



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

Road Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) road 4178 in the Townsend Ranger District, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area").

1. Being on the road [36 C.F.R. § 261.54 (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 applies to NFS Road 4178, from milepost 0.0 to milepost 6.4, as shown on the attached map in incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Road"), generally located in: T07N, R04E, sections 5 and 8 and T08N, R04E, sections 30 and 32.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for resource protection. FSR 4178 is being used as a haul route during winter logging operations of the Wood Duck timber sale. The winter logging operations include snow removal on FSR 4178. The logging operations and hauling will pause for spring-breakup, as required by the timber sale contract. The road is typically not accessible during spring-breakup, however snow removal for winter logging operations has resulted in unseasonable accessibility for public users and the

road resource/infrastructure needs to be temporarily protected.

IMPLEMENTATION

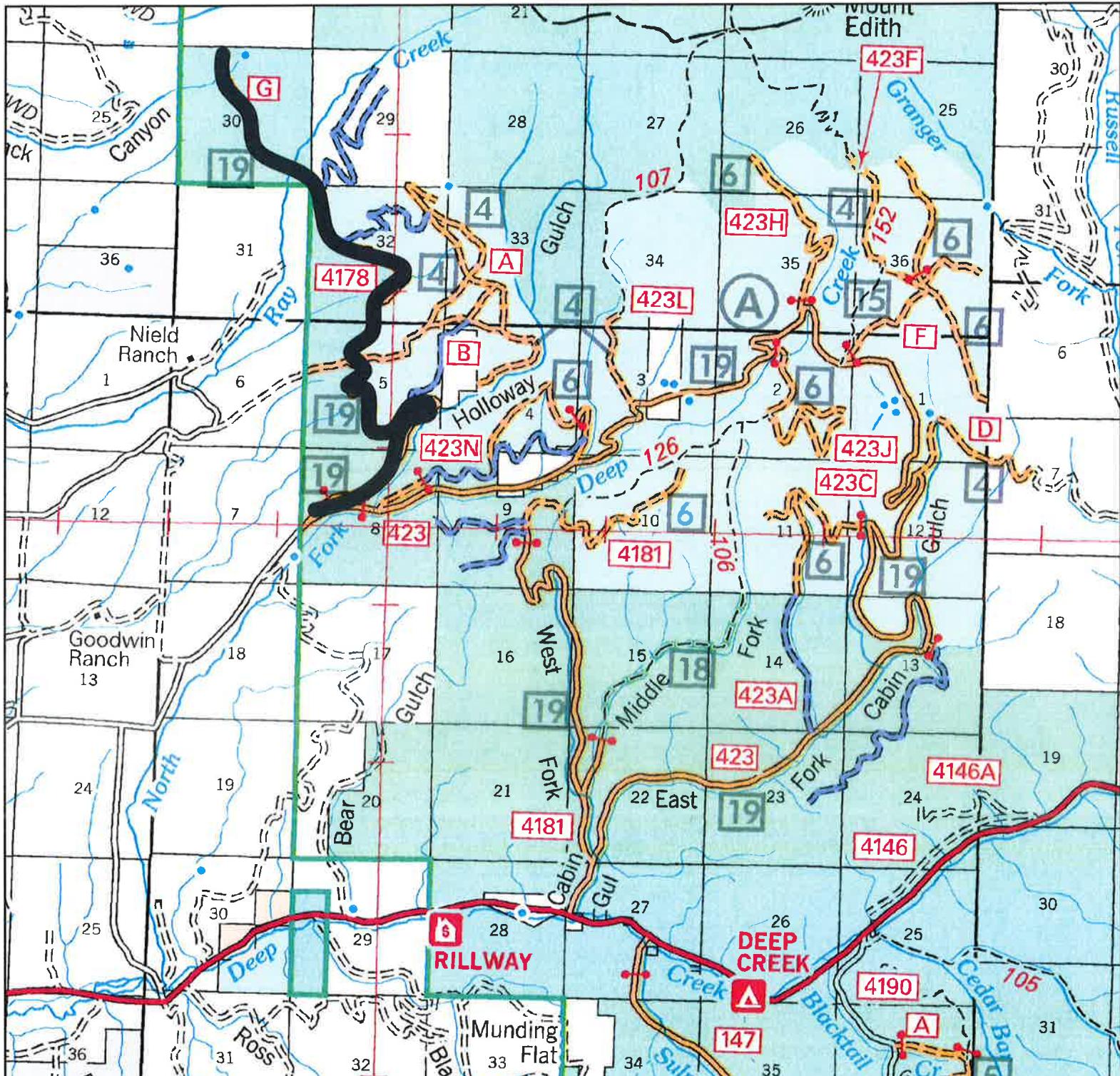
1. This Order shall be in effect from March 10, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. through May 15, 2025 at 10 p.m. unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Road is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/hlcnf/alerts-notices>.
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 in Townsend, MT, 406-266-3425, and Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Supervisor's Office in Helena, MT, 406-449-5201, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Road 4178.

Signed and issued on this 10th day of March 2025.



Forest Supervisor
Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest

Order 01-15-11-25-02 Exhibit A the Described Road



National Forest
System Road 4178 Closure



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