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Updated Trail Closures on the Spotted Bear Ranger District

Trail closures in the Flathead National Forest's Spotted Bear Ranger District have been modified to reflect the change in weather conditions and the reduced fire activity on the Hammer Creek and Big Salmon Lake Fire.

Hammer Creek Fire trail updates include:

- Trail #80, the East side of the South Fork Trail, is closed to public use from the pack bridge north to the junction of the Holbrook Ford access in White River Meadows.
- Trail #193, the Lime Creek Trail; Trail #127, Tillson Peak; and Trail #743, Sand Stone Creek; are all closed in their entirety.
- White River Park and the suspension bridge at Big Prairie are available for public access.

Big Salmon Lake Fire updates are:

- Trail #110, the Big Salmon Creek Trail, is closed to public use from the junction of the Westside Trail # 263 to the junction of the Brownie Creek Trail #451.
- Trail #111, the Garnet Peak Trail, is closed in its entirety.
- Brownie Creek Trail is now open.

Visitors are strongly encouraged to contact the Spotted Bear Ranger Station (406-758-5376) for the most current updates. Backcountry users may also check in with one of our backcountry stations (Big Prairie, Salmon Fork, or Black Bear.)

Additionally, in response to changed conditions on the South Fork Lost Creek Fire, forest visitors are now allowed to use Trail #101 from the Bunker Creek Road to the Bruce Mountain Trail Loop. Additional updates on the Swan Lake Ranger District due to this fire are expected soon. Visitors may contact the Swan Lake Ranger District at 406-837-7500 for current closure information.

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