

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST
Bldg. 24, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59804

FOREST SUPERVISOR'S ORDER

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation 261.50(a) the following act is prohibited as described below, within the Missoula Ranger District on the Lolo National Forest. This restriction is in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations and will remain in effect from signing until rescinded.

36 CFR 261.50 Orders; 261.53(a) Special Closures; 261.55(a) National Forest System Trails

All National Forest land north of trail #123, South O'Brien Loop Trail, including North O'Brien Loop Trail #122 in sections 24 and 25 in T13N, R21W and sections 19 and 30 in T13N, R20W, PMM, as shown on the attached Exhibit A is closed to all uses, including foot, bicycle, ski, horse and vehicle travel from **signing of this order until May 15, and December 1 to May 15 in subsequent years** to protect wintering elk and deer in these winter ranges. It is prohibited to enter or be upon any of this described area which is closed for the protection of big game winter range.

Area Description:

All National Forest Land within the following described area: Lolo National Forest System lands in the Black Mountain and O'Brien Creek area north of Trail #123. The legal descriptions are: National Forest Lands in Sections 24 and 25 in T13N, R21W, and Sections 19 and 30 in T13N, R20W, PMM.

Exemptions:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following are exempt from this restriction:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Owners or lessees in the area.

Signed in Missoula, Montana the **11th** day of **December**, 2006.

/s/ Gary F. Garthwait (for)

DEBORAH L. R. AUSTIN
Forest Supervisor
Lolo National Forest

Penalty:

Violation of these prohibitions is 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 6 months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571)

