

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**  
**Western Portion of 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in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, become effective when signed and remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.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 Red Mountain in T16N R9W Section 26 along the prominent ridgeline south and west in sections 33 and 32, T15N R9W Sections 5, 8, 7 and 6 to Arrastra Mtn along the ridgeline heading north in T15N R 10W Section 1, 12, 11, 10 and 3 to Daly Peak. This closure continues along the ridgeline heading north and west to Mineral Hill in 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 18, 19, 20, 21, 16, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 continuing in T17N R8W in Sections 18, 17, 16, and 15. The closure boundary then crosses through the middle of the Scapegoat Wilderness heading southwest in T17N R8W in Sections 15, 16, 20, 29, 30, and 31 continuing in T16N R9W Sections 1, 2, 11, and 14 to Webb Lake and continuing in Sections 14, 15, 21, and 28 back to Red Mountain. The following trails will be closed: Mainline trail #481 at Webb Lake Cabin to Helena NF boundary in T17N R10W Section 34, Trail #479 Upper Landers, Trail #433 Crow Creek, Trail #432 Crow Peak, Trail #422 Middle Fork, Trail #438 Landers Fork to closure boundary in T17N R8W Section 29, Trail #440 Continental Divide to closure boundary in T17N R8W Section 29, Trail #427 Sourdough Basin, Trail #425 Twin Lakes, Trail #483 Meadow Creek (except portion outside Wilderness boundary), Trail #482 East Fork of Meadow Creek (except portion outside Wilderness boundary), Trail #484 Mineral Creek, Trail #476 Bugle Mtn, Trail #475 Mineral Creek Cutoff, and Trail #480 Meadow Cutoff.

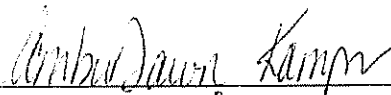
The reason for this closure is to provide for public and firefighter safety due to wildfires in the area, therefore the public is prohibited from use of this area.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.



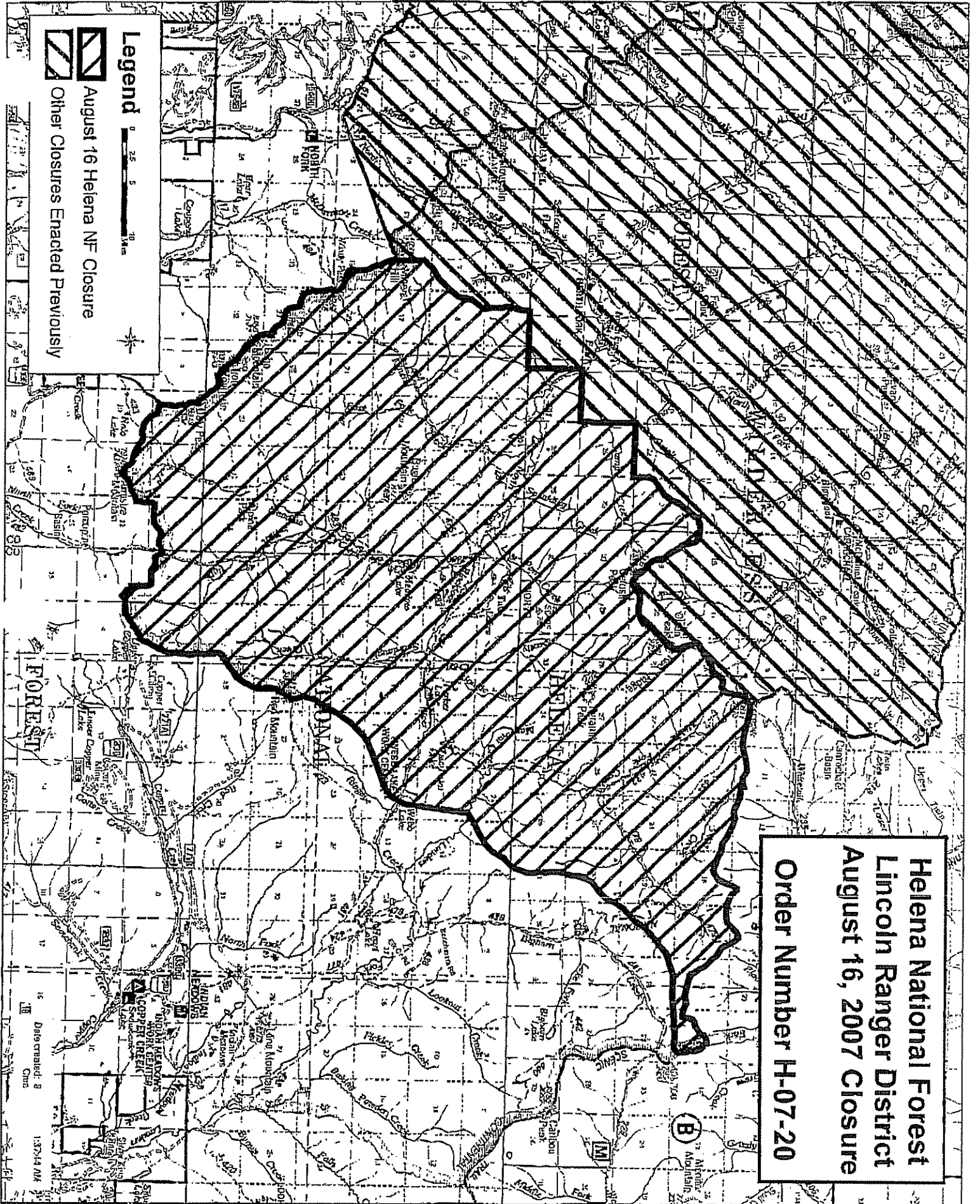
for KEVIN T. RIORDAN  
Forest Supervisor

**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



**Helena National Forest  
Lincoln Ranger District  
August 16, 2007 Closure  
Order Number H-07-20**

**Legend**

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 August 16 Helena NF Closure  
 Other Closures Enacted Previously

**FOREST**

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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.

  
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for KEVIN T. RIORDAN  
Forest Supervisor