

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
BOISE NATIONAL FOREST
IDAHO CITY & LOWMAN RANGER DISTRICTS

AREA CLOSURE
South Pioneer Fire Recovery Project
(For Public Safety)

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b) the following act is prohibited on all lands as described in this Order, all within the Idaho City and Lowman Ranger Districts, Boise National Forest. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until **December 31, 2018**, unless rescinded earlier by the Forest Supervisor.

1. Going into or being upon the Area described below. **36 CFR 261.53(e)**

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a special use authorization (Timber Sale Contract) 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. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.
4. **Persons using Edna Campground and Willow Creek Campground**
5. **Persons using NFS Roads 384, 348, 380, 316 and 312 (to the gate installed for closure order 0402-03-75) - depicted as open on the attached map.**

AREA DESCRIPTION:

The South Pioneer Fire Recover Project Area (including all Roads and Trails within the Area) is closed to all public entry and is described as all National Forest System (NFS) lands located within the southern portion of the Pioneer Fire Area - beginning at Mores Creek Summit on Highway 21 in Township 7 North, Range 7 East, Section 19; Continuing northwest along the watershed divide (between the Crooked River Watershed and the Upper Mores Creek Watershed) to Pilot Peak in Township 7 N Range 6 E, Section 12; Continuing north along the Lowman and Idaho City Ranger District boundary (the divide between the Clear Creek-South Fork Payette River Watershed and the Upper Grimes Creek Watershed) to the Emmett Ranger District boundary in Township 8 North, Range 6 E, Section 24; Continuing north along the Lowman and Emmett Ranger District boundary (the divide between the Clear Creek-South Fork Payette River Watershed and the Alder Creek-South Fork Payette River Watershed) to Township 9 N, Range 7 E, Section 32; Continuing northeast along subwatershed divide (between the Rock Creek subwatershed

and the Kirkham Creek-South Fork Payette River subwatershed) to the edge of the Pioneer Fire scar in Township 9 N, Range 7 E, Section 28 (SE quarter) near NFS Road 594; Continuing southeast along the Pioneer Fire scar and the subwatershed divide (between the Rock Creek subwatershed and the Kirkham Creek-South Fork Payette River subwatershed) across State Highway 21 (in Township 8 North, Range 7 East, Section 3) to the Lowman and Idaho City Ranger District boundary near NFS Road 385 in Township 8 North, Range 7 East, Section 11; Continuing east along the Pioneer Fire scar and the Lowman and Idaho City Ranger District boundary (the divide between the Clear Creek-South Fork Payette River watershed and the Crooked River watershed) to NFS Road 312 in Township 8 North, Range 9 East, Section 7; Continuing southwest 200-ft to the east of NFS Road 312 to Township 8 North, Range 8 East, Section 23; Continuing south along the Pioneer Fire scar to NFS Road 348 in Township 8 North, Range 8 East, Section 35; Continuing southwest 200-ft to the east of NFS Road 348 to the edge of the Pioneer Fire scar near Willow Creek Campground in Township 7 North, Range 8 East, Section 8; Continuing southwest along the Pioneer Fire scar to watershed divide (between the Crooked River Watershed and the Middle North Fork Boise Watershed) near NFS Road 328B in Township 7 North, Range 8 East, Section 18; Continuing southwest along the watershed divide (between the Crooked River Watershed and the Middle North Fork Boise Watershed) to the southern edge of the Pioneer Fire scar near the end of Road 341B in Township 7 North, Range 7 East, Section 25; Continuing west along the Pioneer Fire scar to watershed divide (between the Crooked River Watershed and the Upper Mores Creek Watershed) near NFS Road 316 in Township 7 North, Range 7 E, Section 29; Continuing northwest along the watershed divide (between the Crooked River Watershed and the Upper Mores Creek Watershed) to Mores Creek Summit and the point of origin in Township 7 North, Range 7 E, Section 19.

The above described Area (including all roads and trails within the Area) and as depicted on the attached map, is located on National Forest System lands within the administrative and proclaimed boundaries of the Idaho City and Lowman Ranger Districts, Boise National Forest, Boise County, Idaho, Boise Meridian.

PURPOSE:

The identified Area described above is closed for public safety and protection during salvage logging operations throughout the closure Area. The salvage operations, including log truck traffic, skidding and felling operations and service vehicle traffic, make it dangerous for public access into the Area.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until **December 31, 2018**, unless rescinded earlier by the Forest Supervisor.
2. A map identifying the Area closure is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Violation of the above prohibition(s) 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 (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].

4. This Order supersedes any previous Order(s) prohibiting the same, or similar acts prohibited by this Order in the Area and Roads covered by this Order.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Idaho City Ranger District, Idaho City, ID, phone number 208-392-6681, at the Lowman Ranger District, Lowman, ID, phone number 208-259-3361, and at the Boise National Forest Supervisor's Office, Boise, ID, phone number 208-373-4007.

Done at Boise, ID this 14th day of August, 2017.



CECILIA SEESHOLTZ
Forest Supervisor
Boise National Forest

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

Idaho City & Lowman Ranger Districts – Boise National Forest

1. Background. Multiple contracts have been awarded to several local mills and logging operators for timber removal on the Idaho City and Lowman Ranger Districts, and throughout the South Pioneer Fire Closure Area. The contract Areas are located on both sides of State Highway 21, which is located approximately 15 miles northeast of Idaho City, ID. Logging activity is currently underway and is expected to continue until logging operations are complete.

2. Intent of Subpart B Order. This temporary Area closure is for all public entry to promote public safety during logging operations.

3. Enforcement Plan. On the ground signing will be located where the public enters the Closure Area on the north and south end of State Highway 21 and at the junction of State Highway 21 and many of the primary routes that will be closed for the duration of the Order. Signs will be maintained by the FS. On site FS administrative personnel will make compliance contacts as needed.

| <u>Action</u> | <u>Responsible Official</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Prepare proposed Order | Appropriate Staff with LE&I input | 8/11/17 |
| Review proposed Order | Supervisory LEO | 8/11/17 |
| Review proposed Order | RO LE&I and OGC | 08/11/17 |
| Post Order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51 | District Staff Officer and Staff | When Signed |
| Prepare news release for local media describing the Order and management objectives | District Ranger and PAO | As Needed |
| Contacts will be made to obtain compliance as needed | Appropriate Staff, LEO/field going personnel throughout the temporary closure period. | On going |

Plan approved for implementation:


 CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ
 Forest Supervisor
 Boise National Forest

8/14/2017
 DATE