

Lolo National Forest
Building 24, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59804

Special Restrictions
Pattee Canyon Recreation Area
Blue Mountain Recreation Area
Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and adjacent lands

Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest
Missoula County, Montana

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited as described below, within the Pattee Canyon Recreation Area, Blue Mountain Recreation Area and Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and adjacent lands on the Missoula Ranger District on the Lolo National Forest, Missoula County, Montana. 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 revoked.

36 CFR 261.58 – Occupancy and Use

The following are prohibited:

- 1. Predator (including but not limited to coyote, weasel, skunk and civit cat) and all non-game wildlife (including but not limited to badger, raccoon, rabbit and fox) trapping year-round in the Pattee Canyon Recreation Area, Blue Mountain Recreation Area and Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and adjacent lands as described below (36 CFR 261.58(b)).**

NOTE: The recreation areas addressed in this Order are closed to furbearer trapping as per State of Montana Trapping and Hunting regulations.

AREA DESCRIPTION:

Pattee Canyon Recreation Area Description: Boundaries of the restricted area are outlined on the Pattee Canyon Recreation Area Map dated 5/25/07 and shown as Exhibit A, which is hereby made a part of this Order. The area is further described as National Forest portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, and 12, T12N., R19W.; portions of Sections 6 and 7, T12N., R18W.; W 1/2 of Section 31, T13N, R18W.; all of Section 25 and portions of Sections 35 and 36 T19N R13W, P.M.M in Pattee Canyon.

Blue Mountain Recreation Area: West Zone. The boundary between the East and West Zone is as follows. The line begins at the northwest corner of the southwest quarter

of Section 33, T13N, R20W, PMM and runs south on the section line until joining Blue Mountain Rd. No. 365 at approximately milepost 4.2. The line then follows the Blue Mountain Road south and west until approximate milepost 8, the big switchback in Section 7. The boundary then descends on a northeast ridgeline until meeting the section line between 7 and 8, and then follows the section line south to the section corner of Sections 7, 8, 17, and 18 T12N, R20W, PMM.

Blue Mountain Recreation Area: East Zone. East of the West Zone boundary above and extending to the National Forest boundary as shown on the attached Exhibit B.

Maclay Flats: That portion of the National Forest System lands between County Road #30 and the Bitterroot River. This includes National Forest System lands in Section 34 and 35, T13N, R20W, and Section 3, T12N, R20W, PMM.

These areas are designated on the Blue Mountain Recreation Area map attached as Exhibit B and hereby made a part of this Order.

Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and adjacent lands description (*does not include the Rattlesnake Wilderness*)

See Map (Exhibit C) which is attached and hereby made a part of this Order for description of the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area.

The adjacent lands include:

- 320 acres in Sawmill Gulch: W 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec. 27 (80 acres) and N 1/2 of NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 Sec. 34, T. 14 N., R. 19 W., P.M.M. (240 acres),
- 320 acres in Grant Creek (including Ravine Gulch): SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 15 (200 acres) and SW 1/4, SE 1/4, NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 22 (120 acres), T. 14 N., R.19 W., P.M.M.
- About 580 acres in Woods Gulch: (excluding a portion of SE 1/4) Sec. 31, T. 14 N., R. 18 W., P.M.M.
- About 140 acres in and north of Danny O'Brien Gulch on Mount Jumbo: NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec. 12, T. 13 N., R. 19 W. ; SW1/4 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 1, NE 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SW1/4 Sec. 1, T. 13 N., R. 19 W., P.M.M.

Exemptions:

1. Persons with a permit, specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)).
2. Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty (36CFR 261.50(e)(4)).

/s/ Gary Garthwait for
DEBORAH L. R. AUSTIN
Forest Supervisor
Lolo National Forest

January 9, 2009
Date

Penalty:

Violations of these restrictions are punishable by a fine of up to \$5000 or imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both (16 USC 551).

Notification:

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.