

LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST
Rocky Mountain Ranger District
Choteau, Montana

Order No. 01-15-01-15-06

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY FOREST ORDER

AREA CLOSURE DUE TO WILDFIRE ACTIVITY FOR THE SHEEP MTN/MOOSE RIDGE FIRE

Pursuant to 16 USC 551, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the following restriction is in effect on the Lewis and Clark National Forest until December 1, 2015 or until rescinded unless trails are opened earlier.

36 CFR 261.53 – Special Closures:

It is prohibited to enter or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of “Public Health and Safety” (Title 36 CFR 261.53(e)).

- For the purpose of protecting public health and safety, **it is prohibited to enter National Forest lands** within the area described on the attached map titled Fire Area Closure, Sheep Mtn/Moose Ridge Fire:

Starting at the intersection of Forest System Trails #202 and #203. Following a line to the north and parallel to trail #203 east to the junction with Forest System Trail #224. Then north and around (buffered) Forest System Trail #224 to Prairie Reef Lookout. Then South to just north of Forest System Trail #203 then along a line north and east of this trail to the junction with Forest System Trail #175 then North to the intersection with Moose Creek Trail #131. Then straight west to the continental divide. Then north along the Continental Divide to a point directly west of the intersection of Forest System Trails #174 and #151. Then along a line just south of Trail #151 to the junction with Trail #110 the south to the west of this trail to the junction with trail #163. Then east just south of trail #163 to the intersection with trail #109, then south to the west of Trail #109 to just north of the intersection with Trail #165. Then east to the north of this trail to the 1964 Bob Marshall Wilderness Boundary. Then south along this boundary to Rocky Mountain Peak. Then east along the watershed divide between the South Fork Teton and North Fork Deep Creek Watersheds to the Lewis and Clark Forest Boundary. Then south along the boundary to the watershed divide between the South Fork of Deep Creek and the Sun River. The west along this watershed divide to the 1964 Wilderness Boundary. Then south along this Boundary to Arsenic Peak. Then south along a ridge to the west of Forest System Trail #251 to Gibson Reservoir. Then south directly across the reservoir to Allen Mountain. Then south along the crest of Allen Mountain to Sheep Shed Mountain. Then west and north along the watershed divide between the Sun River and Lange Creek to the head of Bighead Creek at the 1964 Wilderness Boundary. Then West along the boundary to the South Fork of the Sun River. Then north (downstream) along this River to the confluence with the West Fork of the Sun River. Then west (upstream) along the West Fork of the Sun River to a point just east of the intersection with Trail #202 at the “West Fork Pack Bridge” . Then North to the point of beginning.

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.

Executed at Great Falls, Montana this 31st day of August, 2015.



WILLIAM AVEY
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.

8/31/2015
Fire Area Closure
Sheep Mtn / Moose Ridge Fire
R1/LCNF/RMRD

Legend

-  Closed Trail
-  Open Trail
-  FNF/SBRD Area Closure
-  8/29/2015 Fire Perimeter
-  Sheep Mtn / Moose Ridge Fire Area Closure



