PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) road in the West Fork Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Road”):

1. Being on the Described Road, 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2)].

2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(4).
DESCRIBED ROAD

Magruder Corridor, Forest Service Road # 468 from the Bitterroot/Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest Boundary at Sabe Saddle east to Observation Point Camp Ground.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is for public health and safety from the effects of the Twist Creek Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from September 9, 2022 at 0800 through December 31, 2022 at 0800, unless rescinded.

2. A map identifying the Described [Road] is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/bitterroot/alerts-notices

3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.

4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than $5,000 for individuals and $10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

5. Contact the West Fork Ranger District in Darby, (406) 821-1226, and Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Hamilton, (406) 363-7100, for more information about this Order.

6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area and on the same Described Trails.

Signed and issued on September 9th, 2022.

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