

Order No.: 2022-MBRTB-HPBE116B

FOREST ORDER
USDA FOREST SERVICE
MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS &
THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND
HAHNS PEAK/BEARS EARS RANGER DISTRICT
ROUTT COUNTY, COLORADO

Occupancy and Use Restrictions

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 System (NFS) lands within the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District described as the Buffalo Pass Project Area, as designated by the 2016 Buffalo Pass Trails Project Decision Notice ("Restricted Area"). The Restricted Area is described below and illustrated in the attached exhibit.

The purpose of this order is to protect resources and prevent unauthorized trail development in the Restricted Area, as described below and illustrated in the attached exhibit.

PROHIBITIONS:

Possessing or operating a "vehicle" off of the designated NFS roads (NFSR) and trails (NFST) routes shown within the Restricted Area in the attached exhibit (36 C.F.R. 261.56).

The term "vehicle" includes bicycles and is defined as:

"Any device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported, including any frame, chassis, or body of any motor vehicle, except devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks," (36 C.F.R. 261.2).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 261.50 (e), the following persons may be exempt from this order:

1. Persons 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. Any other person meeting exemption requirements, as specified in this order, which includes the following:
 - a. Forest Service personnel or persons designated by the Forest Service;

- b. Game carts used for game retrieval during hunting seasons.

RESTRICTED AREA:

The Restricted Area, commonly known as the Buffalo Pass area, is within Township 6 North: Range 83 West, Sections 3-5, and 8; Range 84 West, Sections 1, 2, and 11; and Township 7 North: Range 83 West, Sections 27-29 and 32-35; Range 84 West, Sections 25-26 and 35-36 of Routt County, Colorado on the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests. The Restricted Area is approximately 11,365 acres of NFS land.

The general area boundaries are:

Northern Boundary: Soda Creek;

Eastern Boundary: Mount Zirkel Wilderness and NFST1101;

Southern Boundary: North Fork of Fish Creek, NFSR 322, and NFSR 320;

Western Boundary: Private land/NFS land boundary line.

The Restricted Area is illustrated in the attached exhibit, and is hereby incorporated into this order.

POSTING:

The order will be posted in accordance with 36 C.F.R. 261.51 (a) and (b):

1. A copy of the order and the prohibitions will be placed in the offices of the Forest Supervisor and District Ranger;
2. A copy of the order and the prohibitions will be placed in other reasonable locations as to bring the prohibitions to the attention of the public. This will include:
 - a. Posting at trailheads and campground information boards, within and adjacent to the restricted area;
 - b. Distribution of pamphlets and other educational information to the public through campground hosts and Forest Service personnel patrolling the area;
 - c. Announcement in a news release sent to local newspapers, radio stations, and other media outlets, as deemed necessary by Forest Service personnel.

This order shall remain in effect for five years from the date of signature, unless rescinded sooner.

Done at Laramie, Wyoming, this 26th day of April, 2022.

RUSSELL M. BACON
Forest Supervisor
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests &
Thunder Basin National Grassland

Violations of this prohibition are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C §§ 3559 and 3571.

