

Order Number: # 01-15-14-24-28



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest
Lincoln Ranger District**

Trail Closure – Marsh Creek Fire

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) trails in the Lincoln Ranger District, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Trails”):

1. Being on the trail. 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).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED TRAILS

This closure applies to the following National Forest System (NFS) trails around the Marsh Creek Fire and between the cities of Helena and Lincoln, approximately 10 miles from Lincoln, MT and 28 miles northwest of Helena, MT.

1. Trail Closures:

- Trail #466 Nevada Creek Trail is closed from the Nevada Creek Trailhead to the Continental Dive Trail (CDT).
- Trail #440 CDT is closed from Meyer’s Hill Trailhead to Stemple Pass Trailhead.

- Trail #467 Helmville/Gould Trail is closed from the CDT to the Prickly/Nevada Trail.
- Trail #487 Prickly/Nevada Trail is closed from Nevada Creek Trail to the Helmville/Gould Trail.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is for public safety due to a wildfire and fire suppression activities.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from 12:01 a.m. on September 2, 2024 through December 31, 2024, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area/Roads/Trails is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/hlcnf/alerts-notice>.
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 Lincoln Ranger District in Lincoln, MT, (406) 362-7000, and Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Supervisor's Office in Helena, MT, (406) 449-5201, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area/Roads/Trails.

Signed and issued on September 3, 2024.



Forest Supervisor
Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest