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KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST
31374 US Hwy 2
Libby, MT 59923
Forest Supervisor's Order

CLOSURE ORDER – AREA, ROAD, & TRAIL RESTRICTIONS
FIRE RELATED ACTIVITY

For Public Safety the National Forest System Lands, Roads, Trails, & Recreation Sites in the Vicinity of the Marston Fire are closed to public use and travel due to current fire activity.

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands administered by the Kootenai National Forests in Lincoln County, Montana as depicted on the attached map as **Exhibit A**, and herby incorporated into the order. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations and become effective at 0001 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 and will remain in effect until rescinded.

36 CFR 261.52 – Fire. When provided by an order, the following are prohibited:
Going into or being upon an area.
[36 CFR 261.52(e)]

36 CFR 261.53 – Special Closures When provided in an order, it is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of:
Public health or safety.
[36 CFR 261.53(e)]

36 CFR 261.54 – National Forest System Roads. When provided by an order, the following are prohibited:
Being on the road.
[36 CFR 261.54(e)]

36 CFR 261.55 – National Forest System Trails. When prohibited by an order issued in accordance with Sec. 261.50 of this subpart, the following are prohibited on a National Forest System trail:
Being on the trail.
[36 CFR 261.55(a)]

Description of Area Restricted to National Forest Access

For the purpose of this order, it is prohibited to be on National Forest System Lands, Roads, or Trails within:

Township 35N Range 25W Sections: 8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16, 17,20,21,22,23,24,25,26, 27,28,33,34,35, & 36;
Township 34N Range 25W Sections: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, & 24;
Township 35N Range 24W Sections: 7,8,15,16,17,18,19,20,21, & 30

and as depicted on the attached map as Exhibit A and described below:

National Forest System Lands, Roads, Trails, & Recreation Sites in the sections listed above that lie north of US Hwy 93, east of Deep Divide Road #7066, south of Jaeger Mine Road #368, Road #7065, Krinklehorn Trail #358, Krinklehorn/Locke Trail #96, Whitefish Divide Trail #26, FS Road #14203; north and east of Sink Creek Road #7006; and east and south of Laughing Water Road #7008 are closed to public use.

Perimeter roads closed to public use are: Laughing Water Road #7008, Sink Creek Road #7006, & FS Road #14203

US Hwy 93, Deep Divide Road #7066, Road #7065, Krinklehorn Trail #358, Krinklehorn/Locke Trail #96, Whitefish Divide Trail #26, and the portion of the Jaeger Mine Road to the west of its junction with Rd #7066 remain open but serve as perimeter to the closure.

Marston Rd # 900 within the Stillwater State Forest is restricted north of the barricade in T34N R24W Section 5, at the junction with Fitzsimmons. As shown on the map attached as Exhibit A.

Laughing Water Road #7008 to its junction with Sink Creek Road #7006, Murphy Lake Campground, and Rd #1009 that provides access to the west side of Murphy Lake along Hwy 93 are **not** included in the restrictions and are open to public use.

NFS Road #1002 is restricted past the Summit Creek gravel pit.

Exemptions:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done this day: September 8, 2015.

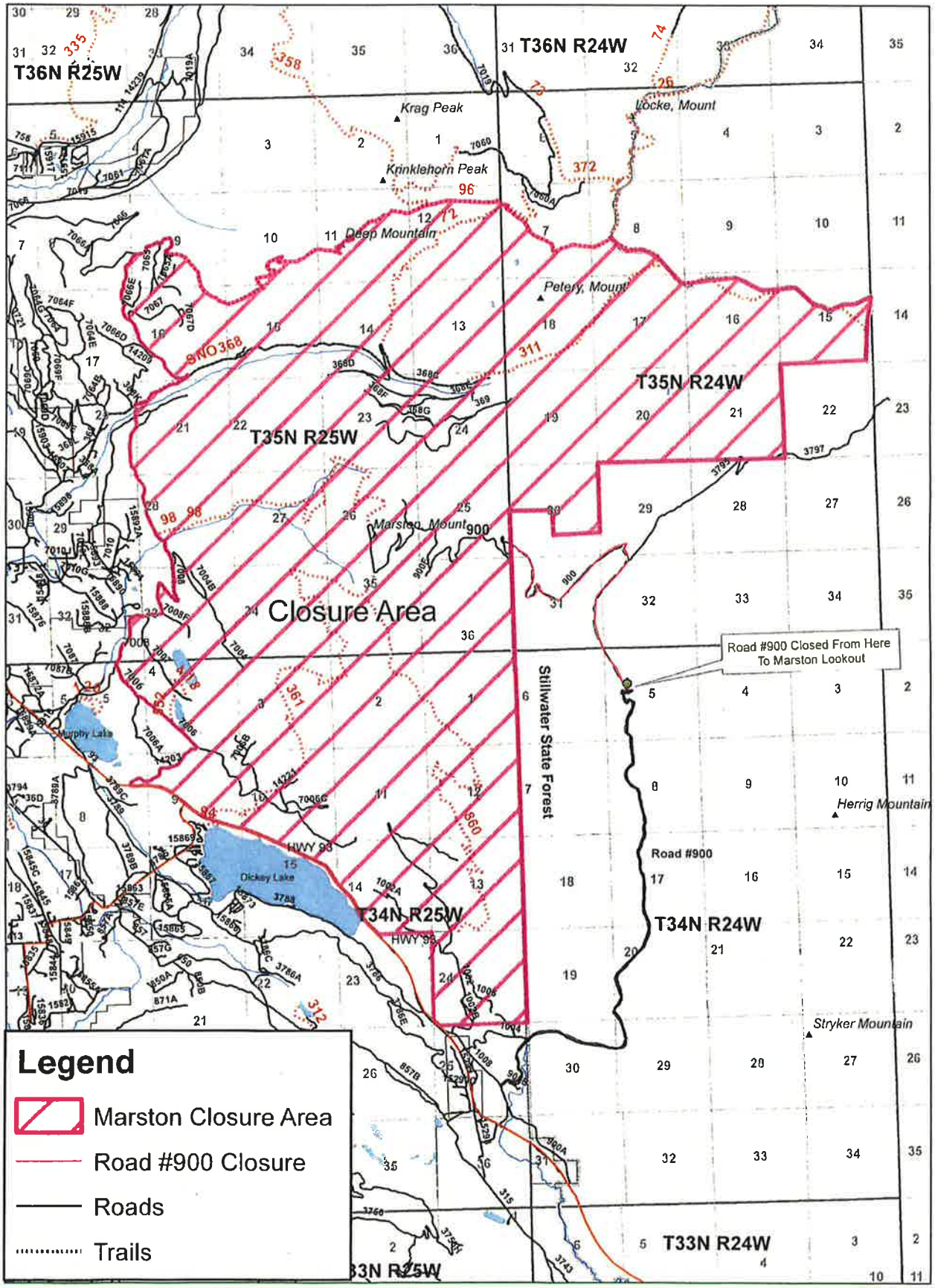
CHRISTOPHER S. SAVAGE
Forest Supervisor
Kootenai National Forest

Penalty:

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than $5000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Notification:

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.

Exhibit A
Map of Closure Area

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