

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

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited as described below, within the Stevensville and Darby Ranger Districts on the Bitterroot National Forest. This temporary closure is in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations and will remain in effect from September 9, 2012 until rescinded.

36 CFR 261.53 – 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)) is closed for the protection of "Public Health or Safety"

The prohibitions cited in this order are due to active fire conditions and expected future fire behavior of the Sawtooth Fire. The closure area description follows with an attached map.

Area Description: All Forest Service Land within the following Sections

**Township 6 North Range 21 West, Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 31, 32, 33
Township 6 North Range 22 West, Sections 14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, 35, PB39, PB40, PB41, PB42
Township 5 North Range 21 West, Sections 4, 9, 16, PB37, PB38, PB39, PB40, PB41, PB42
Township 5 North Range 22 West, Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, PB37**

Include in this closure:

Trail # 19 -Blodgett Creek Trail
Trail #525 – Canyon Creek Trail
Trail #123 – Sawtooth Trail
Trail #124 – Roaring Lion Trail
Blodgett Canyon Campground

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

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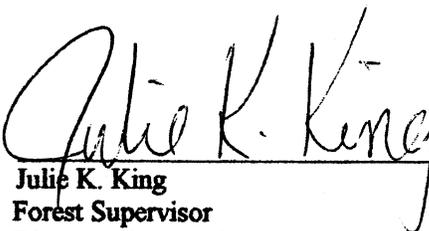
Exemptions

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.
3. Landowners with private property within the closed area.

Done at Hamilton, Montana this 9th day of September, 2012.

By:


Julie K. King
Forest Supervisor
Bitterroot National Forest