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Most Fire Perimeter Closures Lifted for Jungle and Derby Fires

The Gallatin National Forest will lift most of the Derby and Jungle fire perimeter area closures Thursday, October 05, 2006 at 12:01 a.m. The West Boulder Trail closure will remain in effect until downed and falling trees can be cleared and necessary trail maintenance can be completed. In addition, Iron Mountain Road # 482 will be closed beginning Tuesday, October 5, 2006 for rehabilitation activities.

Scott Barndt, Big Timber Deputy District Ranger stated, "As rehabilitation efforts continue, people can expect site specific closures during certain activities including aerial helimulching and road and trail maintenance." Although there is no immediate danger from the wildfires themselves, the hazards remaining after the fire still exist such as weakened and falling trees, slick roads and trails, and muddy and ashy conditions.

There are many areas open to recreationists and hunters on the Gallatin National Forest. For further information please contact (406) 932-5155 or visit your local Forest Service office.



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