

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST-HELENA RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIAL ORDER HNF-07-09

EMERGENCY ORDER for AREA CLOSURE

In Order to Provide Public and Firefighter Safety
Gates of the Mountains Wilderness and Wilderness Additions
Helena Ranger District

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b) 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A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

36 CFR 261.53 Special Closures: It is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of Public Health and Safety. [Title 36, 261.53(e)].

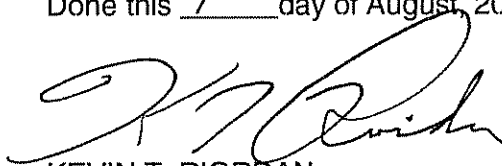
For the purpose of this order it is prohibited from going into or being upon all National Forest System Lands administered by the Helena National Forest as depicted in the map, Attachment A, hereby made part of this order. The area closure is defined by the eastern boundary of the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness, south to the Beaver Creek Road, following the Beaver Creek Road westerly to Forest Service Road 1812 and 1812 C to the Missouri River, north along the Missouri River and then following the Forest Boundary north and east back to the eastern boundary of the Wilderness. Township 13 North, Range 2 West, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36; Township 13 North, Range 1 West, Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32; Township 12 North, Range 3 West, Section 1; Township 12 North, Range 2 West, Sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17; Township 12 North, Range 1 West, Section 6.

The reason for this closure is to provide for public and firefighter safety due to wildfires in the area, therefore the public is prohibited from use of this area.

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

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

Done this 4TH day of August, 2007 at Helena Montana


KEVIN T. RIORDAN
Helena National Forest Supervisor

Penalty:

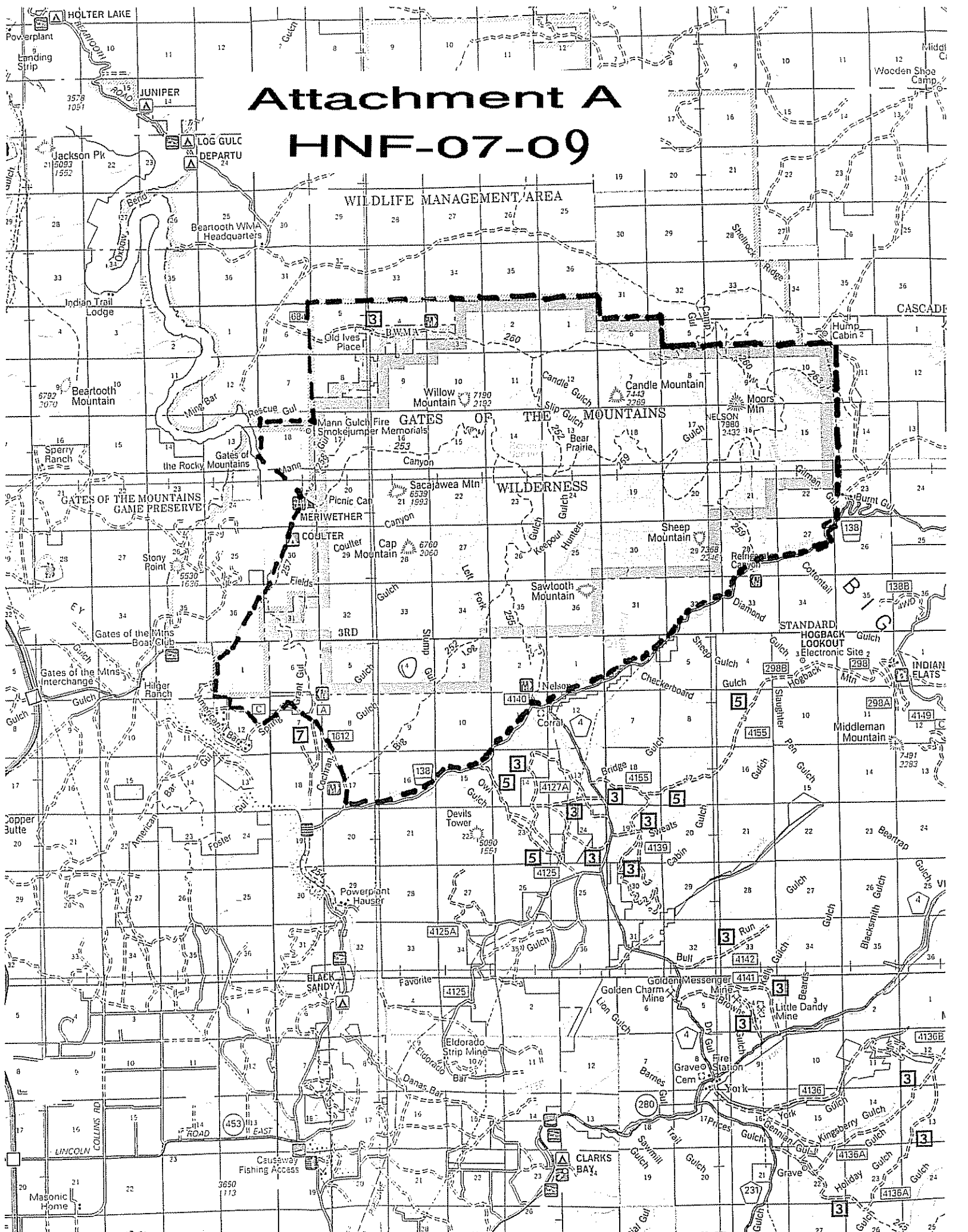
Violations of these Prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or both [16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571].

Notification:

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

Attachment A

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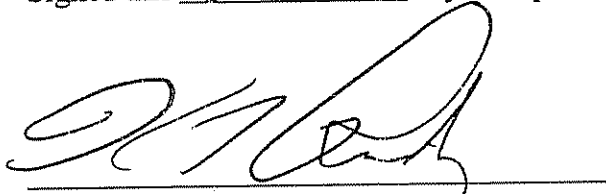


Rescinding Order HNF-07-09

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST
2880 Skyway Drive
Helena, Montana 59602

The Emergency Order numbered HNF-07-09 under authority of 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50, dated August 4, 2007 and signed by Forest Supervisor Kevin T. Riordan is hereby rescinded, effective immediately upon signature.

Signed this 20TH day of September, at Helena, Montana

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Riordan', written over a horizontal line.

KEVIN T. RIORDAN
Forest Supervisor