



**SPECIAL ORDER H-08-07**  
HELENA NATIONAL FOREST – TOWNSEND RANGER DISTRICT  
**EMERGENCY ORDER for AREA CLOSURE**

**In order to provide for Public Safety**  
**Bear Gulch and West Fork Cabin Gulch areas**

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 Title 36 code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.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 administrated by the Helena National Forest as depicted in the map, Attachment A, hereby made part of this order. All National Forest lands and roads east of the Broadwater County Road/North Fork of Deep Creek Rd (423) to the point where the road crosses between T.7N, R.4E, sections 7 and 8. Then directly east approximately ¼ mile to the North Fork of Deep Creek. Then along the south bank of the North Fork of Deep Creek to the point where the stream intersects the section line between sections 9 and 10 in T7N, R4E. Then south along this section line for approximately 1.5 miles to its intersection with Forest Road 4181 (West Fork Cabin Gulch Road). Then south on Forest Road 4181 to its intersection with Forest Road 423 (East Fork of Cabin Gulch Road). Then all lands west of Forest Road 423 to its junction with US Highway 12 (FS 423 remains open). Then west from Forest Road 423 to the Forest boundary at mile marker 14.

The reason for this closure is to provide for public safety due to the hazardous conditions resulting for the Bear Gulch 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 at Helena, Montana this 22<sup>ND</sup> day of August, 2008.

  
for KEVIN T. RIORDAN  
Forest Supervisor

**Penalty:** Violations of these Prohibitions are punishable by a fine of no 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

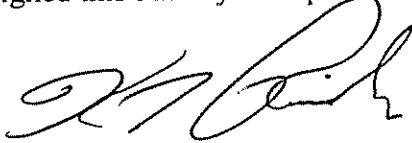


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RESCINDING ORDER

Forest Order H-08-07 dated August 22, 2008 and signed by Acting Forest Supervisor Michael L. Cole is hereby rescinded, effective immediately upon signature.

Signed this 5th day of September, 2008, at Helena, Montana



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KEVIN T. RIORDAN  
Helena National Forest Supervisor