

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST  
31374 US Hwy 2  
Libby, MT 59923  
Forest Supervisor's Order

**CLOSURE ORDER – AREA & TRAIL RESTRICTIONS  
FIRE ACTIVITY**

**For Public Safety of the National Forest System Lands & Trails in the Vicinity of the Scotchman Peak Recommended Wilderness Area and Ross Creek area are closed to public use and travel due to current fire activity.**

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands administered by the Kootenai National Forests in Lincoln and Sanders County, Montana as depicted on the attached map as **Exhibit A**, and hereby incorporated into the order. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations and become effective at 0001 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 and will remain in effect until rescinded.

**36 CFR 261.52 – Fire.** When provided by an order, the following are prohibited:

**Going into or being upon an area.**  
[36 CFR 261.52(e)]

**36 CFR 261.53 – Special Closures** When provided in an order, it is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of:

**Public health or safety.**  
[36 CFR 261.53(e)]

**36 CFR 261.55 – National Forest System Trails.** When prohibited by an order issued in accordance with Sec. 261.50 of this subpart, the following are prohibited on a National Forest System trail:

**Being on the trail.**  
[36 CFR 261.55(a)]

## **Description of Area Restricted to National Forest Access**

**For the purpose of this order, it is prohibited to be on any National Forest System Land, or Trails within: Township 28N Range 34W Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, and 34 Montana Principal Meridian as shown in the attached maps and described below:**

National Forest System Trails:

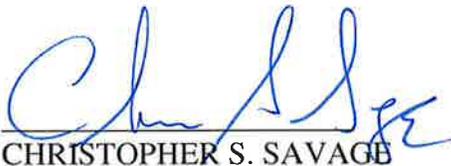
- Ross Creek Trail 142
- South Fork Trail 321
- Dry Creek Trail 1021

### **Exemptions:**

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done this day: August 19, 2015.



CHRISTOPHER S. SAVAGE  
Forest Supervisor  
Kootenai National Forest

### **Penalty:**

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

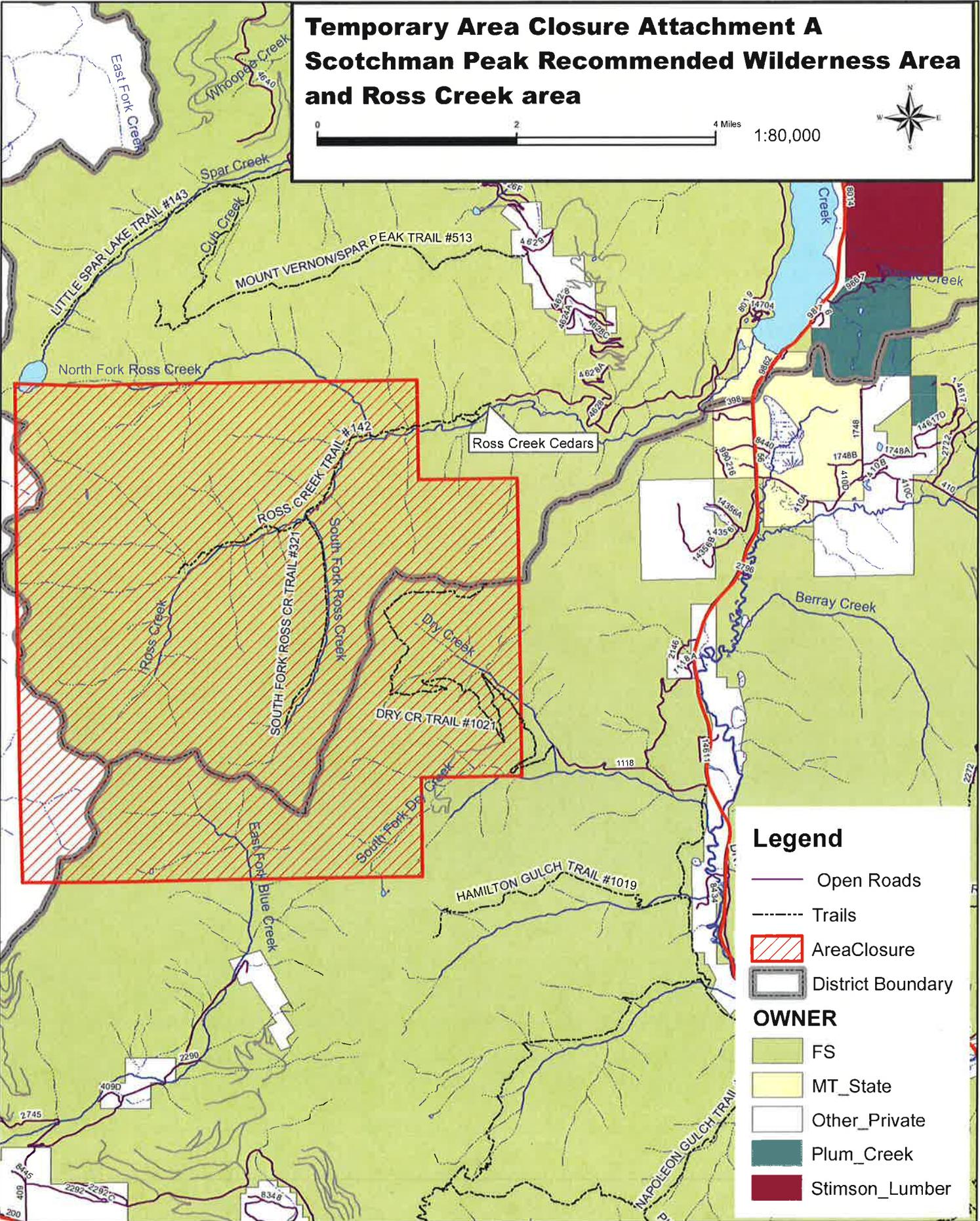
### **Notification:**

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.

# Temporary Area Closure Attachment A Scotchman Peak Recommended Wilderness Area and Ross Creek area



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## Legend

- Open Roads
  - Trails
  - Area Closure
  - District Boundary
- OWNER**
- FS
  - MT\_State
  - Other\_Private
  - Plum\_Creek
  - Stimson\_Lumber