

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST
ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION
SPECIAL ORDER
TEMPORARY EMERGENCY RESTRICTIONS**

Pursuant to Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations 261.50(a) and (b), the following restrictions are in effect on the Lewis and Clark National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

36 CFR 261.53 - Special Closures

It is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of Public health or safety. [Title 36, 261.53(e)]

For the purpose of this order it is prohibited to go into or be upon the Benchmark Airstrip or within 150 feet of the described area, access routes to this airstrip and all parking/camping areas attached to, or adjacent to this airstrip, including the Benchmark Campground, located in Sections 15, 16 and 22, Township 20 North, Range 10 West, as shown on map attachment A. This restriction is required for the protection of public health and safety during the duration of the Ahorn Fire Incident in the immediate area.

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

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes 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;
3. All land within a city boundary.

Done this 27 day of July, 2007 at Great Falls, MT

/s/ Lesley W. Thompson

**Lesley W. Thompson
Forest Supervisor**

Penalty:

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or both. [16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571].

Notification:

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51