

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST  
YANKEE FORK RANGER DISTRICT**

**AREA CLOSURE**

**PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b) the following act is prohibited on the area, roads, and trails as described in this order, all within the Yankee Fork Ranger District, Salmon-Challis National Forest until further notice.

1. Using any motorized vehicle. 36 CFR 261.53(a)

**EXEMPTIONS:**

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

**AREA DESCRIBED:**

The alluvial fan at the mouth of the Preachers Cove Creek drainage, to the east of the Yankee Fork Road, #013, that portion previously occupied by the United States Antimony Corporation milling and processing facilities and reclaimed in 2002-2003. Located in Township 12 North, Range 15 East, Section 20, Boise Meridian, Custer County, Idaho.

**PURPOSE:**

To protect reclamation and revegetation work. This is the site of extensive soil disturbance and subsequent intense plantation of trees, shrubs, and grasses. The work is reclamation associated with an approved mining Plan of Operations. The reclamation is intended to restore the land to its pre-mining productivity and minimize the risks associated with potential erosion of soil into the Yankee Fork of the Salmon River which is habitat for 3 species of fish listed under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act. The closure will be rescinded when the site is determined to be stabilized to resemble natural site conditions.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
4. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order in the above-described area.

Done at Salmon, Idaho this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003.

**/s/ Lesley W. Thompson**

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