

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST-HELENA RANGER DISTRICT
SPECIAL ORDER HNF-07-14
EMERGENCY ORDER for AREA CLOSURE

In order to provide for Public Safety
Coulter Campground and Merwether Picnic Area

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A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.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)].

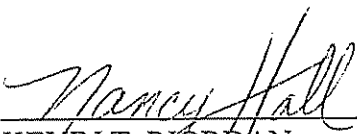
For the purpose of this order it is prohibited from going into or being upon all National Forest System Lands administered by the Helena National Forest as depicted in the map, Attachment A, hereby made part of this order. The area closure is defined as Meriwether Picnic Area, NW 1/4 , Section 19, Township 13 North, Range 3 West and Coulter Campground, NE 1/4 , Section 30, Township 13 North, Range 3 West.

The reason for this closure is to provide for public safety due to hazardous conditions resulting from the Merwether Fire.

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 the 24th day of September, 2007 at Helena, Montana.



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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. 4551 and 18 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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