

FOREST ORDER
USDA FOREST SERVICE
ROUTT NATIONAL FOREST
Hahns Peak/Bears Ears

Occupancy and Use Restrictions
Elk Winter Range Area Closure

Order No. MBRTB-2019-267

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 Elk Winter Range Area Closure (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 Ranger District, Routt National Forest between December 1 and April 15 of each year. The Restricted Area and Restricted Roads and Trails are depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

The Restricted Area is further described as Deer and Elk Winter Range (Routt NF Management Area 5.41) and Residential/Forest Interface (Routt NF Management Area 7.1) on National Forest System Lands located in Townships 5, 6, 7 and 8N in Ranges 83, 84 and 85W. The Restricted Trails are further described as NFST #1171 (Red Dirt Trail), NFST #1100 (Mad Creek Trail), NFST #1169 (Hot Springs Trail), NFST #1160 (Spring Creek Trail), and the Restricted Road is described as NFSR #128 (Mad Creek Road).

The purpose of this Order is to protect big game winter range.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. When provided by an order, the following are prohibited, 36 CFR 261.55(a) Being on the Trail.
2. When provided by an order, the following are prohibited, 36 CFR 261.54(e) Being on the Road.
3. When provided by an order, it is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of: 36 CFR 261.53(b) Special biological communities.

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Any person with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Members of the Storm Mountain Ranch property association using the access trail as depicted in Exhibit A.

This Order will remain in effect until August 31, 2024, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Laramie, Wyoming, this 24th day of September, 2019.



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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), or both.

16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.