



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Kootenai National Forest
Fortine Ranger District
And
Flathead National Forest
Glacier View Ranger District**

Area, Road, and Trail Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a)(b) the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails in the Fortine Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest and Glacier View Ranger District, Flathead National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

1. It is prohibited to go into the area or be upon any road or trail closed for the protection of: Public health or safety. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA/ROADS/TRAILS

Area: As depicted on the map attached as Exhibit A and hereby incorporated into this Order, National Forest System Lands are closed that are located to the: **EAST** of NFS Road #7021 (Stahl Creek) for .8 miles until the junction with NFS Road #7022 (Clarence Creek). Then east of both NFS Road #7022 and NFS Trail #78 (Clarence/Rich) in their entirety. It is also east of the north/south running section lines of sections 3 & 10, T37N R25W; **NORTH** of NFS Road #114 (Grave Creek/Trail Creek) starting at the junction with

NFS Road #7021 continuing east for 17.2 miles until the junction with NFS Road #114A (Frozen Lake); **WEST** of the portion of NFS Road 114A that runs north and south starting at the junction with NFS Road #114 as well as west of the north/south running section lines of sections 3, 10, & 15, T37N R23W; **and SOUTH** of the Canadian border within the previously described east, west, and southern boundaries.

Roads: As depicted on the map attached as Exhibit A and here by incorporated into this Order, National Forest System Road #114A (Frozen Lake), is closed for 3.2 miles from the junction with NFS Road #114 (Grave Creek/Trail Creek) northwest to the junction with NFS Trail #18 (Thoma-Colts Creek) Trailhead.

Trails: As depicted on the map attached as Exhibit A and here by incorporated into this Order, National Forest System Trail # 78 (Clarence/Rich) is closed in its entirety.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public and firefighter safety due to active fire suppression activities on the **Weasel Fire**.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from August 8, 2022, at 0700 through December 31, 2022, at 1700, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the designated area, roads, and trails is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/kootenai>.
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the Fortine Ranger District in Eureka, MT, at (406) 296-2536, Kootenai National Forest Supervisor's Office in Libby, MT, at (406) 293-6211, Glacier View District in Hungry Horse, MT, at (406) 387-3800, or Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office in Kalispell, MT, (406) 758-5208 for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in or on the same Described Area, Road, or Trail.

Signed and issued on _____.

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