

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST
MINIDOKA RANGER DISTRICT**

WINTER TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS
Black Pine Over-Snow Vehicle Closure

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following act is prohibited **annually from December 1 through April 30** on the Area described in this Order, all within the administrative boundaries of the Minidoka Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest.

1. Possessing or operating any over-snow vehicle, as defined under 36 CFR 212.1, within the Area described below, including all Roads and Trails within the Area unless they are excepted from the Area Description, below. **36 CFR 261.56, 261.54(b), 261.55(b)**

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from this order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement 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.

AREA DESCRIPTION

Area designated on the Sawtooth National Forest Winter Visitor Map within the Minidoka Ranger District designated with the symbol 'A'. The Area, including all Roads and Trails within this designation are closed to over-snow vehicle use, with the exception of persons riding over-snow vehicles on the Roads listed below, or the Area within 50 feet of the centerline of the Roads excepted from the closure that are listed below:

Excepted Roads: 013, 073, 773, 896, 896a, 598, 776, 023, 024, 777, 771, 026, 027, 028.

The Area, Roads, and Trails affected by this Order shown on the map attached hereto as exhibit A is within the administrative boundaries of the Minidoka Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest, Cassia County, Idaho, Boise Meridian.

PURPOSE

The closure of portions of the Black Pine Mountain Closure Area to over-snow vehicle use provides for mule deer winter range protection within the Area.

DEFINITIONS

Over-snow vehicle - A motor vehicle that is designed for use over snow and that runs on a track or tracks and/ or a ski or skis, while in use over snow. 36 CFR 212.1

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until **May 30, 2025**.
2. A map identifying the closed Area affected by this order is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made part of this order.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b) (6), and Title 18 USC 3581(b) (7)].
4. This order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in or on the above described roads, trails, and areas.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Minidoka Ranger District in Burley, ID, 208-678-0430 and at the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office in Jerome, ID, 208-423-7500.

Done at Jerome, Idaho this 22nd day of June, 2020

JIM DEMAAGD
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Sawtooth National Forest