

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE  
BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST  
DARBY RANGER DISTRICT**

1801 N. Main Street  
Hamilton, MT 59804  
Supervisor's Order

***HOG TROUGH FIRE TRAIL AND AREA CLOSURE***

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails on the, within the Darby Ranger District on the Bitterroot National Forest, Ravalli County, Montana described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area" and "Described Trails"):

**PROHIBITION**

1. Being on the Described Trails, 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).
2. Going into or being upon the Described area 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to Title 36 C.F.R § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order. 36 CFR § 261.50(e)(1).
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in performance of an official duty. 36 CFR § 261.50(e)(4)

**CLOSED TRAILS**

1. **Railroad Creek, National Forest System Trail #77** from (T5N, R18W, Sect. 28, 27, 26, 25) to Trail#313 C at the gate (T11N, R23W, Sect. 26). As shown on the attached map.
2. **Weasel Creek, National Forest System Trail #156**, from milepost 0.00 at its junction with NFSR #461 (T4N, R18W, Sect. 4, 3; T5N R18W Sec 34, 35, 26, 25) As shown on the attached map.
3. **A section of the Chain of Lakes Trail #313, National Forest System Trail #313 where it intersects Trail #77 Railroad Creek, Weasel Creek Trail #156. (T5N, R18W, sec 25).** As shown on the attached map.
4. **Skalkaho Creek -Jerry Lake Trail #503, National Forest System Trail #503 (T4N R18 W sec 4, 10,11, 2,12, 1.** As shown on the attac (T4N R17 W Sec 7,6. As shown on attached map.
5. **US Forest Service Road #75, Rye Creek Rd, from the Junction with Highway 38 (Skalkaho Highway) to the junction with Skalkaho Creek, Jerry Lake Trailhead #503.**

**DESCRIBED AREA**

Described Area: All NFS Lands on the Darby Ranger District of the Bitterroot National Forest in the area bounded at the Junction of the 75 (Skalkaho Road) and Trail #77 which runs east for 3.52 miles where it intersects at the Junction of Trail #313 (Chain of Lakes); head south along Trail #313 for 0.50 miles south where it intersects Trail #156 (Weasel Creek) and south along Trai #313 for 2.75 miles to the Trail #503; travel west along Trail #503 for 4.50 miles west toward the 75 Road . ***The USDA FS 75 Road is now***

*closed from the Junction with the Skalkaho Highway 38 to the Jerry Lake Trailhead #503/Skalkaho Creek junction.*

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this order is for public health and safety due to fire activity from the Hog Trough fire in the Hog Trough drainage and related suppression activities.

**VIOLATION**

Violation of these provisions 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 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. § 3559, 3571, and 3581).

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This order will be in effect July 22nd, 2022, and will remain in effect, until fire conditions subside, and this order is rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Closed Area is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the National Forest Supervisor's Office in Hamilton, MT, telephone number (406) 363-7100.

Done at Darby, Montana this 22nd day of July 2022.

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Forest Supervisor