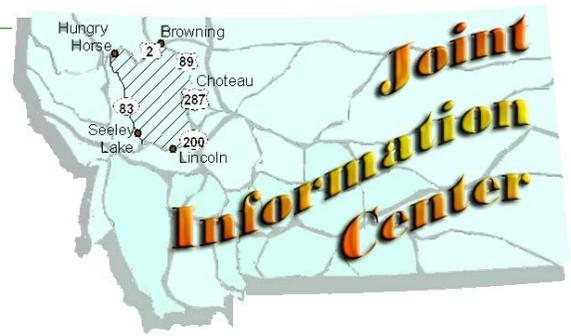


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There have been several new trail and area closures in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex as of August 16, 2007. A new map detailing these closures is available for viewing/download at [www.activefires.net/jic_mt.](http://www.activefires.net/jic_mt/)

**Helena National Forest
Lincoln Ranger District
8/16/2007 Closure**

Area Closure: Due to the Conger Fire, the Helena National Forest has instituted an area closure that encompasses the west half of the Scapegoat Wilderness on the Lincoln Ranger District. The closure is described as follows: From Red Mountain north of Lincoln in T16N, R9W Sec. 26, follow the Scapegoat Wilderness boundary to the west to Mineral Hill. Follow the Helena National Forest/ Lolo National Forest boundary northeast to Crow point, and the Helena / Lewis and Clark National Forest boundary east to Monitor Point (not Monitor Mountain). From there, the closure line turns south along the Bighorn Creek/Landers Fork watershed divide, coming down to Landers Fork in Sec. 11, T16N R9W. From Landers fork it goes south to the west end of Webb Lake (which remains open), and then on watershed divide west of Ringeye Creek back to Red Mountain.

The official closure order language is as follows:

Order Number H-07-20: For the purpose of this order it is prohibited from going into or being upon all National Forest System Lands administered by the Helena National Forest as depicted in the map, Attachment A, hereby made part of this order. The area closure is defined as the wilderness boundary of the Scapegoat Wilderness from Red Mountain in T16N R9W Section 26 along the prominent ridgeline south and west in sections 33 and 32, T15N R9W Sections 5, 8, 7 and 6 to Arrastra Mtn along the ridgeline heading north in T15N R 10W Section 1, 12, 11, 10 and 3 to Daly Peak. This closure continues along the ridgeline heading north and west to Mineral Hill in T16N R10W Section 33, 29, 20, 19, 18, and then northeast in sections 7, 8, 5, and 4 continuing in T17N R10W Sections 33, 34, 27, 26, 23, 24 and 13 continuing east in T17N R9W in sections 18, 19, 20, 21, 16, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 continuing in T17N R8W in Sections 18, 17, 16, and 15. The closure boundary then crosses through the middle of the Scapegoat Wilderness heading southwest in T17N R8W in Sections 15, 16, 20, 29, 30, and 31 continuing in T16N R9W Sections 1, 2, 11, and 14 to Webb Lake and continuing in Sections 14, 15, 21, and 28 back to Red Mountain. The following trails will be closed: Mainline trail #481 at Webb Lake Cabin to Helena NF boundary in T17N R10W Section 34, Trail #479 Upper Landers, Trail #433 Crow Creek, Trail #432 Crow Peak, Trail #422 Middle Fork, Trail #438 Landers Fork to closure boundary in T17N R8W Section 29, Trail #440 Continental Divide to closure boundary in T17N R8W Section 29, Trail #427 Sourdough Basin, Trail #425 Twin Lakes, Trail #483 Meadow Creek (except portion outside Wilderness boundary), Trail #482 East Fork of Meadow Creek (except portion outside Wilderness boundary), Trail #484 Mineral Creek, Trail #476 Bugle Mtn, Trail #475 Mineral Creek Cutoff, and Trail #480 Meadow Cutoff. The reason for this closure is to provide for public and firefighter safety due to wildfires in the area, therefore the public is prohibited from use of this area.

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**Flathead National Forest,
Hungry Horse - Glacier View &
Spotted Bear Ranger Districts Closures**

All entrances to Glacier National Park are open. U.S. Hwy 2 remains open with a speed restriction in the fire area, and short delays when helicopters fly over the highway. Visit www.nps.gov/glac for more information.

Area Closure: A portion of the Flathead National Forest south of Highway 2 is closed on the Hungry Horse Ranger District due to the Skyland Fire. Access to Skyland Road 569 the adjacent area is closed. Call the Hungry Horse Ranger District at (406) 387-3800 for specific information.

