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## EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

**Temporary Closures and Restrictions Using 43 CFR Subpart 8364 (Closures and Restrictions)**, the following acts are prohibited on all Bureau of Land Management lands administered by the Billings Field Office. Under Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 8364.1. Prohibited acts: Unless permitted in writing by the authorized officer, the following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Going into or being upon any lands designated in the closure order.

These lands are described as follows: **All BLM lands in the Sundance Lodge Recreation Area.**

This Temporary Closure Order affects public lands managed by the BLM including Sundance Lodge Recreation Area. The legal description of the affected public land: Township 2 South, Range 24 East. Flooding and increasing water levels are creating various hazards. All trails, parking areas, and the entire boundary of Sundance Lodge Recreation area are closed until further notice. The order is necessary for public safety and to not impede emergency service operations.

**Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364, those persons exempted from this order include the following:**

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
4. Any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

**An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.**

### 43 CFR 8360.0-7 Penalties

Violations of any regulations in this part by a member of the public, except for the provisions of § 8365.1-7, are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months. Violations of supplementary rules authorized by § 8365.1-6 are punishable in the same manner.

**This order will be in effect from 3:00 pm Mountain Daylight Time on June 13, 2022 until rescinded. Done at the Billings Field Office this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.**

  
  
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