

**HELENA NATIONAL FOREST**

2880 Skyway Drive  
Helena, Montana 59644  
Forest Supervisor's Order

**Gates of the Mountains Wilderness / Helena Ranger District**

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a & b) the following acts are prohibited within the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness that is administrated by the Helena National Forest, Region 1, in Lewis & Clark County in Montana. These restrictions replace those issued in Closure Order Number H-093-07, 01/25/1993 and are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations. They become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

**36 CFR 261.55 – Forest Development Trails:**

**Use by any type of traffic or mode of transport prohibited by the order.**

**[Title 36, 261.55 (c)]**

Possessing or using a saddle, pack, or draft animal on any trail is prohibited unless it is being ridden or led in single file.

**Shortcutting a switchback. [Title 36, 261.55 (e)]**

Shortcutting a switchback on any trail is prohibited.

**36 CFR 261.57 – National Forest Wilderness:**

**Possessing camping or pack-outfitting equipment, as specified in the order.**

**[Title 36, 261.57 (b)]**

For the purpose of this order, saddle, pack, or draft animals exceeding 20 in number is prohibited.

**Storing equipment, personal property or supplies. [Title 36, 261.57 (f)]**

For the purpose of this order, livestock salt, except in block form and in a quantity sufficient for the stock on the trip is prohibited. Storing equipment, personal property or supplies is also prohibited.

**Disposing of debris, garbage, or other waste. [Title 36, 261.57 (g)]**

For the purpose of this order, disposing of any debris or garbage including excess livestock salt is prohibited. This does not prohibit destruction of combustible material by burning or the disposal of human or livestock waste.

**Possessing or using a wagon, cart or other vehicle. [Title 36, 261.57 (h)]**

Possessing or using a bicycle, wagon, cart, or other vehicle is prohibited.

## 36 CFR 261.58 – Occupancy and Use:

Using a campsite or other area described in the order by more than the number of users allowed by the order. [Title 36, 261.58 (f)]

For the purpose of this order, use of the Area by parties or groups consisting of over 15 persons is prohibited.

### Exemptions:

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

1. Any person with a permit authorizing or otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Helena, Montana, this 29 day of March,  
2004.



THOMAS CLIFFORD  
Forest Supervisor

### Penalty:

Violations of these Prohibitions are 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 six months, or both. [ 16 U.S.C. 551, and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571 ]

### Notification:

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51