

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST
650 Wolfpack Way
Kalispell, MT 59901
Forest Supervisor's Order

Coram Experimental Forest Special Order

Pursuant to Title 16 U.S.C. § and Title 36 C.F.R. 261.50, the following acts are prohibited on National Forest Systems lands within the Coram Experimental Forest on the Flathead National Forest in Flathead County, State of Montana as depicted on the map attached as Exhibit A and hereby incorporated into the Order. These temporary restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations and becomes effective when signed and will remain in effect until December 31st 2020.

This Order is necessary to protect the current long-term active research study sites, plots and equipment (i.e. government property); personnel working on site or public using the forest; and for current and future research by minimizing disturbance to the natural resources within the Coram Experimental Forest boundaries.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. 36 CFR 261.52 Fire - The following are prohibited: Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire or stove fire. 36 CFR 261.52(a)
2. 36 CFR 261.53 Special Closures – It is prohibited to conduct the following activities for the protection of: Property, collection of surface rock or minerals. 36 CFR 261.53(f)
3. 36 CFR 261.58 Occupancy and Use - The following are prohibited: Camping. 36 CFR 261.58(e)
4. 36 CFR 261.58 Occupancy and Use - The following are prohibited: Christmas tree cutting/collection, Possessing, storing, or transporting any part of a tree as specified in the order. 36 CFR 261.58(t)

AREA DESCRIBED:

The area contains approximately 7500 acres located in Townships 30 and 31 N and Ranges 18 and 19 W of the Montana Principal Meridian. The area lies on the west side of Desert Mountain and is drained by Abbot Creek as shown on the map (Exhibit A). The north and east boundaries follow the divides on the north (unnamed) and east (Emery Ridge) sides, respectively. The northern portion of the west boundary predominantly follows the legal sub-division lines while the southern portion of the west boundary predominantly follows along the western boundary of Section 11 and 14, Township 30 N, Range 19 W with the exception of about 95 acres of a homestead in the west half of Section 11, Township 30 N, Range 19 W. The southern boundary

follows predominantly along the southern boundary of Sections 13 and 14. All land inside the boundary is government owned.

EXEMPTIONS:

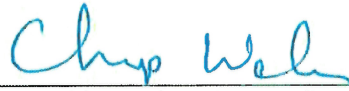
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50e, the following are exempt from these prohibitions:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit issued by a forest officer specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

PENALTY:

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

Executed in Kalispell, Montana this 19th day of December, 2019.



Chip Weber, Forest Supervisor