

Order Number: # 01-15-11-23-01



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest
Townsend Ranger District**

National Forest System Area Closure-Deep Creek Picnic area

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a), the following acts are prohibited, to go into or be upon the Deep Creek Picnic area, Townsend Ranger District, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A

1. To go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of public health and safety:

[36 C.F.R. § 261.53 (e)]

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. [Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2)].
2. [Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty].

DESCRIBED AREA/ROADS/TRAILS

This closure area applies to the Deep Creek Picnic area, T7N, R4E, Sec 26, SW ¼ . The closure area is the area immediately south of the gate, beginning and ending at the gate, and encompassing Forest Road 1015 and 1015-A1 in its entirety, the lower loop, and the upper loop.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public safety due to the erosion of the road created when Deep Creek crested during runoff.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from **May 18, 2023 at 08:00 through May 18, 2025 at 24:00**, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described [Area/Roads/Trails] is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/hlcnf/alerts-notice>.
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the Townsend Ranger District Office, 415 South Front St, Townsend MT, (406) 266-3425, and Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Supervisor's Office 2880 Skyway Drive, Helena Montana, (406) 449-5201, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

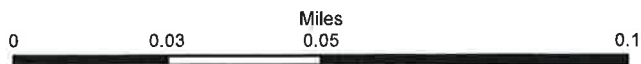
Signed and issued on 5-18-23.



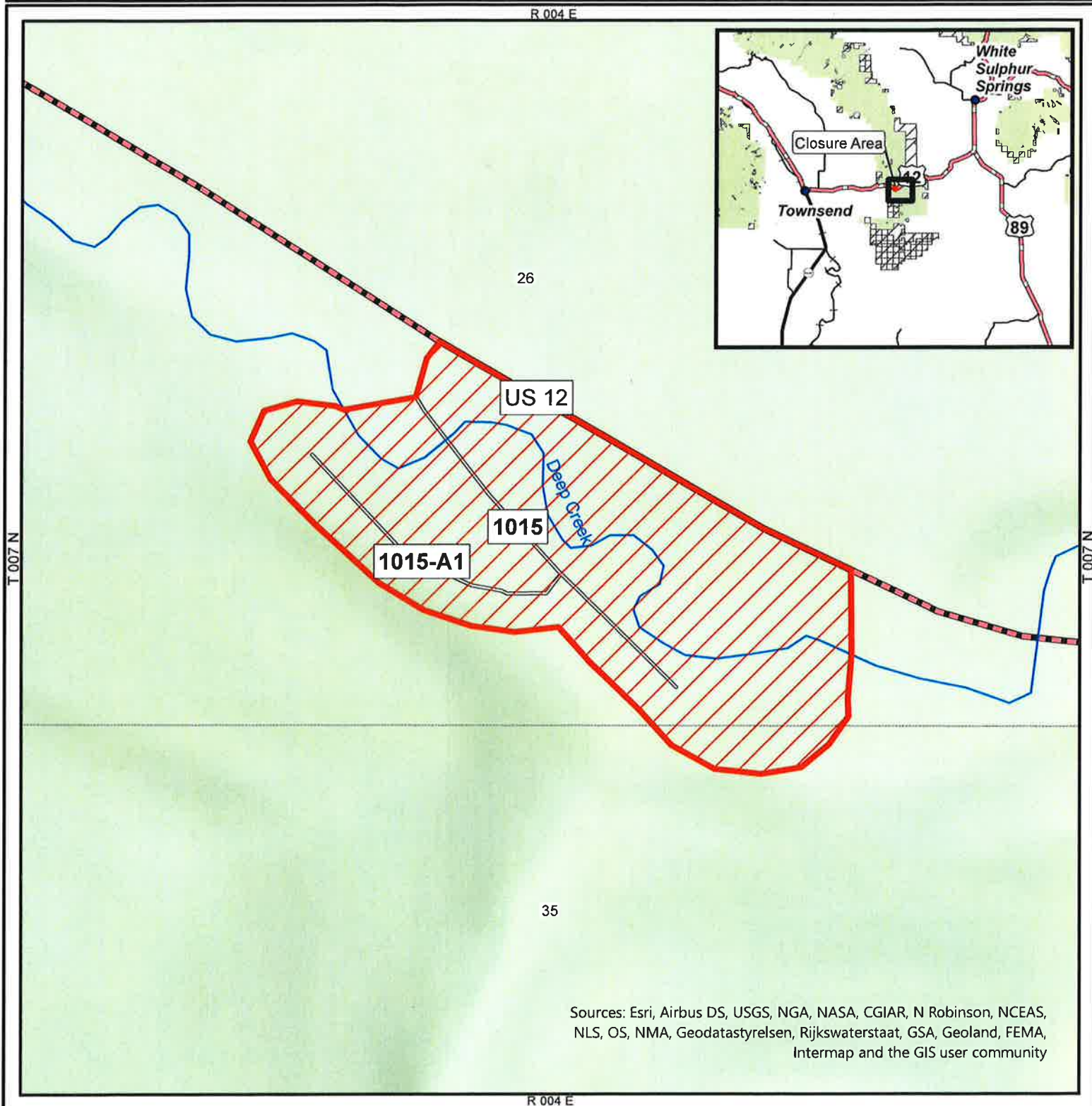
Forest Supervisor
Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest



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- Closure Area
- National Forest Boundaries
- River/Streams
- MVUM Road Allow Symbol
- 3- Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only; Yearlong
- 14 - State Hwy, US Hwy
- USDA Forest Service Lands



Sources: Esri, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap and the GIS user community

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