



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Bridger-Teton National Forest
Big Piney Ranger District**

Horse Fire Area Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands and trails in the Big Piney Ranger District, Bridger-Teton National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area and Trails"):

1. Entering or being in the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).
2. Being on the Described Trails. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2); and
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA AND TRAILS

The Described Area is within Township 34 North, Range 114 West and Township 34 North, Range 115 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Sublette County, Wyoming. The Described Area consists of all NFS lands within the boundary. The area between North Horse Creek and the Prospect Peak ridgeline is closed, bounded to the south by NFS Trail 2057 (Prospect Mountain trail) and west by NFS Trail 2055 (South Fork of North Horse Creek trail 2055). Starting at the triple culvert on North Horse Creek, the described area boundary runs south along the NFS Trail 2055 to its intersection with NFS Trail 2057. From that intersection the boundary follows east along NFS Trail 2057 to Prospect Mountain lookout tower. The described area boundary then follows that trail to the ridgeline that runs north to south, east of the lookout. The Described Area Boundary then proceeds in a north direction along that ridgeline, down to its intersection with North Horse Creek. The boundary then follows the creek upstream, west, to its intersection with the NFS Trail 2055 at the triple culverts, the point of beginning. **No roads or trails are closed in this order.**

All as depicted in Exhibit A.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public and firefighter health and safety during the Horse Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from September 14, 2025, at 06:00 hours through November 1, 2025, at 06:00 hours, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r04/bridger-teton/alerts>.
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the Big Piney Ranger District in Big Piney, Wyoming at (307) 276-5800, and the Bridger-Teton National Forest Supervisor's Office in Jackson, Wyoming at (307) 739-5500, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described area.

Signed and issued on September 12, 2025.

for

Chad Hudson
Forest Supervisor
Bridger-Teton National Forest