

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

CLOSURE ORDER
AREA, ROAD, TRAIL, LOOKOUT, & CAMPGROUND RESTRICTIONS
GIBRALTER RIDGE FIRE RELATED ACTIVITY

For Public Safety the National Forest System Lands, Roads, Trails, & Recreation Sites in the Vicinity of the Gibraltar Ridge 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 hereby 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A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations and become effective on date signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.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 any National Forest System (NFS) Lands, Lookouts (LO), Campgrounds (CG), Roads, or Trails as shown in the attached map (Exhibit A) and described below:

The following describes the area closure:

Township 35N Range 24W Sections: 5-8, 17, 18;
Township 35N Range 25W Sections: 1-17;
Township 36N Range 24W Sections: 4-9, 16-22, 27-34;
Township 36N Range 25W Sections: 1-36;
Township 36N Range 26W Sections: 1-4, 10-14, 24-25;
Township 37N Range 24W Sections: 4-10, 14-22, 27-34;
Township 37N Range 25W Sections: 1-36;
Township 37N Range 26W Sections: 1-5, 8-17, 20-28, 33-36;

The following NFS Roads are closed in their entirety:

Foothills Rd #756, Therriault Lakes Rd #319, Williams Creek Rd #7019, Sinclair Rds #7077 & #7077A, and Roads #14227, #15135, #15138, #15139, #15142, #7116, #7021, #7021A, #7021B, #7021H, #7021G, #7022, #7027, #7029, #7036, #7085, #7086, #7086A, #7088, #7090, #7091, #7103, and #7120 are closed.

Portions of the following NFS Roads are closed:

Grave Creek/Trail Creek Rd #114 is closed from its start at the junction with Stoken Bridge/Foothills Rd north until the Kootenai NF boundary with the Flathead NF.

The following NFS Trails are closed in their entirety:

NFS Trails #72, #73, #74, #77, #78, #80, #81, #82, #83, #84, #84A, #85, #86, #87, #88, #89, #92, #96, #190, #306, #333, #335, #339, #341, #358, #372, #554, and #557 are closed.

Portions of the following NFS Trails are closed:

Whitefish Divide Trail #26 is closed from its junction with NFS Trail #311 north to its end.

The following NFS sites are closed in their entirety:

Bunchgrass CG, Birch Creek Recreation Area, Clarence Creek Guard Station CG, , Stahl Peak LO, Mount Wam LO, Weasel Cabin, Wolverine Cabin, Big and Little Therriault CG, Horse Camp, and all dispersed sites are closed.

The following NFS roads, trail, and site remain OPEN and are NOT included in this special order:

Deep Divide Rd #7066, Jaeger Mine Rd #368, Deep Creek Trail #311, & Grave Creek CG.

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: August 31, 2017.



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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 - Gibraltar Ridge Fire Closure Order

Closure Order #D03-074-S-17

R26W

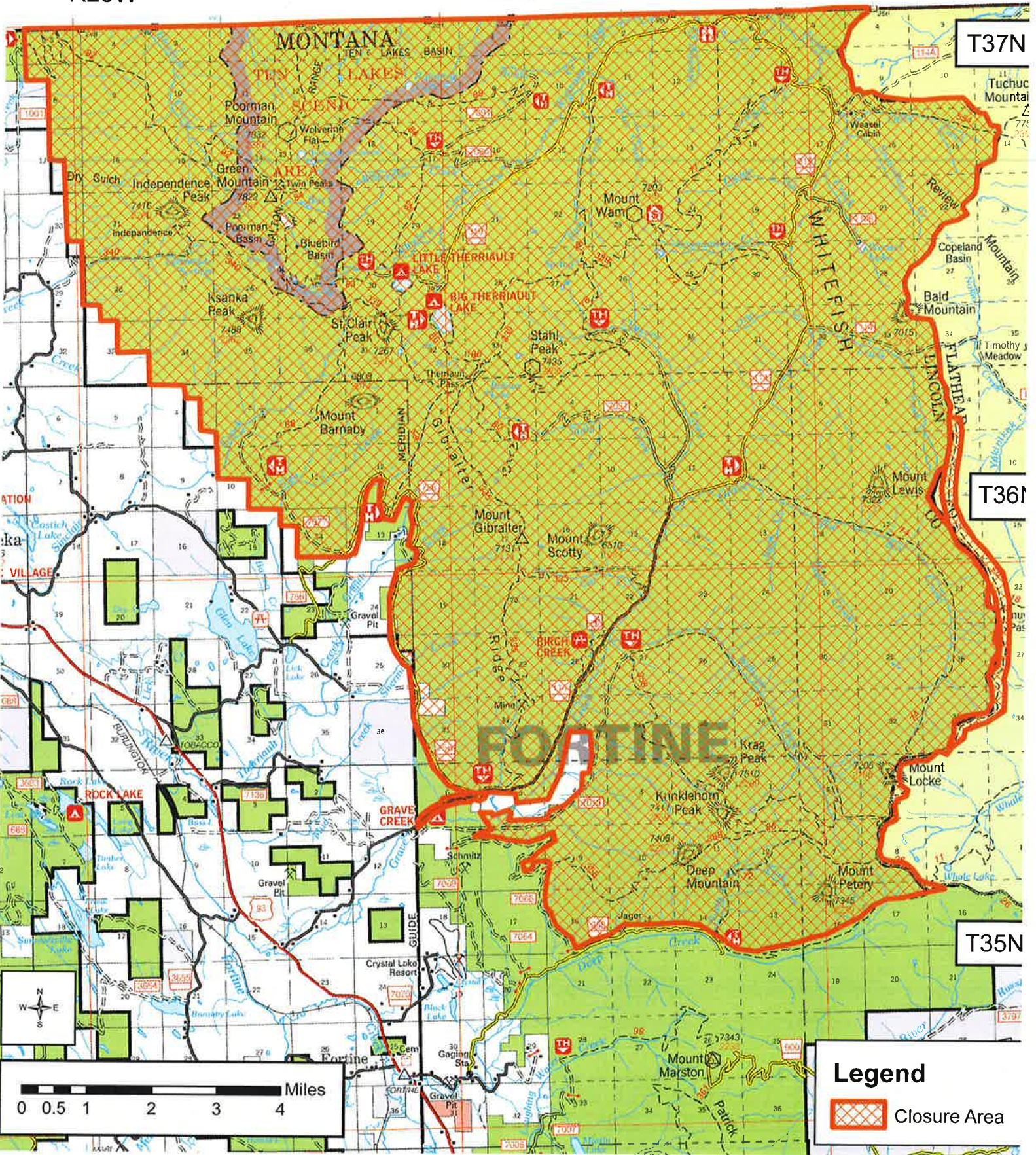
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Legend

 Closure Area