

ORDER NO. 2012-17

BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST
Entry Restrictions – Gilead Fire Area

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Section 551, and 36 C.F.R., Section 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited in that area of National Forest System lands administered by the Bighorn National Forest, Johnson County, WY (the “Restricted Area”) as shown on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. The general location of the closure is described as being located west of the Bud Love Winter Game Range, north of Paradise Guest Ranch and south and east of Willow Park Reservoir, on the Powder River Ranger District, within T52N, R84W and T51N, R83 and 84W as depicted on Exhibit A. The Restricted Area includes, but is not limited to the Forest Service trails and roads within the area. Forest Service trails include 040 (portion closed), 039, 043 (portion closed), 553, 549, 051, 550, 401, 131, and 041. Forest Service roads include 396 from its junction with FT 042 north to its terminus at FT 550. FT 040 is closed from its junction with FT 034 southerly to its junction with FT 043.

The boundary of the closure area is defined starting where FT 042 leaves the Bighorn National Forest boundary then west to FR 396, then westerly to the north terminus of FR 388, then northwesterly along FT 010 to its junction with FT 043 and westerly on FT 043 approximately one mile to the section line between section 7 (T51N, R84W) and section 12 (T51N, R85W), then north along the divide between the Powder River and Tongue Districts, northerly on this divide to its intersection with Ditch Creek, then easterly along Ditch Creek to FT 034, southerly along FT 034 to its intersection with FT 040 and southeasterly along FT 040 to the Bighorn National Forest boundary then southerly along the Forest boundary to the intersection with FT 042.

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety affecting firefighting capability related to the Gilead Fire.

PROHIBITIONS:

- Going into or being upon the Restricted Area [36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e) and § 261.53(f)]

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the 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.

This order shall remain in effect until rescinded.

DONE AT SHERIDAN, WYOMING THIS 24 DAY OF September, 2012.



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Violation of these prohibitions are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor 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 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. § 3559 and 3571).