



Order Number: #02-04-24-02

**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest
Butte Ranger District**

Halfway Creek Road #8695 & Spring Creek Trail #7093 Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) road and trail in the Butte Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Road” and the “Described Trail”):

1. Using any type of vehicle prohibited by the order. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a) use of a motor vehicle.
2. Using any type of vehicle prohibited by the order. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(b) use of a motor vehicle.

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Any grazing permittee in the South Pony and North Pony allotments.
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

DESCRIBED ROAD

FS Road # 8695 (Halfway Creek Road) beginning at the stock gate in the NW¼SW¼, Section 12, T3N, R6W (approximately one-quarter mile before reaching Halfway Park), and continuing to its end at Whitetail Reservoir Dam in the NW¼SW¼, Section 29, T4N,

R5W.

DESCRIBED TRAIL

FS Trail #7093 (Spring Creek Trail). The entire length beginning at the junction of FS Road # 173 in the SW¼SE¼, Section 10, T3N, R5W to its end on Forest Service Road #8695 Halfway Creek Road in the SW¼SW¼, Section 31, T4N, R5W.

PURPOSE

Forest Service Road #8695 (Halfway Creek Road) is closed to all motorized vehicles for watershed/meadow protection and erosion control.

Forest Service Trail #7093 (Spring Creek Trail) is closed to all motorized vehicles for watershed/meadow protection and erosion control.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from May 10, 2024 at 0001 until July 15, 2024 or the road dries out and the order is rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Road 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/alerts/bdnf/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 Butte Ranger District in Butte, MT, (406) 494-2147, and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Supervisor's Office in Dillon, MT, (406) 683-3995, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Road and Trail.

Signed and issued on _____.

Acting Forest Supervisor
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest