

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
BOISE NATIONAL FOREST
MOUNTAIN HOME RANGER DISTRICT

NFS ROADS 172, 129, AND 255
(For Public Safety & Resource Protection)

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (b) the following act is prohibited on the roads as described in this order, all within the administrative boundaries of the Mountain Home Ranger District, Boise National Forest. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.

1. Using any type of motor vehicle on the road. **36 CFR 261.54(a).**

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.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM (NFS) ROADS DESCRIBED:

National Forest System Road (NFS) #172 (also known as the Trinity Road) from the intersection of NFS Road 172 and the Snow Park parking lot near Featherville, located at Township 3 North, Range 10 East, Section 9, to the intersection of NFS Roads 172 and 129, located at Township 4 North, Range 9 East, Section 20, Boise Meridian.

National Forest System Road (NFS) #129 (also known as the Trinity Ridge Road) from the intersection of NFS Roads 129 and 172, located at Township 4 North, Range 9 East, Section 20, to the intersection of NFS Roads 129 and 156 (Phifer Creek Road), located at Township 5 North, Range 9 East, Section 25, Boise Meridian.

National Forest System Road (NFS) #255 (also known as the Lost Man Road) from the existing gate, located at Township 4 North, Range 8 East, Section 2, to the intersection of NFS Roads 255 and 129 (Trinity Ridge Road), located at Township 4 North, Range 9 East, Section 3, Boise Meridian.

The above described roads are within the administrative boundaries of the Mountain Home Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Elmore County, Idaho.

PURPOSE:

The roads described are temporarily closed to all motorized vehicles to provide for public health and safety from snow plowing operations and burned area emergency response activities, and to protect the road surface during spring break-up conditions. The roads will be posted as closed by the Forest Service. The closure will remain in place until the burned area emergency response treatments are completed and the public health and safety concerns no longer exist, and the closure signs are removed by Forest Service officers.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. Maps (1) identifying the road closure are 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 Mountain Home Ranger Station located in Mountain Home, ID, telephone number 208-587-7961, and at the Boise National Forest Supervisor's Office 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 on the roads described in this Order.

Done at Boise, ID this 26th day of April, 2013.



CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ
Forest Supervisor
Boise National Forest

Order Number: 0402-01-47

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan
 Mountain Home Ranger District – Boise National Forest
 Order #0402-01-47

1. **Background.** In May 2013, the Mountain Home Ranger District will be implementing aerial straw mulch treatments approved under the Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) plan for the Trinity Creek Wildland Fire. The treatment units are located in the Trinity Creek and Lost Man Creek drainages. In order to stage mulch materials and efficiently and safely implement the aerial operations, National Forest Road #172 will need to be plowed. This will need to be done early enough to allow the road to dry and minimize resource damage. This portion of the snowplowed road is a groomed snowmobile trail creating mixed user conflicts and public safety issues. Also, uncontrolled vehicle use during spring thaw conditions could result in resource damage. The road will then become the primary access to deliver 1,000 tons of straw mulch material to the project staging area. A high volume of truck and trailer traffic is expected to create public safety concerns.

2. **Intent of Subpart B order.** This temporary road closure is for all motorized access to promote public safety during snow plowing, to prevent resource damage during spring thaw conditions while the road surface dries and stabilizes, and for public safety during the straw transporting operations.

3. **Enforcement Plan.** On ground signing, temporary barricades, locked gates, and maintenance of the signs on NFSR 172 at the Featherville Snow Park and at the intersection of NFSR 129 and 156 to advise the public of the temporary road closure for snow plowing, spring thaw conditions, and hazards from aerial straw mulching operations. On site FS administrative personnel will make compliance contacts as needed.

| <u>Action</u> | <u>Responsible Official</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Prepare proposed order | Appropriate Staff with LE&I input | 4/24/2013 |
| Review proposed order | Supervisory LEO | 4/24/2013 |
| Review proposed order | RO LE&I and OGC | 4/26/2013 |
| Approve proposed order | Forest Supervisor | When Signed |
| Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51 | District Staff Officer and Staff | 4/29/2013 |
| Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives | BAER coordinator | As-needed |
| Educational contacts will be made to obtain voluntary compliance as needed | LEO/field going personnel throughout the temporary closure period. | On going |

Plan approved for implementation:



 CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ
 Forest Supervisor
 Boise National Forest



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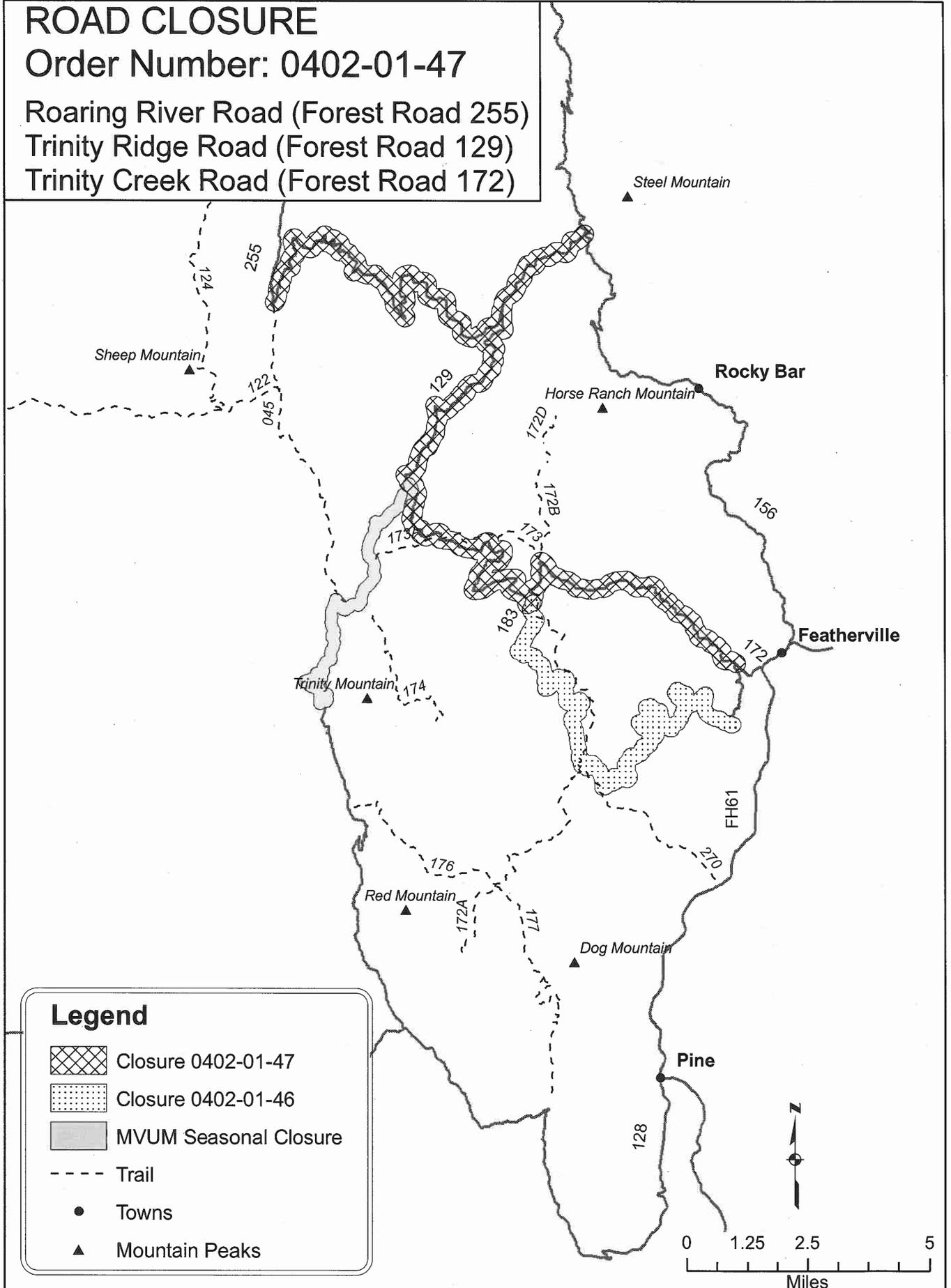
ROAD CLOSURE

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Roaring River Road (Forest Road 255)

Trinity Ridge Road (Forest Road 129)

Trinity Creek Road (Forest Road 172)



Legend

- Closure 0402-01-47
- Closure 0402-01-46
- MVUM Seasonal Closure
- Trail
- Towns
- Mountain Peaks

