



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

Emergency Order – Area Closure to Camping in South Hills

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Helena 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. Camping. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(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

All National Forest System lands adjacent to the City of Helena’s natural parks around the South Hills trail system on the Helena Ranger District in Township 9 North, Range 4 West in sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17; commonly known as Grizzly Gulch, Orofino Gulch, Davis Gulch, Park City, Tucker Gulch, Wakina Sky, Rodney Ridge, and Unionville.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public health and safety and resource protection.

IMPLEMENTATION

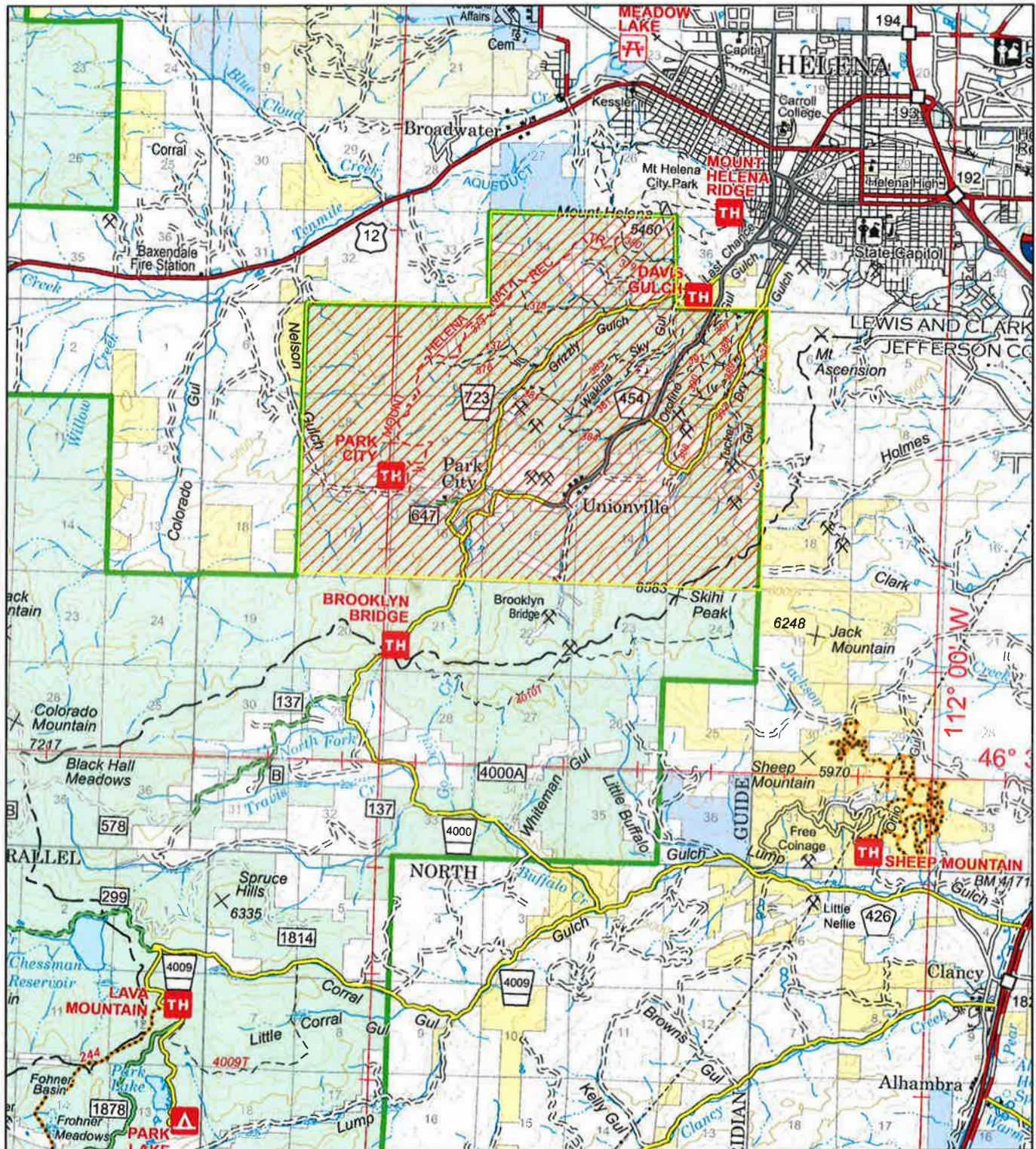
1. This Order shall be in effect from January 1, 2025 at 0001 through December 31, 2025 at 2400 unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/hlcnf/alerts-notice>.
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 Helena Ranger District in Helena, MT, (406) 449-5201, 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 in the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on 2nd of December 2024.

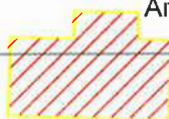


Forest Supervisor
Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest

Order 01-15-12-24-41 - Exhibit A the Described Area



Area closed to camping



1 inch = 1.58 miles

