

## **Dixie National Forest**

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## DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST: CLOSURE ORDER REVISION

Cedar City, UTAH - The Dixie National Forest has issued a revised closure Order for the Cedar City Ranger District and became effective as of 8:00 am on August 2, 2017. The closure Order revision has been lifted except for the following Forest roads: 049 (First Left Hand Canyon from the Forest boundary); 3023, 3024, 3026, 3027, and 2380 (campground loops); 1952 (Robinson Reservoir); 1951 (Hoosier Lake); and 048 (Second Left Hand Canyon from the Forest boundary to Sidney Valley Overlook).

Additionally, the following Forest trails remain closed: Dark Hallow (32032), Right Fork Bunker Creek Trail (32040), Left Fork Bunker Creek Trail (32033), Spruce Trail (32043), and Clear Creek OHV Trail (32000.1). The above Forest road and trail closures are illustrated in the map below.

US Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers will assist in implementation of this Order.

The purpose of the revised closure Order is to protect public health and safety by limiting access to post fire hazard zones. This Order will temporarily restrict the occupancy and use of Forest roads and trails. For a more detailed list of road closures, please visit the <u>Dixie National Forest's</u> webpage to view the entire Brian Head Fire Trail and Road Closure Order.

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and CFR 261.50, it is prohibited to be upon the road and trails described in the Order, located within Cedar City Ranger District, Dixie National Forest, which are closed for safety due to wildland fire and wildland fire recovery. The following are exempt from this Order:

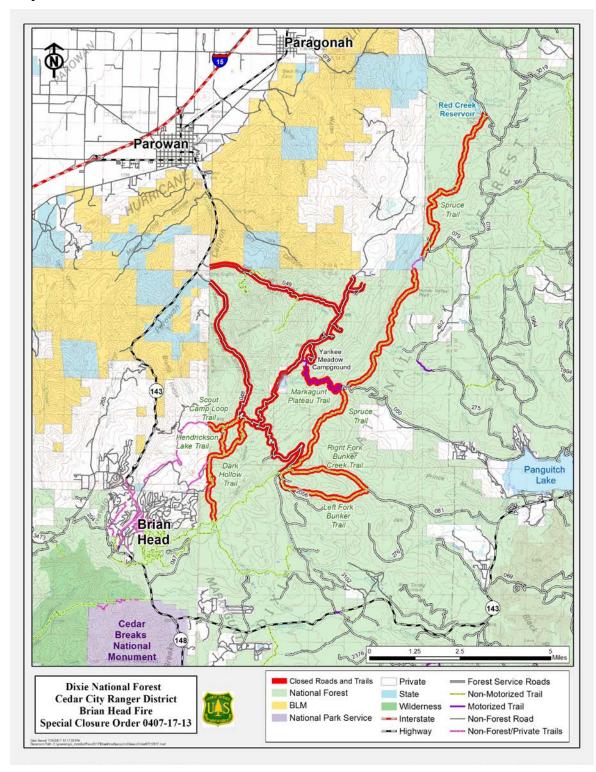
- 1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
- 2. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Many of the newly reopened areas contain obliterated fire lines, which were rehabilitated and need time to heal. These rehabilitated areas are not available for recreational travel. Please stay on designated trails and routes to promote healthy revegetation.

Veronica Magnuson, District Ranger, Cedar City Ranger District said, "Public safety is my number one concern for keeping these areas closed. The majority of Yankee Meadows and Second Left Hand Canyon experienced high burn severity and is a high risk to public safety due to possible flash flooding, debris flow, and hazardous trees."



Map of the Brian Head Fire Trail and Road Closure Order



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