

**Order No. MBRTB-309-2020 Fire Closure**

**FOREST ORDER**

**USDA FOREST SERVICE**

**ROUTT NATIONAL FOREST**

**Hahns Peak/Bears Ears and Parks Ranger District**

**FIRE CLOSURE**

**Middle Fork Fire Area**

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on those National Forest Service lands described as the Middle Fork Fire Area (the “Restricted Area”) and on all roads and trails within the Restricted Area (the “Restricted Roads and Trails”) all within the Hahn’s Peak/Bears Ears and Parks Ranger Districts, Routt National Forest. The Restricted Area and Restricted Roads and Trails are depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A and are as follows: on the east it follows Trail 1101 (CDNST) north to Lost Ranger Peak; on the west it follows the Forest boundary from Cabin Creek north to Roaring Fork Trailhead, north to the intersection of NFSRs 471 and 468, 1 mile north on NFSR 468, east to NFSR 441, east on NFSR 441 to the Wilderness boundary, and southeast to the North Fork drainage; on the south it follows Cabin Creek east to the Wilderness boundary, the Wilderness boundary south to Hot Spring Creek, east up Hot Spring Creek, south to the end of Trail 1206 (Summit Park), east to the Wilderness boundary, Wilderness boundary to Trail 1101 (CDNST); and on the north it starts at Lost Ranger Peak and goes west to The Dome, and down the North Fork drainage.

Closed roads and trails include: NFSR 471 east of NFSR 468, NFSR 471.1B, NFSR 441 (last 3 miles), 1099 Ditch Creek, 1100 Mad Creek at the Wilderness boundary, 1118 Elk Park at the Wilderness boundary, 1166 Roaring Fork, 1168 Luna Lake, 1168.1 Fish Hawk Lake, 1170 Chilton, 1171 Red Dirt at the Wilderness boundary, 1182 Craggs, 1184 Big Creek Lake

Open roads and trails include: NFSR 314, NFSR 471 east to NFSR 468 intersection, NFSR 468, Trails 1100 Mad Creek outside of the Wilderness boundary, 1101 CDNST (Continental Divide National Scenic Trail), 1126 Grizzly Helena, 1130 Rainbow Lakes, 1131 Lost Ranger, 1132 Newcomb Creek, 1140 Saddle, 1140.A Saddle Cutoff, 1171 Red Dirt from Red Dirt Trailhead to the Wilderness boundary, 1179 Roxy Ann Lake, 1206 Summit Park

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public safety and prevent interference with firefighting operations.

**PROHIBITIONS:** This Order prohibits the following:

1. Going into or being upon an area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).
2. Being on a trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order.

1. Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons or entities with a written Forest Service exemption specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

This Order will remain in effect until December 31, 2020, or until is rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Laramie, Wyoming, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

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Violations of this prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.