

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
SALMON-CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST
SALMON/COBALT RANGER DISTRICT**

OCCUPANCY AND USE

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b) the following act is prohibited on the area, roads, and trails as described in this order, all within the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District, Salmon-Challis National Forest until further notice.

1. Camping within 500 feet of the Gold Bug Hot Springs. **36CFR 261.58(e).**

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 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.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The area within a 500 foot radius of Gold Bug Hot Springs (approximately 11.5 acres), Township 18 North, Range 21 East, Section 12, Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼.

The above-described area is within the proclaimed and administrative boundary of the Salmon/Cobalt Ranger District, Salmon-Challis National Forest, in Lemhi County, Idaho.

DEFINITION:

Camping means the temporary use of National Forest System lands for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently-fixed structure.

PURPOSE:

This closure is necessary to reduce conflicts with, and displacement of other Forest users desiring to utilize the hot springs, by reducing the opportunity for one visitor or group from monopolizing the small area where the hot springs are located. It also reduces the environmental impacts associated with established camp sites such as; human waste issues and disturbance to fragile soils and vegetation surrounding the hot springs.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals, and \$10,000.00 for organizations 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)].
3. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order in the above-described area.

Done at Salmon, Idaho this 28th day of April, 2008.

/s/William A. Wood

WILLIAM A. WOOD
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Salmon-Challis National Forest