

Area Closure Order

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
USDA FOREST SERVICE
BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST
NORTHERN HILLS AND MYSTIC RANGER DISTRICTS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 36 CFR 261.50 (a), the following act is prohibited as described below and as depicted on the attached Map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “restricted area”) all within the Northern Hills, Black Hills National Forest. This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2005, which event occurs first.

Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Northern Hills Ranger District Office located in Spearfish at telephone number (605) 642-4622 and at the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Custer, SD, telephone number (605) 673-9200.

PROHIBITION:

1. To possess or use a vehicle off forest development roads within the Ricco Fire area boundary. 36 CFR 261.56

Forest Development Roads open to motor vehicle travel within the closed area are Forest Service Road 144.1 Piedmont Fire Trail, 546.1 Mayhappy Flats and 537.1 Stagebarn Caverns Road.

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons accessing Stagebarn Caverns via road 537.1 within the closure area.

PURPOSE

This Order is for the protection of natural resources because of the Ricco Fire.

Violation of the above prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six months. (Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571 (b), Title 18 USC 3581 (b) (7)).

This order supersedes and rescinds any previous Order(s) prohibiting the same or similar acts prohibited in the areas (and/or roads and trails) covered by this order.

Done at Custer, South Dakota, this 27 day of July 2005.

/s/ Craig Bobzien

CRAIG BOBZIEN

Forest Supervisor

Black Hills National Forest

Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both [16 U.S.C. 551, 18 U.S.C. 3571(b)(6)]