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Area Fire Closures in Place on the Swan Lake Ranger District

KALISPELL, MONTANA -- Within the Swan Valley, the Swan Lake Ranger District has implemented two area closures for public and firefighter safety. The Holland Lake Area Closure is associated with the fire activity on the neighboring Spotted Bear Ranger District and the Squeezer Fire Area Closure is in place due to the 114 acre Squeezer Fire, located about 5 miles east of Highway 83 in the Squeezer Creek drainage.

The Holland Lake Area Closure is in place due to fire activity from the 1500 acre Lena Lake Fire on the Spotted Bear Ranger District; and the closure connects with the existing Bob Marshall Wilderness Area closure on the Spotted Bear Ranger District. The closure is east and south of the Holland Lake area and includes trails that lead into the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area including:

- Holland/Gordon Trail #35
- Holland/Sapphire Trail #48
- Holland Lookout Trail #42
- Sapphire Lakes Trail #120A.

Trail #416 to Holland Falls is OPEN. The Holland Lake Lodge and Holland Lake Campground and Day Use Area are OPEN.

The Squeezer Fire Area Closure includes Flathead National Forest lands east of the Swan River State Forest to the Swan Lake Ranger District boundary with the Spotted Bear Ranger District, south of Trail #31 and north of the Lion Creek Trail #25. The closure affects access to Scout Lake, Van and Swan Peaks. The Napa Point Trailhead and Trail #31 are closed. The Lion Creek Trail #25 is OPEN.

The Flathead National Forest is in Stage II Fire Restrictions. All forest users are asked to comply and remain diligent on the risks that exist. For further information visit the Flathead National Forest web page, www.fs.usda.gov/flathead or www.firerestrictions.us.

For more information on the Holland and Squeezer area closures, contact the Swan Lake Ranger District, 405/837-7500.

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