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Routes in North Fork Clearwater corridor closed to motorized vehicles

Orofino, ID—Tom Reilly, Forest Supervisor for the Clearwater National Forest, has closed several roads on the North Fork Ranger District to all motorized travel effective immediately.

The closures, which are necessary to protect wintering big-game animals that have been driven to the river canyons by deep snow, limit all motor vehicle travel including snowmobile use in the North Fork Clearwater River corridor.

The closures are temporary and will be lifted when the snow melts sufficiently to allow the big-game animals to disperse.

Roads that are closed include:

- **Beaver Creek Road 247** from the Forest boundary to its junction with the Pierce-Superior Road No. 250.
- **Pierce Superior Road 250** from its junction with Pine Creek Road 660 to its junction with Deception Saddle Road 255.
- **Deception Saddle Road 255** from its junction with Pierce-Superior Road 250 to its junction with Toboggan Ridge Road 581.
- **Toboggan Ridge Road 581** from its junction with Deception Saddle Road 255 to the point where it crosses Kelly Creek.

Questions about the closure should be directed to the North Fork Ranger District in Orofino, ID. The telephone number is (208)476-4541.

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