HELENA NATIONAL FOREST 2880 Skyway Drive Helena, MT 59602 EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

National Forest System roads

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the following restrictions are in effect on the Helena National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until February 28, 2006, or until rescinded.

36 CFR 261.54 -National Forest System roads:

Using any type of vehicle prohibited by the order. [Title 36, 261.54 (a)]

For the purpose of this order it is prohibited for any persons operate a motor vehicle on or in the area along Forest Road 147 (Sulphur Bar Road) from the junction with U.S. Highway 12 in T7N, R4E, sect 27 for a distance of approximately 5.5 miles to the junction with Forest Road 147 G-1 (Greyson Creek Road) located in T6N, R5E, Section 19, NE 1/4. All motorized vehicle travel is prohibited from 5 a.m. Mondays until 5 p.m. Fridays, unless vehicle is associated with a permitted logging operation. (see attached map) Snowmobiles will be allowed to use this route on Fridays after 5 p.m. through 5 a.m. on Mondays; wheeled vehicles will still be prohibited.

Exemptions:

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

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

Done at Helena, Montana, this 5th day of December, 2005.

Kevin Riordan 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

