

Order Number: # 01-04-06-25-004



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Idaho Panhandle National Forest
Sandpoint Ranger District**

UPDATED: Sunset Fire Area Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, trails in the Sandpoint Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A the Described Area:

1. Going into or being upon an area which is closed for the protection of public health and safety. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Private landowners living within the closure area.
2. 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).
3. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA

The area closure encompasses all National Forest Service Lands (NFSL) along the western shoreline of Lake Pend Oreille, from Camp Bay south to Three Sisters Horizontal Control Station. The closure extends west to Three Sisters Creek, then proceeds north to just south of National Forest Service Road (NFSR) 230. It then follows a stepped northeast path to Hickman Creek continuing east to the Forest Boundary and then heads north to Sagle Road. From Sagle Road, the boundary extends east back to Camp Bay. Additionally, the closure area encompasses all National Forest Lands in the following Public Land Survey Sections.

T55 N R1 W Sec 18,19,26,4,5,6,7,8

T55 N R2 W Sec 1,10,11,12,13,14,15,2,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,3,35

T56 N R1 E Sec 19,20,30

T56 N R1 W Sec 20,21,22,23,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33

T54 N R2 W Sec 11,2

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is for public and firefighter safety due to wildfire activity in the Sunset Fire area and prohibits all methods of travel (i.e. foot, mechanized, motorized, and stock) on NFS lands, roads and trails within the described area.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from August 15, 2025 at 23:59 through December 31, 2025 at 00:00 unless rescinded.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/r01/idahopanhandle/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 Sandpoint Ranger District in Sandpoint, ID, (208) 263-5111, and Idaho Panhandle National Forest Supervisor's Office in Coeur d'Alene, ID, (208) 765-7223, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Resigned and issued on August 18, 2025.

Forest Supervisor
Idaho Panhandle National Forests



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