



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CUSTER GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST
BOZEMAN RANGER DISTRICT – BOZEMAN, MONTANA**

**FOREST ORDER
AREA CLOSURE – BRIDGER FOOTHILLS FIRE**

For Protection of Public Health and Safety

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on the National Forest System lands as depicted on the attached map within the Bozeman Ranger District, Custer Gallatin National Forest, within Gallatin County, Montana.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Going into or being upon an area **36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e)**

AREA CLOSURE DESCRIPTION:

The closure applies to National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Bozeman Ranger District, Custer Gallatin National Forest shown in **Attachment A** including the following roads and trails:

#538 Pine Creek - Bridger Bowl to South

And is generally described as the National Forest System (NFS) lands south of the Bridger Bowl Ski area operating area and east of the Bridger Ridge Trail #513.

PURPOSE:

This closure is for public health and safety due to fire activity associated with the Bridger Foothills Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION:

This Order will be in effect on the date signed and shall remain in effect until October 15, 2020 or until rescinded.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(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) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 4) Owners or lessees of land in the area;
- 5) Residents in the area;
- 6) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty; and
- 7) Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area.

VIOLATION:

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. §551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571 and 3581(b)(7)).

INFORMATION:

Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Bozeman Ranger District Office located at Bozeman, Montana. (406) 522-2520.

Executed in Bozeman, Montana, this 21st day of September, 2020.

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Attachment A: Closure Area Map