

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST  
SALMON/COBALT RANGER DISTRICT

Fire Emergency Road and Area Closure

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following act is prohibited within the area and National Forest System roads, as described in this order, all within the Salmon/Cobalt Ranger District, Salmon-Challis National Forest until December 15, 2004.

1. Using any motor vehicle on the roads. **36 CFR 261.54 (a)**
2. Using any motor vehicle on the trails. **36 CFR 261.55 (b)**
3. Using or possessing any motor vehicle off National Forest System Roads.  
**36 CFR 261.56**

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. Residents within the area closed by the road closures.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED:

National Forest System Road #031 - Withington Creek road closed from Forest Boundary (T20N, R22E, Section 24) to the end of the road.

All National Forest System Lands - All National Forest System lands within the Withington and Mulkey Creek drainages (T20N, R22E Sections 10,11,14,15, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, 36 and T19N, R22E, Sections 2,3).

**The area and road will be open to over snow vehicles, December 15, 2003, through March 15, 2004.**

PURPOSE:

These closures are necessary to provide protection to forest visitors from the current post fire safety hazards, prevent establishment and spread of noxious weeds, protect soil from erosive disturbance of vehicular travel on and off roads, allow for undisturbed vegetative recovery, and protect post fire restoration project investments.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the closure order 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 a 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 5th day of September, 2003.

/s/ Lesley W. Thompson

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