Order Number: 0402-05-36

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
BOISE NATIONAL FOREST
LOWMAN RANGER DISTRICT

AREA CLOSURE ORDER
Bull Trout, Fir Creek, and Bear Valley Campgrounds
(for public safety)

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(b) the following acts are prohibited within the developed recreation sites and area described in this order, all within the Lowman Ranger District, Boise National Forest. This Order will be in effect beginning October 4, 2010 at 12:01 A.M. and shall remain in effect until further notice.

1. Entering or using the developed recreation site or any portion thereof (as described below). **36 CFR 261.58(b)**

2. Going into or being upon the area which is closed for public health or safety (as described below). **36 CFR 261.53(e)**

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.

AREAS DESCRIBED:

Bull Trout Lake Campground located within Township 11 North, Range 10 East, West ½ of Section 9, East ½ of Section 10 (see attached map).

Fir Creek Campground and the Area .25 miles south and west of the campground boundary (timber sale boundary) located within Township 13 North, Range 10 East, South ½ of Section 29 (see attached map).

Bear Valley Campground located within Township 13 North, Range 9 East, South ½ of Section 34 (see attached map).

The above described developed recreation sites and adjacent areas are located within the administrative boundaries of the Lowman Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Boise and Valley Counties, Idaho.

PURPOSE:

The aforementioned areas will be closed for public safety while logging activities are taking place.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect beginning October 4, 2010 at 12:01 A.M. and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the closure area 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 Lowman Ranger Station located in Lowman, ID, telephone number (208)-259-3361 or the Boise National Forest Supervisor's Office located 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 in the developed recreation sites and area covered by this Order.

Done at Boise, ID on this 29th day of September, 2010

CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ
Forest Supervisor
Boise National Forest

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2010 Lowman Campgrounds Closure Order #0402-05-36
Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background. Bull Trout, Bear Valley, and Fir Creek Campgrounds are all being affected by a growing Mountain Pine Beetle infestation. The Lowman Ranger District is implementing a tree removal project in an attempt to manage the infestation at these sites. NEPA analysis and ESA Consultation was completed for the proposed activities in August of 2007 and a Decision Memo was signed on August 13, 2007. A time sensitive service contract has been awarded to Paul Shepherd to remove mountain pine beetle infested commercial sized timber. During these timber falling and skidding operations, the campgrounds and adjacent activity areas need to be closed to public access for public safety. The closures will be temporary in nature.

2. Intent of Subpart B order. The order will provide for public safety during logging operations. This activity has the potential to cause harm to the public including damage to personal property. Excluding the public from the aforementioned areas will eliminate this safety risk.

3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety: On ground signing to meet posting requirements in 36 CFR 261.51(b).

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order	Pete Wier	9/20/2010
Review proposed order	Breck Young	9/26/2010
Review proposed order	RO LE&I and OGC	9/29/2010
Approve proposed order		9/29/2010
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	Pete Wier and Keith Wilson	10/04/2010
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	Pete Wier PAO	9/27/2010
Describe implementation/action taken for order: Lowman District personnel will visit the sites often including FPO's and project personnel (Pete Wier, Keith Wilson).	Pete Wier LEO/field going personnel	Ongoing

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

Cecilia R. Seesholtz
CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ
Forest Supervisor
Boise National Forest

