

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST - LINCOLN RANGER DISTRICT
2880 Skyway Drive Helena, MT 59607
Forest Supervisor's Order

EMERGENCY ORDER for AREA CLOSURE
In Order to Provide Public Safety and Firefighter Safety
Mineral & Camp Creek in the Scapegoat Wilderness Area Closure/Lincoln Ranger District

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in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, become effective when signed and remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

36CFR 261.53(e) – Public health and safety. When provided by an order, it is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of: Public health or safety.

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 as the wilderness boundary of the Scapegoat Wilderness from Iron Mountain in T16N R10W Section 33 along the prominent ridgeline north to Bugle Mountain in T16N R10W Section 14. The closure boundary then continues on the ridge from Bugle Mountain to the East Fork of the Blackfoot River in T16N R10W Sections 1, 11, and 12. The boundary continues along the ridge between Spaulding and Lost Pony Creeks up to Galusha Peak located in T17N R9W in Section 19. This is the east boundary of this closure area.

The north, east, and south boundaries of this closure is the Helena National Forest boundary of the Scapegoat Wilderness defined in (from Iron Mountain) T16N R10W Section 33, 29, 20, 19, 18, and then northeast in sections 7, 8, 5, and 4 continuing in T17N R10W Sections 33, 34, 27, 26, 23, 24 and 13 continuing east in T17N R9W in sections 19.

The following trails will be closed: Mainline trail #481 at trail junctions of #476, 480, and 425 to Helena NF boundary in T17N R10W Section 34, Trail #484 Mineral Creek from the Scapegoat Wilderness boundary, and Trail #475 Mineral Creek Cutoff.

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 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 31st day of August, 2007.



KEVIN T. 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].

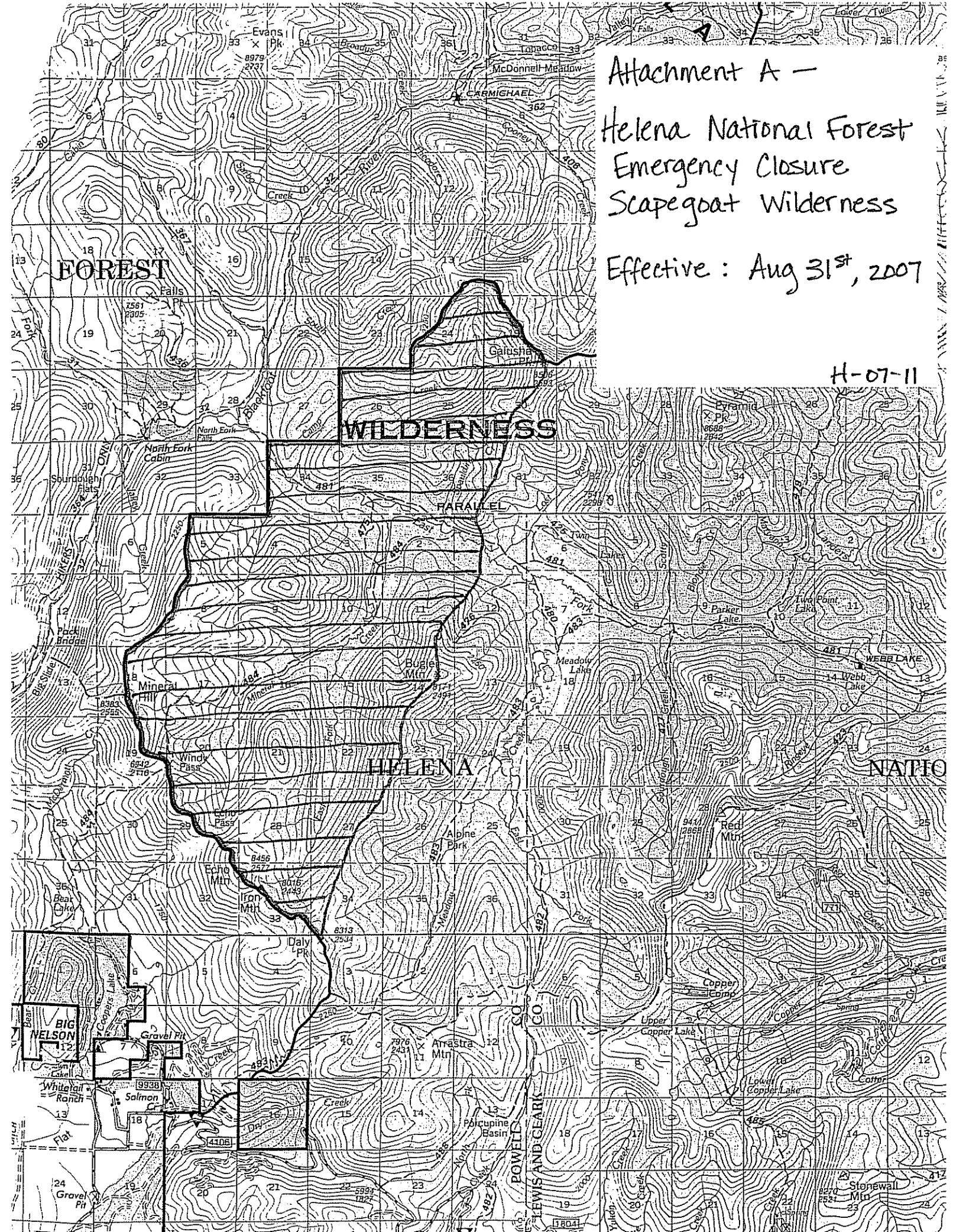
Notification:

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

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Attachment A -
Helena National Forest
Emergency Closure
Scapegoat Wilderness
Effective: Aug 31st, 2007

H-07-11



Rescinding Order H-07-11 and H-07-20

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

2880 Skyway Drive
Helena, MT 59602

The orders numbered H-07-11 and H-07-20, under authority of 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50, pursuant to 36 CRF 261.52, is hereby rescinded. This order will be replaced by an updated order.

This order is effective as of date signed below.

Signed at Lincoln, Montana, this 12th day of September, 2007.



for KEVIN T. RIORDAN
Forest Supervisor