There is no access into the southern portion of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. All access from Monture Creek, North Fork Blackfoot, Pyramid Pass is restricted.

People may access the west side of the Bob Marshall via Owl Creek at Holland Lake, Meadow Creek, Gorge Creek or Silvertip trailheads. This area closure ties into the existing area closure related to Ahorn Fire/Fool Creek Fires. Call Spotted Bear Ranger District at (406) 758-5378 for information.

Trail Closures: Updated 8/16/2007: 10 Miles of White River Trail 112 from Needle Falls north to the junction with Wall Creek Trail 90 is closed. All of Helen Creek Trail 100 is closed to use. The closures are posted on the ground.

NEW 8/16: Due to the Corporal Fire, the entire lengths of these trails are closed: Sergeant-Harrison Trail 88, Sergeant Trail 94, Harrison Trail 584, Lost Jack Trail 102, Meadow Mtn. The Spotted Bear Mountain Trail from the junction with the Spotted Bear Lake Trail to the Lookout is closed to all use.

NEW 8/16: Due to the Calbick Fire in the Great Bear Wilderness, the following trails are closed in full: Calbick Trail 391, Lodgepole Mtn Trail 337, and Lodgepole Creek Trail 179. Big River Trail 155 from its junction with Trail 391 west to Trail 327 and the Morrison Creek Trail 154 from its junction with Trail 589 to the junction of Trail 155 are also closed to all use.

Skyland Fire: Trails 154 and 156 are closed north of their junctions with Trail 589 are closed. All trails connecting to Road 569 are closed.

Fire Restrictions: Stage II fire restrictions continue for Northwest Montana. These restrictions apply to all lands in Northwest Montana under the protection of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Flathead National Forest, Kootenai National Forest, Glacier National Park, Lake County, Sanders County, Lincoln County, Flathead County, Region 1 of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), and US Fish & Wildlife Service.

Stage I fire restrictions apply to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, (Bob Marshall, Scapegoat and Great Bear Wilderness) lands on the Flathead, Lewis and Clark, Helena and Lolo National Forests. *Open fires are not allowed within the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.*

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**Lolo National Forest
Seeley Lake Ranger District Closures**

The area closure begins at Triple Divide in Sec. 6, T18N, R10W, runs southeasterly along the Lolo National Forest boundary through Olson Peak to Mineral Hill, then crosses to North Fork Blackfoot Trailhead. From the trailhead the closure goes north up Lake Creek to East Spread Mountain, turns westerly to Spread Mountain and runs southwesterly along (and includes) Spread Creek Trail #166 to Monture Trailhead. From Monture Trailhead the boundary runs north along (and includes) Center Ridge Trail #246 to the Lodgepole Trailhead. From the Lodgepole Trailhead, the boundary runs cross country to Nome Point, along to Morrell Mountain, then turns north to Pyramid Pass Trailhead, continues to Pyramid Peak, then follows the Lolo National Forest boundary eastward to Triple Divide.

**Lewis and Clark National Forest
Rocky Mountain Ranger District**

The District Fire Closure on the Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Lewis and Clark National Forest, remains in effect. The closure affects the following area: From Highway 2 at the Continental Divide (adjacent to Flathead National Forest Closure in Section 31), South along the Forest Boundary to Observation Point, east along the watershed divide between Green Fork Creek and the South Fork Sun River, across the ridge top of Cigarette Rock, along and including trail #247 to its junction with trail #212, along but not including trail #212 to its junction with trail #232, east following along but not including trail #232 to its junction with trail #244, east along but not including the portion of trail #244 in section 24 to the Forest boundary; North along the Forest boundary to Highway 2 and along Highway 2 to the Continental Divide. It is prohibited to be within the boundaries of the Fire Area Closure.

Hikers may still access the southern portion of the Scapegoat Wilderness on the Lewis and Clark National Forest through Smith Creek, Elk Creek, and the Dearborn Trailheads.

Fire Restrictions: Stage II fire restrictions are in effect for the Rocky Mountain Ranger District on the Lewis and Clark National Forest outside the Wilderness. Stage I fire restrictions are in effect for the wilderness portion of the Rocky Mountain Ranger District.

Air Traffic: Temporary flight restriction "or TFR" is in place for the fire areas and the air-strip at Benchmark is closed.

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