September 29, 2010
DATE

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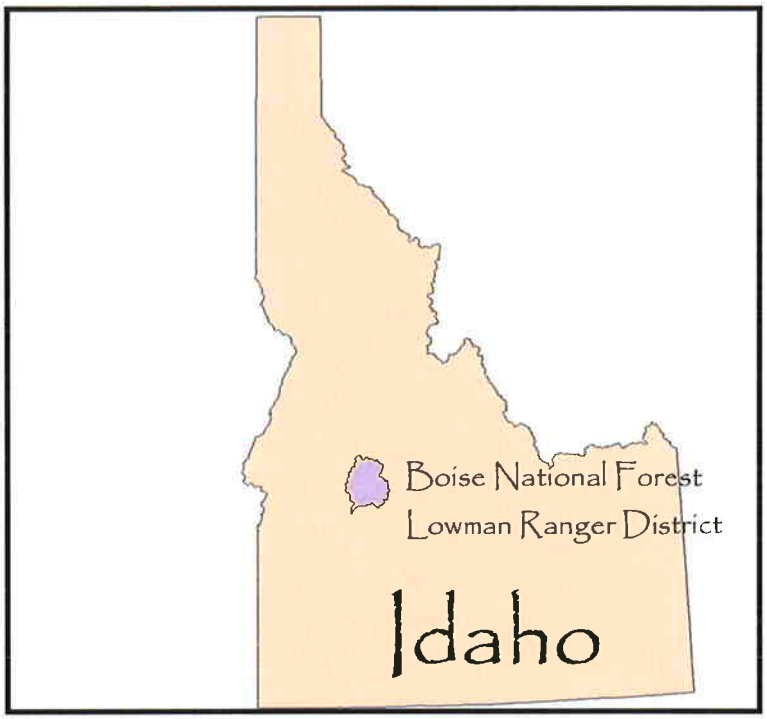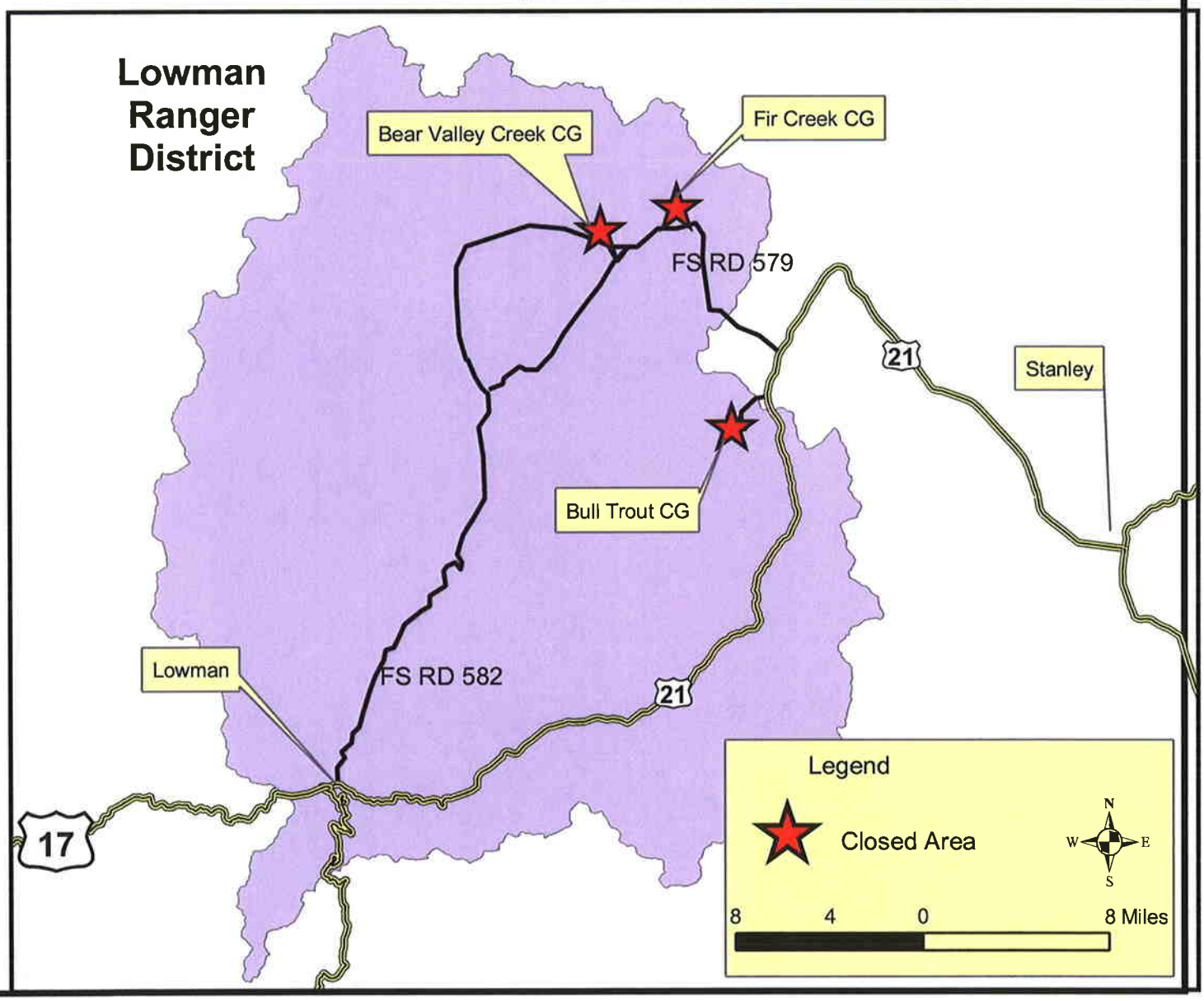
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