

United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Sawtooth National Forest
2647 Kimberly Road East, Twin Falls, ID 83301

SPECIAL ORDER

AREA CLOSURE

Ketchum Ranger District
Sawtooth National Recreation Area
Sawtooth National Forest

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the areas described in this order, within the administrative boundaries of the Ketchum Ranger District and Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Sawtooth National Forest. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice

1. Possessing or using any motorized over snow vehicle within the Hyndman Basin Area during the period of December 1 through March 15. Title 36 CFR 261.56.
2. Possessing or using any motorized over snow vehicle within the Upper Big Wood River Area, North Fork/Trail Creek Area, and/or Boulder Flats Area during the period of December 1 through May 1. Title 36 CFR 261.56.

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the prohibitions listed in this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement 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.

AREA DESCRIPTIONS

Hyndman Basin Area is described as all National Forest System lands within the area beginning at the National Forest boundary at Township 5 North, Range 20 East, NE ¼ Section 30, then southwesterly approximately 2 miles along the drainage divide between Big Basin and Hyndman Basin (over Cobb Peak) to a point at the toe of the slope located

within Township 5 North, Range 19 East, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36, then along the toe of the slope across the mouth of the north drainage (Hyndman Basin) and continuing along the toe of the slope on the northwest side of Hyndman Creek approximately 4 miles to the drainage divide between the North Fork of Hyndman Creek and Johnson Creek located within Township 4 North, Range 19 East, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 9, then northerly approximately 3.25 miles along said divide to the head of Button Creek located within Township 5 North, Range 19 East, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 28, then easterly approximately 2 miles across North Fork of Hyndman Creek to the drainage divide between the North Fork of Hyndman Creek and Hyndman Creek located within Township 5 North, Range 19 East, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26, then northeasterly approximately 1.5 miles along the divide to the National Forest boundary located within Township 5 North, Range 19 East, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 13, then southeasterly along the National Forest boundary approximately 2 miles to the point of beginning (See Exhibit A Map).

Upper Big Wood River Area, is described as all National Forest System lands within the Big Wood River watershed beginning at the watershed divide between the Big Wood River and the South Fork of the East Fork of the Salmon River within Township 6 North, Range 16 East, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, then southwesterly approximately 3.25 miles along the drainage divide above Silver Lake and southwest on a line following the divide between two unnamed drainages to State Highway 75 located within Township 6 North, Range 16 East, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, then southeasterly along the west side of State Highway 75 approximately 2 miles to the drainage divide between Logged Canyon and Baker Creek within Township 5 North, Range 16 East, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 9, then southwesterly along the north side of the Baker Creek drainage approximately 7 miles to the Blaine County/Camas County boundary within Township 5 North, Range 15 East, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 28, then northerly along the Blaine County/Camas County boundary approximately 6 miles to a point within Township 6 North, Range 15 East, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 31, then continuing on the drainage divide of the Upper Big Wood River northerly, easterly and southerly approximately 18 miles to the point of beginning (See Exhibit B Map).

North Fork/Trail Creek Area, is described as all National Forest System lands beginning at the Sawtooth National Forest boundary at Township 4 North, Range 18 East, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 15, northeasterly approximately 4 miles along the watershed divide between Keystone Gulch and the unnamed drainage to the south, to the drainage divide between Uncle Johns Gulch, Bear Gulch and Milligan Gulch within Township 4 North, Range 19 East, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, then southerly approximately 2.2 miles along the drainage divide between Milligan Gulch and Bear Gulch, to the point at the toe of the slope within Township 4 North, Range 19 East, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, then northeasterly approximately 1 mile along the toe of the slope to the drainage divide between Johnson Creek and the North Fork of Hyndman Creek within Township 4 North, Range 19 East, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 9, then northerly approximately 3.2 miles along said divide to the head of Button Creek located within Township 5 North, Range 19 East, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 28, then easterly approximately 2 miles across North Fork of Hyndman Creek to the drainage divide between the North Fork of Hyndman Creek and Hyndman Creek located within Township 5 North, Range 19 East, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26, then northeasterly approximately

