FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST 650 Wolfpack Way Kalispell, MT 59901 Forest Supervisor's Order

AREA CLOSURE ORDER Northeast Kootenai Complex Fire – North Fork Area Closure

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation 261.50 (b), the following restriction is in effect on the Hungry Horse Ranger District on the Flathead National Forest, Flathead County, Montana as depicted on the attached map as **Exhibit A**, and herby incorporated into the order. This temporary restriction is in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and becomes effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

36 CFR 261.52 - Fire:

Going into or being upon the area [Title 36, 261.52(e)]

The below listed area closure associated with the Northeast Kootenai Complex fires, is closed to all public travel for public safety due to wildland fire activity.

Description of Restricted National Forest Access

For the purpose of this order, it is prohibited to be on any National Forest System Trail, Road, or on National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the Northeast Kootenai Complex Closure Area, Township 37N Range 23W, Township 37N Range 24W, Township 36N Range 24W, Township 35N Range 24W, Township 36N Range 23W, as described in:

• The area perimeter includes the Trail Creek Road (NFSR 114) from Tuchuck Campground west to the Kootenai National Forest Boundary. South along the Kootenai National Forest Boundary to the Flathead National Forest Boundary at Whitefish Mountain. East along the Glacier View Ranger District Boundary to Trail 375. North along and including Trail 375 to Nasukoin Mountain, continuing north along Akinkoka Creek to Whale Creek Road (NFSR 318). West along and including Whale Creek Road to Section 21, T 36N, R23W. North along the eastern section line of sections 21, 16, 9, and 4 of T36N, R23W, to and including Antley Creek Trail 106 and Road 1665, to the Trail Creek Road (NFSR114). Continuing west, along the southern edge of Trail Creek Road to just south, and excluding, Tuchuck Campground and trailhead.

Exemptions:

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

- 1. Persons with a permit issued by a forest officer 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.

Done at Kalispell, Montana this 28th day of August 2015.

By:

CHIP WEBER

Forest Supervisor

Penalty:

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

Notification:

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

