

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION**

SPECIAL FIRE CLOSURE ORDER

This closure order replaces Order Number: 070107A1 by reducing the closure area of the Neola North Wildland Fire within the Ashley National Forest, to expand recreational experiences and safely accommodate forest visitors.

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the following act is prohibited in the area described in this Order, and on National Forest System Roads and Trails as described below within the Ashley National Forest.

1. Entering or being in the area described. 36 CFR 261.53(e)

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
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. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.
4. Persons commissioned by the Forest Service and engaged in the execution of a contract.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The area beginning at the Ashley National Forest boundary at FSR 118, (Uinta Canyon Road), traveling north along FSR 118 and then north along the trail system to the southern High Uintas Wilderness boundary, then northeast along the wilderness boundary to the Uintah/Daggett County line, (also the Vernal/Flaming Gorge Ranger District boundary), then east along this boundary to FSR 043 (Hacking Lake Road), then southeast along FSR 043 to the intersection with FSR 018 (Red Cloud Loop Road), then

southwesterly along FSR 018 to the southern forest boundary in Dry Fork Canyon, then west along the southern forest boundary back to FSR 118 (Uintah Canyon Road).

The described segments of forest system roads which bound the closure area in the west, (the Uinta Canyon Road, FSR 118 and the trail system leading to the southern boundary of the High Uintas Wilderness Area), and the developed recreation areas immediately adjacent to these roads and trails ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Portions of the listed forest system roads which provide access to the interior of the closure area are NOT open for public travel.

The described segments of forest system roads which bound the closure area in the east, (Hacking Lake Road, FSR 043 and Red Cloud Loop Road, FSR 018, and the developed recreation areas immediately adjacent to these roads ARE EXCLUDED FROM CLOSURE AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Portions of the listed forest system roads which provide access to the interior of the closure area are NOT open for public travel.

PURPOSE:

This closure is intended to provide for public health and safety by prohibiting entering or being in the described area which is threatened by the Neola North Wildland Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect beginning at midnight on Thursday, 07/05/07, and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made a part of this Order.
3. Violation of the above prohibition is punishable by 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 (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581(b)(7)].
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Ashley National Forest Supervisor's Office in Vernal, UT, telephone number (435) 789-1181.
5. This Order supercedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same, or similar acts prohibited by this Order in the areas covered by this Order.

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July 5, 2007
Date