1.5 miles along the divide to the National Forest boundary located within Township 5 North, Range 19 East, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 13, then northwesterly approximately 18 miles along the National Forest boundary (Custer County/Blaine County boundary) to the head of the East Fork of the North Fork of the Big Wood River within Township 6 North, Range 18 East, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 7, then southwesterly approximately 5 miles along the East Fork of the North Fork of the Big Wood River to its confluence with the North Fork of the Big Wood River within Township 6 North, Range 17 East, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 22, then northwesterly approximately 1.25 miles along the North Fork of the Big Wood River to the confluence with the West Fork of the North Fork within Township 6 North, Range 17 East, section 16, then westerly approximately 1 mile along the West Fork of the North Fork to the drainage divide between Amber Gulch and the unnamed drainage to the west within Township 6 North, Range 17 East, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ section 17, then southeasterly approximately 6 miles along the divide between Amber Gulch and the unnamed drainage to west, continuing on the divide between Dry Canyon and Boulder Creek, then southeast along the divide between Dry Canyon and the unnamed drainage to the west to State Highway 75 within Township 6 North, Range 17 East, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 6, then southeasterly approximately 16 miles along the National Forest boundary on the east side of State Highway 75 to the point of beginning (See **Exhibit C Map**).

Boulder Flats Area, is described as all National Forest System lands beginning at the bridge on State Highway 75 that crosses the Big Wood River (near the confluence of the Big Wood River and North Fork of Big Wood River) within Township 5 North, Range 17 East, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10, then westerly along the south side of State Highway 75 approximately 6.5 miles, to the point where the groomed snowmobile trail crosses Highway 75 within Township 5 North, Range 16 East, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10, then following the southern edge of the groomed snowmobile trail across the Harriman Trail bridge over the Big Wood River within Township 5 North, Range 16 East, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10, then westerly approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile along the south edge of the groomed snowmobile trail to the Harriman Trail bridge over Baker Creek within Township 5 North, Range 16 East, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 9, then southerly along the east side of Baker Creek approximately .25 miles, to the toe of the slope (Sawtooth National Recreation Area/Ketchum Ranger District boundary) within Township 5 North, Range 16 East, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 9, then easterly along the toe of the slope approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the west side divide of Easley Gulch drainage within Township 5 North, Range 16 East, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10, then following the Easley Gulch drainage divide for approximately 3.25 miles to the toe of the slope on the east side divide of Easley Gulch (Sawtooth National Recreation Area/Ketchum Ranger District boundary) within Township 5N, R16E, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10, then easterly along the toe of the slope (Sawtooth National Recreation Area/Ketchum Ranger District boundary) approximately 6 miles to the point of beginning (See **Exhibit D Map**).

All areas affected by this Order are within the administrative boundaries of the Ketchum Ranger District and/or the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Sawtooth National Forest, Boise Meridian, Blaine County, Idaho.

Note: Maps identifying the above-described AREAS are listed as Exhibits A, B, C and D and are attached to and made part of this Order.

PURPOSE

The AREAS are closed to motorized over snow vehicle travel for the purpose of providing a variety of quality winter recreation opportunities, and so that Forest users are not in conflict with each other, or losing the opportunities important to them, as per the Forest Land Management Plan.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect when signed.
2. Any violation of this order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 and/or imprisonment for not more than six months [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7), and/or appropriate State laws].
3. This Order supersedes "area use opportunities/restrictions" specified in the 1998 Sawtooth National Forest Visitor/Travel Map for the northern part of the Sawtooth National Forest for the specific areas described in this Order (and any previous errata sheets to that map for the specific areas described in this Order).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Ketchum Ranger District Office located in Ketchum, ID; telephone number 208-622-5371, Sawtooth National Recreation Area Headquarters located approximately 8 miles north of Ketchum on State Highway 75; telephone number 208-727-5000, or the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office in Twin Falls, ID; telephone number 208-737-3200.
5. These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A and other current Regional Forester or Forest Supervisor Orders applicable to this area.

Done at Twin Fall, Idaho, this 31st day of October, 2000.



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