



## Flathead National Forest

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# Trail Closures in Bob Marshall Wilderness Due to Fires

Fire activity associated with the Kelly Point and Limestone Peak Fires have forced additional trail closures within the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area on the Spotted Bear Ranger District of the Flathead National Forest. In addition to previously closed portions of the East Side Trail (#80) from Meadow Creek Trailhead to Salmon Forks, portions of West Side South Fork Trail (West Side #263) from Black Bear Creek to the junction of Little Salmon Trail #29, and Silvertip Creek Trail #89 and Silvertip Creek Trail #89 from its junction with the Spotted Bear River Trail #83 to its junctions with the Mid Creek Trail #103 and the Harrison Creek Trail #584, seven other trails have been closed for public safety and to provide for access to firefighters. The new trail closures include the following:

- Hungry Creek Trail #105 beginning at the West Side trail #263 to its junction with the Picture Point Trail #226;
- Picture Ridge Trail #107 beginning at the Hungry Creek Trail #105 to its junction with the Picture Point Trail #226;
- Picture Point Trail #226 from where it takes off of Picture Ridge Trail #107 to its junction with the George Creek Trail #218;
- Black Bear Creek Trail #220 beginning at the East Side Trail #80 to its junction with the Hodag Ridge Trail #701;
- Hodag Ridge Trail #701 beginning at the East Side Trail # 80 to its junction with Black Bear Creek Trail #220;
- Rambler Creek Trail #524 from its junction with Black Bear Creek Trail #220 to its junction with the Mid Creek Trail #103; and
- Mid Creek Trail #103 from its junction with the East Side Trail #80 to its junctions with the Harrison Creek Trail #584.

In addition to the trail closures listed above, the Spotted Bear Ranger District is **discouraging additional river traffic on the South Fork of the Flathead River from Big Salmon Lake north to Meadow Creek Trailhead**. The Spotted Bear Ranger District is requesting that **parties that are planning wilderness trips within the Bob Marshall Wilderness area to please contact the district office at 758-5376 to discuss their itinerary**.

For information related to trail closures on the Spotted Bear Ranger District call 758-5376. For more information related to fire activity and fire restrictions on the Flathead National Forest contact 758-5200 or visit [www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead).

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