

**LOLO NATIONAL FOREST  
24 Fort Missoula Road  
Missoula, Montana 59804-7297**

**FOREST SUPERVISOR'S ORDER  
CRYSTAL DIGGING CLOSURE**

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50(a) and (b), the following act is prohibited as described below within the Missoula Ranger District of the Lolo National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective upon signing and will remain in effect until rescinded.

**Area Description:**

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Boundaries of the area are outlined on the Lolo Creek Crystal Digging Area Closure map, dated 03/28/2014, and shown as **Exhibit A**. The area is further described (sections listed include only partial sections impacted):

<u>Township/Range</u>	<u>Section</u>
T10N R22	Sec. 6
T10N R23	Sec. 1 -11
T10N R24	Sec. 1-5, 9-12
T11N R22	Sec. 1-23, 27-33
T11N R23	Sec. 1-36
T11N R24	Sec. 1-6, 8-17, 21-29, 32-36
T12N R21	Sec. 30 - 31
T12N R22	Sec. 6, 7, 17-20, 26-36
T12N R23	Sec. 1-3, 5-36
T12N R24	Sec. 13, 14, 24-26, 32-36
T13N R22	Sec. 31, 32

**36 CFR 261.53 – Special Closures**

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The following is prohibited:

1. It is prohibited to go into or be upon an area which is closed for the protection of: objects or areas of historical, archeological, geological, or paleontological interest, public health or safety, and property

when the purpose of the entry is for the public digging or excavating crystals in the Lolo Creek drainage (36 CFR 261.53(c)(e)(f)).

**Exemptions:**

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)).
2. Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty (36CFR 261.50(e)(4)).

<u><b>Is Brendan L. Wilder</b></u>	April 2,2014
Rusty Wilder	Date
Acting Forest Supervisor	
Lolo National Forest	

**Penalty:** Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for and individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both (16USC 551 and 18USC 3559 and 3571).

**Notification:** A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed in 36 CFR 261.51.