

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
MIDDLE FORK AND CHALLIS/YANKEE FORK RANGER DISTRICTS

HALSTEAD FIRE
Emergency Area Closure

PROHIBITIONS: Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (b), the following acts are prohibited on the area, roads, and/or trails described in this order, all within the Middle Fork and Challis/Yankee Fork Ranger Districts, Salmon-Challis National Forest until further notice:

1. Going into or being upon the fire area as described below and depicted on the attached map that is closed for the protection of public health or safety. **36 CFR 261.53(e)**
2. Being on a trail described below that is posted as closed. **36 CFR 261.55(a)**
3. Being on a road described below that is posted as closed. **36 CFR 261.54(e)**

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

1. Persons with a permit 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. Owners of private property and persons having special use permits within the closure area.

AREA DESCRIBED:

Beginning junction of State Highway 21 and Beaver Creek Road #008, proceed easterly along Beaver Creek Road #008, thence southeasterly along the Marsh Creek Road #203 (aka Cape Horn Road) to its junction with State Highway 21, thence easterly along State Highway 21 approximately two miles, thence northerly along Sheep Driveway Road #029, thence northerly along Valley Creek Jeep Trail #039 continuing northerly on the Valley Creek Trail #039, thence northwesterly along the Hay-Knapp Trail #032, thence northerly along Knapp Creek Cutoff Trail #034, thence westerly along the Winnemucca Jeep Road #0354, continuing westerly along Beaver-Loon Road #172, thence northerly along the Beaver Creek Road #008, thence westerly along the Langer Lake-Ruffneck Trail #014, thence northerly along Ruffneck Trail #022 to Ruffneck Peak, thence northerly down the ridge approximately 2 miles, thence westerly along Fall Creek Trail #020, thence northwesterly along the Middle Fork Trail #001 across the Dagger Falls Pack Bridge (T14N R10E S19), thence southerly up the ridge dividing the drainages of the Middle Fork Salmon River and Dagger Creek to Bluebunch Mountain, thence southeasterly along Bluebunch Ridge, thence southerly along Middle Fork Trail #001 to the confluence of Marsh Creek and Valley Creek, thence southerly up the ridge dividing the drainages of Valley Creek and the Middle Fork Salmon River to Cape Horn Mountain, thence easterly along the ridge dividing the drainages of Lola Creek and Collie Creek to Marsh Creek, thence southerly along Lola Creek Road #083 to the point of beginning.

The following campgrounds are closed due to the fire closure: Beaver Creek Campground, Beaver Creek Camp Spur, Lola Creek Campground, Lola Camp Spur A.

The following roads are closed due to the fire closure: Marsh Creek #203 (aka Cape Horn Road) in its entirety and all tributary routes interior to the closure, Beaver Creek #008 from its beginning at State Highway 21 to its junction with Beaver-Loon #172, Beaver-Loon #172 from its beginning at its junction with Marsh Creek Road #203 to Pinyon/Feltham Road #172.

All trails interior to the closure boundary and forming boundaries of the closure area are CLOSED.

NOTE: Forest visitors may access the Seafoam area via the Beaver-Loon Road.

The above-described area is within the proclaimed and administrative boundaries of the Middle Fork and Challis/Yankee Fork Ranger Districts, Salmon-Challis National Forest, Custer and Valley Counties, Idaho.

PURPOSE:

These closures are necessary to provide protection to forest visitors from the current fire safety hazards associated with the **Halstead Fire**.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for a individual or \$10,000 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. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order in the above-described area.

Done at Salmon, Idaho this
30th day of July, 2012

/s/ Frank V. Guzman

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