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Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until April 15, 2007, or until rescinded.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 person to operate a motor vehicle on or in the area along Forest Road 423 (North Fork Deep Creek Road) from the pipe gate east of the Forest boundary in the center of T7N, R4E, Section 8 for a distance of approximately 2 1/2 miles to the east side of Robert Hoppe's private land located in T7N, R4E, Section 3, NE ¼ (see attached map). All motorized vehicle travel is prohibited from 5 a.m. Mondays until 5 p.m. Thursdays, unless vehicle use is associated with a permitted logging operation. Snowmobiles will be allowed to use this route on Thursdays after 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Mondays; however 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 28th day of December, 2006.

No.

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

NORTH FORK DEEP CREEK ROAD CLOSURE TOWNSEND RANGER DISTRICT

