

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST
650 Wolfpack Way
Kalispell, MT 59901 Forest
Supervisor's Order
HAY CREEK FIRE CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. §551, and 36 C.F.R. §261.50(a) and §261.50(b), the following restrictions are in effect on all National Forest System lands within the area described below, and on certain Forest System roads and trails as described below, on the Hungry Horse-Glacier View Ranger District on the Flathead National Forest, Flathead County, Montana.

PROHIBITIONS

36 CFR §261.52(e) It is prohibited to go into or be upon an area.

36 CFR §261.54(e) Being on the road.

36 CFR §261.55(a) Being on the trail.

PURPOSE

This restriction is for public health and safety due to the activities associated with the Hay Creek Fire.

AREA CLOSED

Hay Creek Fire closure area as shown as the black hash-marked polygon on the attached map (Exhibit A). The southern boundary of the closure is trail #3, from its junction with the western edge of T35N R22W section 31 to its terminus at its junction with FSR #376. FSR #376 serves as the southern boundary from its terminus with trail #3 to its intersection with FSR #1685. FSR #1685 serves as the eastern boundary of the closure from its terminus at FSR #376 to its intersection with FSR #1681. FSR #1681 is the northern boundary of the closure from its terminus at FSR #1685 to its intersection with the western edge of T35N R22W section 19. The western edge of the closure is the western edge of T35N R22W sections 19, 30 and 31, between FSR #1681 and trail #3.

ROADS CLOSED

The following National Forest System Roads, as shown in Exhibit A.

- Hay Creek Road #376, from its terminus with trail #3 to its junction with FSR #1685.

TRAILS CLOSED

The following National Forest System trails, as shown in Exhibit A.

- Hay Creek Trail #3 (part of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail)

IMPLEMENTATION

This order will be in effect from August 23, 2021 to December 1st, 2021 or until rescinded, whichever comes first. These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. §261.50(e), the following are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order. 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e)(1).
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty. 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e)(4)

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 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581).

INFORMATION

Further information regarding this order may be obtained at the Hungry Horse-Glacier View District office in Hungry Horse, MT, (406) 387-3818.

Done at Kalispell, Montana this 23 day of August, 2021.

By:


Kurtis E. Steele
Forest Supervisor

