

RICCO FIRE AREA CLOSURE ORDER
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
USDA FOREST SERVICE
BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST
NORTHERN HILLS RANGER DISTRICT

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a), the following acts are prohibited within the Ricco Fire area boundary, situated on National Forest System lands as described below and as depicted on the attached Map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “restricted area”) within the Northern Hills Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest. This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded, or until December 31, 2008, whichever event occurs first.

Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Northern Hills Ranger District Office located in Spearfish at telephone number (605) 642-4622 and at the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Custer, SD, telephone number (605) 673-9200.

PROHIBITION:

1. To possess or use a vehicle off National Forest System roads. 36 CFR § 261.56
2. To operate a motor vehicle on roads closed by this order. 36 CFR § 261.54(a)
3. To operate a motor vehicle on trails closed by this order. 36 CFR § 261.55(b)

Exception: Motor vehicles may be possessed and used on the following National Forest System Roads within the restricted area: Forest Service Road 144.1 Piedmont Fire Trail; Forest Service Road 546.1 Mayhappy Flats; and Forest Service Road 537.1, Stagebarn Caverns Road.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e) the following persons are EXEMPT from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise 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.

PURPOSE:

This Order is necessary for the protection of natural resources because of the Ricco Fire.

Violation of the above prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. (Title 16 U.S.C. § 551, Title 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b), and Title 18 U.S.C. § 3581(b)(7)).

Order supersedes replaces, and rescinds any previous Order(s) prohibiting the same or similar acts prohibited by this Order in the areas (and/or roads and trails) covered by this Order.

Done at Custer, South Dakota, this 26th day of March 2007.

/s/ Craig Bobzien

CRAIG BOBZIEN
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Black Hills National Forest