

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND DOUGLAS RANGER DISTRICT

PERMANENT SEASONAL PRAIRIE DOG HUNTING PROHIBITION

PROHIBITION

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R § 261.50(a), the following act is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Douglas Ranger District of the Thunder Basin National Grassland described in detail below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A ("Restricted Area"):

1. Hunting prairie dogs in the Restricted Area from February 1 to August 15 of each year. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(v).

EXEMPTIONS

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

- 1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from this Order.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA

The Restricted Area is in Campbell, Converse, and Weston Counties, Wyoming, and includes the following sections, township, ranges, and sections:

Restricted Area by Township, Range, and Section					
	Range 67 West	Range 68 West	Range 69 West		
Township		Section 1 W1/2			
39 North		Sections 2 and 3 all			
		Section 4 all except N1/2NE1/4 and			
		N1/2NW1/4			
		Section 9 N1/2NE1/4,			

		Section 10 E1/2 and N1/2NW1/4	
		Section 11 all except SE1/4SE1/4	
		Section 12 NW1/4 and N1/2SW1/4	
		Section 14 N1/2NW1/4	
		Section 15 NE1/4NE1/4	
Township		Sections 1-10 all	Section 1-3 all
40 North		Section 11 all except SE1/4SE1/4	Section 4 all except
		Section 12 NW1/4	NW1/4NW1/4
		Section 14 NW1/4	Section 8 NE1/4NE1/4
		Section 15 all except SE1/4SW1/4,	Section 9 N1/2NW1/4,
	1	SE1/4	SE1/4NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4,
		Section 17 all except W1/2SW1/4,	NE1/4NE1/4
		SE1/4SW1/4	Section 10 all
		Section 18 NW1/4NW1/4,	Section 11 all except
		E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4	SE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4,
		Section 21 S1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4	NE1/4SE1/4
		Sections 27-29 all	Section 12 N1/2
		Section 32 all except SW1/4SW1/4	Section13 SW1/4NW1/4,
		Section 33-35 all	SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4
			Section 14 S1/2N1/2, S1/2
			Section 15 S1/2N1/2, S1/2
			Sections 22 and 23 all
			Section 26 NW1/4,
			N1/2NE1/4, and
			NW1/4SW1/4
			Section 27 all except
			S1/2SW1/4 and SW1/4SE1/4
Township	Sections	Section 4 S1/2SW1/4	Section 13 E1/2SE1/4
41 North	18-19 all	Section 8 SE1/4NE1/4 and SE1/4	Section 23 E1/2SE1/4
12 1101111	Section	Sections 9-10 all	Section 24 S1/2 and
	30 N1/2	Section 11 W1/2	E1/2NE1/4
		Section 13 all	Section 25 all
		Sections 14, 15, and 17 all	
		Section 18 all except W1/2NW1/4,	
		NE1/4NW1/4	
		Sections 19-35 all	

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. This Order will be effective on April 5th at 12:00 AM and shall remain in effect until rescinded.
- 2. A map of the Restricted Area is attached and incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.
- 3. A violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, by imprisonment for not

more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571(b)(6), 3581(b)(7).

4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Douglas Ranger District Office in Douglas, Wyoming, (307) 358-4690, and at the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland Forest Supervisor's Office in Laramie, Wyoming, (307) 745-2300.

Signed in Laramie, Wyoming, this 5th day of April, 2023.

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Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland Forest Supervisor