U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest
Helena Ranger District

Area Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Helena Ranger District, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area"):

1. To go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of public health and safety [36 C.F.R. § 261.53 (e)].

2. To be on a trail [36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a)].

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.

DESCRIBED AREA

This closure applies to all National Forest System (NFS) lands in the area known as the Electric Peak area, including all segments of trail 359, 362, 328, 329, and Kading Campground. This area perimeter starts at the Kading Campground, continues west to the Forest Boundary with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. Then continue south along the same Forest Boundary to Thunderbolt Mountain and then north along the Forest Boundary to the Bison Mountain area. Then turning north and along the west edge of Forest Service Trail 330, and Forest Service Roads 4104 and 123 to the intersections of Forest Service Roads 123 and 227. Then southwest along the south side of the Little Blackfoot River to the entrance of the Kading Campground, as depicted on the attached
map Exhibit A (the “Described Area”).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public safety due to active fire suppression activities on the No Grass Creek Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from September 13, 2022 at 0600 through November 4, 2022 at 1200, unless rescinded.

2. A map identifying the Described [Area/Roads/Trails] is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest - Alerts & Notices (usda.gov).

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 Helena Ranger District in Helena, MT, 406-449-5201, and Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Helena, MT, 406-449-5201, for more information about this Order.

6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts [in/on] the same Described [Area/Road/Trail].

Signed and issued on 13th day of September, 2022

[Signature]
Forest Supervisor
Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest
Area closure boundary, including all segments of trails 359, 362, 328, 329 and Kading Campground.