



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service  
Rocky Mountain Region**

**Explosives and Exploding Targets**

**PROHIBITION**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following is prohibited on all National Forest System (NFS) within Region 2, Rocky Mountain Region, including all NFS roads and trails within that area, which is described below (“Described Area”):

1. Using an explosive, which is any chemical compound, mixture, or device that has the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion (including exploding targets). 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(b).

**EXEMPTIONS**

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

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons using black powder or other muzzleloader propellant, and its associated ignition source, for legal hunting or recreational shooting with a muzzleloader that does not include firing at or using exploding targets.

**DESCRIBED AREA**

All NFS within Region 2, Rocky Mountain Region, including all NFS roads and trails within that area. The Rocky Mountain Region encompasses the following National Forests (NF) and National Grasslands (NGL):

Colorado	Arapaho & Roosevelt NF Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison NF Rio Grande NF Pike & San Isabel NF Routt NF	San Juan NF White River NF Comanche NGL Pawnee NGL
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Wyoming	Bighorn NF Medicine Bow NF Shoshone NF	Thunder Basin NGL Black Hills NF
South Dakota	Black Hills NF Buffalo Gap NGL Fort Pierre NGL	
Nebraska	Nebraska & Samuel R. McKelvie NF Oglala NGL	
Kansas	Cimarron NGL	

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect public safety and natural resources.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

4. This Order shall be in effect from January 1, 2023 at 12:01 am through December 31, 2024 at 11:59 pm, unless rescinded.
5. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
6. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
7. Contact the Regional Office in Lakewood, CO, (303) 275-5350, for more information about this Order.
8. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on December 16, 2022.

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