles to provide for public health and safety, and to protect the road surface during spring break-up conditions.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the road closure is 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 Idaho City Ranger District located in Idaho City, ID, telephone number 208-392-6681, and at the Boise National Forest Supervisor's Office in Boise, ID, telephone number 208-373-4100.
5. This Order supersedes any previous Order(s) prohibiting the same or similar acts prohibited by this Order on the roads described in this Order.

Done at Boise, ID this 9th day of March, 2015.

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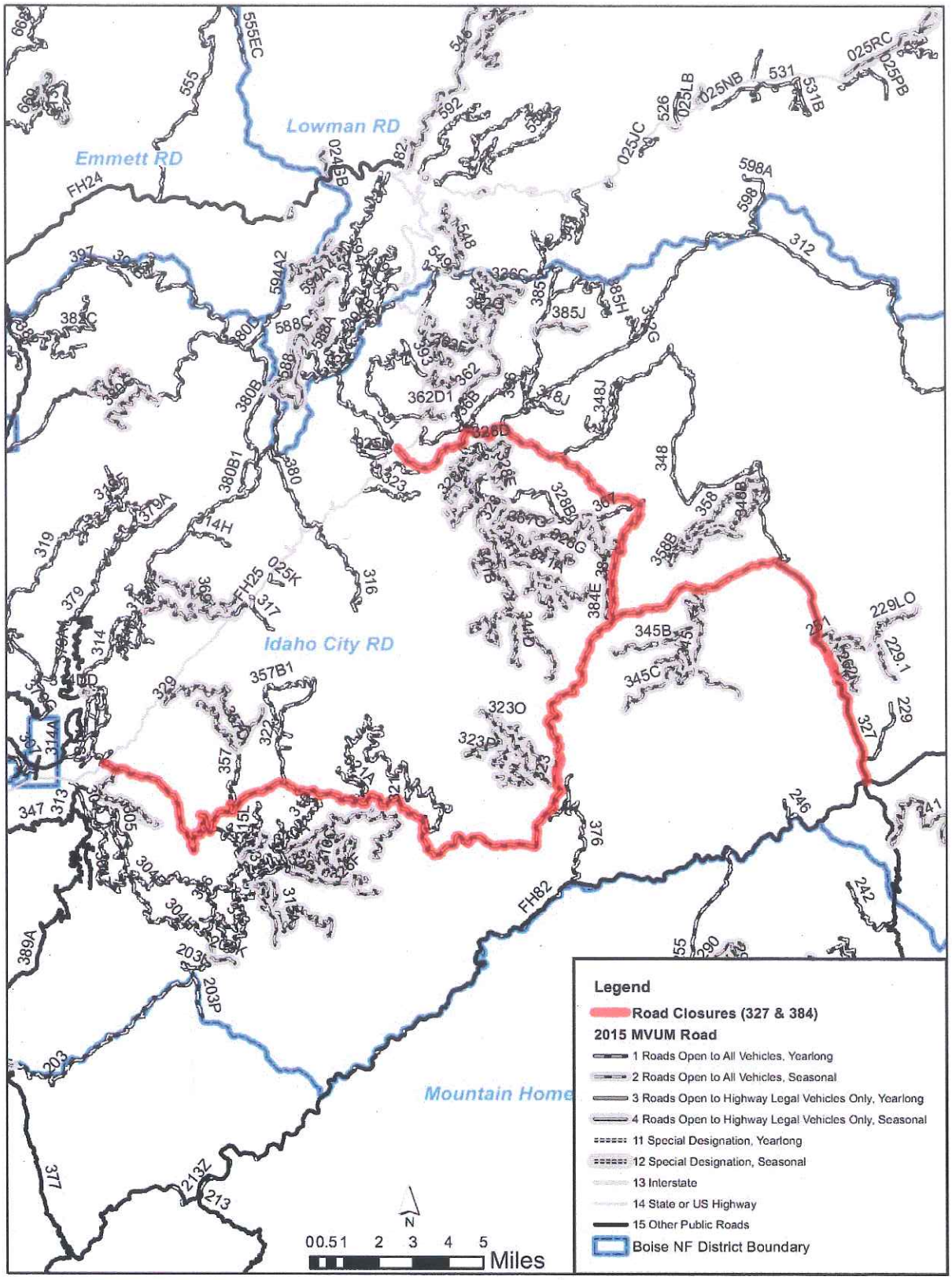
Boise National Forest


Lowman RD
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Idaho City RD
Mountain Home
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Road Closures (327 & 384)
2015 MVUM Road
1 Roads Open to All Vehicles, Yearlong
2 Roads Open to All Vehicles, Seasonal
3 Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Yearlong
4 Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Seasonal
11 Special Designation, Yearlong
12 Special Designation, Seasonal
13 Interstate
14 State or US Highway
15 Other Public Roads
Boise NF District Boundary
0 0.5 1 2 3 4 5
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Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan
Idaho City Ranger District – Boise National Forest
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1. Background. The Idaho City Ranger District and Boise County Sheriff's Office have experienced numerous search and rescue operations for stranded motorists. Two of the major road systems utilized during late winter and early spring are the FS 327 (Rabbit Creek) and 384 (Crooked River) roads. Motorists often do not realize the unsafe conditions until they have traveled a considerable distance. The road systems may appear firmly packed in the early morning and then degrade and soften due to spring daytime temperatures that thaw the snow, ice and road base. Public safety issues and resource damage result from uncontrolled vehicle use during spring thaw conditions, particularly with mild winter conditions from 2014-2015.

2. Intent of Subpart B order. This temporary road closure is for all motorized access to promote public safety and prevent resource damage during spring thaw conditions.

3. Enforcement Plan. On ground signing, temporary barricades if needed, and maintenance of the sign at the intersections of State Highway 21 and NFSR#384 and NFSR#327 to advise the public of the temporary road closure during spring thaw conditions and posting of the closure Order and information signing at designated snowmobile parking areas. On site FS administrative personnel will make compliance contacts as needed.

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LE&I input	3/6/15
Review proposed order	Supervisory LEO	3/9/15
Review proposed order	RO LE&I and OGC	3/9/15
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	When Signed
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	When Signed
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	Acting District Ranger, Lori D. Wood, BNF PAO	As needed
Educational contacts will be made to obtain voluntary compliance as needed	Appropriate Staff LEO/field going personnel through out the temporary closure period.	On going

Plan approved for implementation:

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Boise National Forest

3-9-15
DATE