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U.S. FOREST SERVICE PROHIBITS USE OF EXPLODING TARGETS FOR PROTECTION OF PUBLICS' HEALTH AND SAFETY

Regional Forester Nora Rasure today announced restrictions on the use of explosives and exploding targets on National Forests and Grasslands within the Intermountain Region of the Forest Service.

“This closure order is necessary to protect the health and safety of users of the National Forest and Grasslands within the Intermountain Region,” said Regional Forester Rasure.

Explosives and exploding targets are designed to explode when shot with a rifle; the resulting explosions have been known to cause wildfires when conditions are right.

The closure order includes National Forest System lands in the states of Utah, Nevada, Idaho, and Wyoming administered within the Intermountain Region as National Forests (NF), including: Ashley NF, Dixie NF, Fishlake NF, Manti-La Sal NF, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF, Boise, NF, Caribou-Targhee NF, Payette NF, Salmon-Challis NF, Sawtooth NF, Bridger-Teton NF, and Humboldt-Toiyabe NF.

The closure order will be in effect for one year, from July 23, 2014 until July 22, 2015.