

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

AREA CLOSURE ORDER
Sheep, Granite, and Great Bear Wilderness Fire Area Closure

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation 261.50 (b), the following restriction is in effect on the Hungry Horse Ranger District on the Flathead National Forest, Flathead County, Montana as depicted on the attached map as **Exhibit A**, and hereby incorporated into the order. This temporary restriction is in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and becomes effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

36 CFR 261.52 – Fire:

Going into or being upon the area [Title 36, 261.52(e)]

The below listed area closure associated with the Sheep, Granite, and Great Bear Wilderness fires, is closed to all public travel for public safety due to wildland fire activity.

Description of Restricted National Forest Access

For the purpose of this order, it is prohibited to be on any National Forest System Trail, Road, or on National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the Sheep, Granite, and Great Bear Wilderness Fire Closure Area, Township 30N Range 17W, Township 30N Range 16W, Township 29N Range 17W, Township 29N Range 16W, Township 29N Range 15W, Township 29N Range 14W, Township 29N Range 13W, Township 28N Range 16W, Township 28N Range 15W, Township 28N Range 14W, Township 27N Range 16W, Township 27N Range 15W, Township 27N Range 14W, as described in:

- The area included by a perimeter displayed in Exhibit A and described as west of U.S. Hwy 2, including Forest Road 11124 and 11124B along Trail 117 extending to Mount Grant and southwest along Lost Hair Creek to the Great Bear Wilderness boundary. South southeast along the Great Bear Wilderness boundary to the Hungry Horse District Boundary, east along the Hungry Horse District Boundary to the Lewis and Clark National Forest boundary, north along the Lewis and Clark National Forest Boundary to Forest Road 8958, to U.S. Highway 2. The closure area includes Zips Rental Cabin and Devil Creek Campground.

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 28th day of August 2015.

By: Chip Weber
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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 under 36 CFR 261.51.

Exhibit A
Hungry Horse Ranger District
Flathead National Forest
Sheep, Granite and Great Bear Wilderness
Fire Closure
8-28-2015

