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Safety Concerns Prompts Closure of Three Trails, Fire Perimeter Areas Remain Closed

Big Timber, MT... The Big Timber Ranger District has closed Grouse Creek Trail (#14), West Boulder Trail (#41), and Davis Creek Trail (#38) for public safety purposes. These trails lead into the area burned by the Jungle Fire where continued rehabilitation work is still occurring. In addition, the Jungle and Derby fire perimeter areas remain closed.

Frank Cifala, Big Timber District Resource Assistant stated "there are many hazards on these trails and in the Derby and Jungle fire perimeter areas including lose rocks, falling trees, and unsafe roads and trails. These areas remain closed to help keep people safe."

While the Ranger District plans to open areas as quickly as possible, public and firefighter safety is always the top priority. "These perimeter areas and trails are very hazardous. It isn't safe for people to use them yet," continued Cifala.

There are many other areas open to recreationists and hunters on the Big Timber District and the Gallatin Forest. For further information please contact (406) 932-3113 or visit your local Forest Service office.

