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Custer Gallatin National Forest Announces Temporary Road and Trail Closures Due to West Fork Fire

Big Sky, MT, August 21, 2025— The Custer Gallatin National Forest announces a temporary closure of Beaver Creek Road No. 985 and several trails due to the ongoing West Fork Fire. These closures are implemented to ensure public safety as firefighters work diligently to contain the fire.

The Custer Gallatin National Forest has issued a closure order for trails and roads within the fire area, including:

Road Closures

Forest Service Road 985 (Beaver Creek Road) in its entirety from the junction with State Highway 287 in T11S R3E NW1/4 of the NE1/4 S21 to the end of the road in T10S R3E SW1/4 of the SE1/4 S28.

Trail Closures

All or portions of Lightning Trail No. 200, Trail 201, and Sentinel Trail No. 202, Trail 158, Trail 88, Trail 206, Trail 205, Trail 222, Trail 152. See closure order for details on each.

“These road and trail closures will be in effect due to the West Fork Fire for the safety of the public,” said acting Hebgen District Ranger, Randy Scarlett. “We appreciate visitors patience as we fight the fire.”

View the Closure order on the Custer Gallatin National Forest website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/ro1/custergallatin/alerts/west-fork-fire-road-and-trail-closure-order-01-11-07-25-0-2>

Follow the incident on Inciweb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/mtcgf-west-fork-fire>

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