

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE
SALMON-CHALLIS AND SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FORESTS
MIDDLE FORK AND CHALLIS-YANKEE FORK RANGER DISTRICTS AND THE SAWTOOTH NATIONAL
RECREATION AREA

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 of the Salmon-Challis National Forest and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area of the Sawtooth 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.
4. Operations related to Thompson Mine.
5. Operations related to Hecla Grouse Creek Mine.

AREA DESCRIBED:

Beginning at the junction of Idaho State Highway 21 and Forest Service (FS) Road #008 (T12NR11ES10), proceed northerly along FS road #008 to its junction with FS Road #083; continue northerly along road to its terminus (T13NR11ES33). Proceed west to the Frank Church/River of No Return Wilderness (FC-RoNRW) boundary. Proceed southwesterly and westerly along the wilderness boundary to its intersection with the Valley-Custer County line (T12NR10ES3). Follow the Custer-Valley County line north to its intersection with Blue Bunch Ridge (T13NR10ES14). Follow Blue Bunch ridge west to the intersection of FS trail #214 (T13NR10ES17). Continue to follow Blue Bunch Ridge north over Blue Bunch Mountain and down to the Middle Fork of the Salmon River Wild and Scenic River (WSR) corridor (14NR10ES30). Proceed northeast across the Middle Fork of the Salmon River to the northeast side of the Middle Fork Salmon River WSR corridor (T14NR10ES29). Proceed north and northeasterly along the WSR corridor boundary, avoiding all State and private lands associated with the Middle Fork River, to its intersection with its Loon Creek Trail #101 (T17NR14ES22). Proceed southerly along FS trail #101 to its intersection with Cabin Creek Trail #102 (T16NR15ES30). Proceed northeasterly along trail #102 to its intersection with trail #103 (T17NR15ES34). Proceed southeasterly along FS trail #103 to its intersection with Sleeping Deer Road #086 (T17NR15ES34). Proceed southeasterly along the wilderness boundary that forms the eastern boundary of the FS Road #086 corridor to the FC-RoNRW boundary at Twin Peaks saddle (T15NR17ES28). Proceed southwesterly along the wilderness boundary to a point on the ridge overlooking Challis Creek Lakes (T14NR16ES13). Proceed southerly along the drainage divide between Challis Creek and Yankee Fork Salmon River to FS trail #147 (T14NR17ES30). Proceed westerly along trail #147 to its intersection with FS trail #114 (T14NR16ES25). Proceed southerly along FS trail #114 to its intersection with the Custer Motorway (FS Road # 070) (T13NR16ES02). Proceed southeasterly along the Custer Motorway to its intersection with FS trail #151 (T13NR16ES12). Proceed southeasterly along FS trail #151 to its intersection with FS trail # 149 (T13NR16ES12). Proceed southerly along FS trail #149 to the Squaw Creek Road #041 (T12NR17ES07). Proceed southerly along Squaw Creek Road #041 to the FS-BLM boundary (T12NR17ES33). Proceed westerly along FS-BLM boundary to Thompson Creek (T12NR16ES33). Continue southeasterly along FS-BLM boundary to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA) boundary (T11NR16ES25). Proceed westerly along the northern boundary of the SNRA to Joes Gulch Road #328 to the Sawtooth National Forest (SNF) boundary (T11NR13ES35). Proceed west and south along the SNF boundary to its intersection with Nip and Tuck Road #033 (T11NR13ES34), remaining north and west of all private and patented lands associated with the town of Lower Stanley. Proceed along the west and north westerly side of FS road #033 to its intersection with FS road #082. Proceed north and northwesterly along FS road #082, staying east and/or north of all private and patented lands associated with said road to the intersection with the north side of the right of way associated with Idaho State Highway 21 (T11NR12ES3). Proceed northwest along the northern side of the highway right of way to its intersection with FS road #203 (T11NR12ES5). Proceed north and northwesterly along the west side of FS road #203 to its intersection with FS road #008 (T12NR11ES3). Proceed west and southwest along FS road #008 to its intersection with Idaho State Highway 21 and the point of beginning.

The above-described area is within the proclaimed and administrative boundaries of the Middle Fork and Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger Districts of the Salmon-Challis National Forest and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area of the Sawtooth 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
14th day of August, 2012

Done at Stanley, Idaho this
14th day of August, 2012

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