

**CLOSURE ORDER  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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 Crook Mountain closure area boundary, located on National Forest System land, as depicted on the attached Map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “restricted area”) located on 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 This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded, or until December 31, 2008, whichever event occurs first.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 SD 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 operate a motor vehicle off road within the closure area boundary. 36 CFR § 261.56
2. To possess or operate a motor vehicle on forest service road 176.1H. and 176.1I. 36 CFR § 261.54(a)
3. To possess or operate a motor vehicle on any unclassified road or trail within the closure area boundary. 36 CFR 261.54(a), 36 CFR 261 .55(b).

**Exception:** Motor vehicles may be possessed and used on the following National Forest System Road within the restricted area: Forest Service Road 176.1E

**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 cultural resources and to prevent resource damage.

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)).

Done at Custer, South Dakota, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2007.

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*/s/ Craig Bobzien*

Forest Supervisor  
Black Hills National Forest