Order Number 13-D4-23
Rescinded Order number 13-D4-21

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST
1801 N. First Street
Hamilton, MT 59840
Forest Supervisor's Order

Pursuant to It is prohibited to enter or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of "Public Health and Safety" (Title 36 CFR 261.53(e)). **The purpose for these restrictions is to provide for public safety due to wildfires** signed by the Forest Supervisor on August 16th, 2013, which prohibited public entry into Gold Pan Fire Area, due to public safety concerns related wildfire operations along the Magruder Corridor, is **HEREBY RESCINDED and will be reissued with a new expanded area closure under 13-D4-24 effective August 26th, 2013.**

Done at Hamilton, Montana this August 26th, 2013.

By: _____
JULIE K. KING
Forest Supervisor
Bitterroot National Forest

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Emergency Area Closure

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited as described below, within the West Fork Ranger District on the Bitterroot National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations and will remain in effect from August 26th, 2013 until rescinded.

36 CFR 261.53(e) – Special Closures:

It is prohibited to enter or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of "Public Health and Safety" (Title 36 CFR 261.53(e)).

The purpose for these restrictions is to provide for public safety due to wildfires.

AREA B DESCRIPTION: South of Nez Perce and the West Fork Road and West of Painted Rocks Lake south to Junction of T3S R22W Sec 9 and Chicken Creek

Starting from Nez Perce Pass (468 Road) travel east to the intersection of the West Fork of the Bitterroot River; head south along the west side of the West Fork Bitterroot River; and SW along the west side of Painted Rocks Lakes around Blue Joint Bay; continue south along the FS/Private land boundary's to the Junction T3S R22W Sec 9 and Chicken Creek; follow the section line west to the intersection of Trail #139 (Deer Creek); along north side of Deer Creek trail to T3S R23W Section line 3; then west along section line to the Idaho/Montana Stateline. Then travel north along state line to Nez Perce Pass.

All Forest Service road and trails as identified within the prohibited area are closed. Trails that fall parallel or outside the closure line are open.

THE ATTACHED VICINITY MAP IS HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS ORDER.

Exemptions:
Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following are exempt from this restriction:

1. Persons with a permit issued by a forest officer specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Hamilton, Montana this 26th day of August_ 2013.

By: Julie K. King
JULIE K. KING
Forest Supervisor
Bitterroot National Forest

Penalty
Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

Notification
A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.