

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST
 650 Wolfpack Way
 Kalispell, MT 59901
 Forest Supervisor's Order

**AREA CLOSURE ORDER
 SHEEP CREEK AND GRANITE CREEK FIRE AREAS**

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation 261.50 (b), the following restriction is in effect on the Hungry Horse-Glacier View Ranger District on the Flathead National Forest, Flathead County, Montana. This temporary restriction is in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations. These restrictions become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded. See the attached maps Exhibit A and B for closure areas.

36 CFR 261.52e – Special Closures

It is prohibited to go into or be upon the area (Title 36 CFR 261.52(e)).

The closure cited in this order is to protect the public from potential harm from wildfires and firefighting operations associated with the existing and potential fire hazards.

Description of Closed Areas:

This area closure applies to the Flathead National Forest and closes the following areas:

All National Forest System lands contained within the perimeter as displayed in Exhibit A. The NFS roads, trails and developed recreation sites that are closed with this order include:

NFS Road 1640

Forest System Trails:

- Marion Lake trail #150
- Essex Creek trail #151
- Sheep-Elk Loop trail # 152
- Java Creek trail #254
- Java Mountain trail #158
- Logan Dirtyface trail #62 from the Bear Creek trail head to the junction with trail #65
- Big River trail #155 from the Bear Creek Trailhead to the junction with trail #65.

Developed Recreation Sites:

- Essex Boat Launch
- Bear Creek Boat Launch and trailhead

All National Forest System lands contained within the perimeter as displayed in Exhibit B. The NFS roads, trails and developed recreation sites that are closed with this order include:

NFS Roads: 9034 and 569

Forest System Trails:

- Morrison Creek trail #154, from the trailhead on NFS road 569 to the Hungry Horse District Boundary.
- Granite Creek trail #156, from the trailhead on NFS road 9034 to the junction with trail #155.

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 Kalispell, Montana this day of August 20th, 2015.

By: Chip Weber
CHIP WEBER
Forest Supervisor

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 6 months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

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