

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST
2880 Skyway Drive
Helena, MT 59602
AREA CLOSURE ORDER

Emergency Order for Area Closure

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the following restrictions are in effect on the Helena National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

36 CFR 261.53 –Special Closure: It is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of Public Health and Safety. [Title 36.261.53(e)].

This closure is in effect from Sunday evening at 5:00 pm through Friday evening at 5:00 pm.

For the purpose of this closure order public use is prohibited on National Forest System lands administered by the Helena National Forest depicted on the attached map and described below. All Forest System lands and roads:

- -County Road # 601 from the top of Stemple Pass east along the road to the Page Gulch drainage – Sections 9 and 10; T13N, R7W;
- North along Page Gulch to FS Road #1827 -Sections 3 and 10; T13N, R7W; continuing northwest paralleling FS Road # 1825 Section 28, 29 and 33; T14N, R7W to private land in Section 29, T14N, R7W;
- South paralleling FS Road # 1825 to County Road #601 – Section 32; T14N, R7W and Section 4, 5, and 9; T13N, R7W.

This is a temporary area closure for public safety due to operations associated with hazard tree removal along Forest roads.

Exemptions:

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

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

Done at Helena, Montana, this 18th day of January, 2012.



KEVIN T. RIORDAN
Forest Supervisor

Penalty:

Violations of these Prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six 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