

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
SALMON COBALT RANGER DISTRICT**

**COMET FIRE
EMERGENCY AREA CLOSURE ORDER**

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b) the following act is prohibited in the area and on roads and trails within the area as described in this order, all within the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District, Salmon-Challis 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 and safety. **36 CFR 261.53(e).**
2. Being on a Road Described as Closed. **36 CFR 261.54(e).**
3. Being on a Trail Described as Closed. **36 CFR 261.55(a).**

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.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The Southern Boundary of the Area Closure begins where Bird Creek intersects the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Boundary (T23N, R21E Sec. 23). Then, continuing West to where Bird Creek Intersects Forest Service Trail Number 6071 (T23N, R21E Sec. 23) and continuing West on Forest Service Trail 6071 to where it intersects with FSR 129, then continuing West, Northwest on FSR 129 to where FSR 129 intersects with Forest Service Trail 6071 (T 23N, R21E Sec. 9). Then, continuing West on Forest Service Trail 6071 to where Trail 6071 intersects FSR 020 (T23N, R21E Sec. 8). Then, continuing North on FSR 020 to where FSR 020 meets the Forest Service Administrative Boundary between the Salmon-Cobalt and North Fork Ranger Districts (T N, R E Sec.5). Continuing North, the Area Closure is defined by the Administrative Boundary between the Salmon-Cobalt and North Fork Districts along Napoleon Ridge toward the Community of North Fork (T23N, R21E, Sec.17). Then, continuing South/SouthEast along the Forest Service Boundary back to where it intersects Bird Creek (T23N, R21E Sec. 23).

NOTE: Forest Service Roads 129 and 020 make up the Southern Boundary of the Area Closure, but are not included in the Area Closure. FSR 032 is within the Closure Area and is Closed. Forest Service Trail Number 6071 is also Closed.

PURPOSE:

This Closure is necessary to provide protection to Forest visitors from the current fire safety hazards associated with the Comet Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until August 27, 2016 or until otherwise rescinded.
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 individuals, and \$10,000.00 for organizations 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. Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Salmon, Idaho this _27th_day of July, 2016.

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