

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST
NORTHERN HILLS AND MYSTIC RANGER DISTRICTS

Area Closure

PROHIBITION:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50(a),(b), and 263.51 (e), the following act is prohibited on the area, roads, and trails as described in this order, all within the Northern Hills and Mystic Ranger Districts, Black Hills National Forest until further notice.

1. Being in or upon the area described below. 36 CFR 261.53(e) or as depicted in the map Exhibit A.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR .50(e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this order.
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. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.
4. Persons accessing residences within the closure area.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The north boundaries are FSR (Forest System Road) 168 (Bethlehem Cave Road), FSR 703.1, and FSR 137 (Wonderland Cave Road) to the intersection of FH (Forest Highway 26 (Vanocker Road).

The west boundary is FH 26 to the junction of FSR 144 (Piedmont Fire Trail).

The south boundary is FSR 144 (Piedmont Fire Trail), FSR 527.1, 777.1A, FSR 148 to the Forest Boundary.

The east bounday is the Forest Boundary.

PURPOSE:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.53(e), in order to provide for the public heath and safety because of the Ricco Fire, therefore making travel in the area unsafe.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Violation of the above prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.0 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six months. {Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b), Title 18 USC 3581(b)(7)}.
4. Further information regarding this order may be obtained at the Northern Hills and Mystic Districts located in Spearfish and Rapid City, telephone numbers (605) 642-4622 and (605) 343-1567, and at telephone number (605) 673-9200.
5. This Order supersedes any previous Order(s) prohibiting the same or similar acts prohibited by this Order in the areas (and/or roads, trails) covered by this Order.

Done at Custer, South Dakota this 12th day of July 2005.

/s/ Craig Bobzien

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