



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests**

Food Storage Order

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails in the Boulder, Canyon Lakes, Clear Creek, and Sulphur Ranger Districts, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, described below and shown on the attached maps incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Areas, Roads, and Trails”):

1. Possessing or storing any food – solid or liquid substance that is or may be consumed by any person or animal (including pet and stock food and harvested fish and small game but excluding water or hay without additives) – or refuse, including items that may have remnants of or smell like food (such as recycling, empty containers, cooking equipment, or personal care products), unless it is:
 - Possessed or attended by a person who is physically within 100 feet, awake, and within line-of-sight of the items;
 - Stored in a U.S. Forest Service provided trash, recycling or food storage containers located at a developed recreation site;
 - Stored in a bear-resistant container certified by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Courtesy Inspection Program;
 - Stored in a closed, locked vehicle where the storage compartment is constructed of solid, non-pliable material without any openings (such as open doors or windows), hinges, lids, or coverings that would allow a bear to gain entry;
 - Stored in a hard-sided building, such as a cabin, with doors and windows closed and secured;
 - Suspended at least 10 feet off the ground at all points and 4 feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole;
 - Stored or secured by other methods approved by the Forest Supervisor or the District Ranger responsible for the area; or

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- Stored or secured in a container or method approved in a special-use authorization or operating plan.

36 C.F.R. § 261.58(cc)

2. Possessing, storing, or transporting any big game, unless it is:

- Harvested during the big-game hunting seasons;
- Possessed or stored in a dispersed campsite located within 300 feet of the centerline of a public road designated as open on the Motor Vehicle Use Map; and
- Possessed or stored at least 300 feet from any developed recreation site.

36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s).

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.

DESCRIBED AREAS, ROADS, AND TRAILS

The Described Areas are all NFS lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests located:

- In developed recreation sites constructed and operated by or under the authorization of the U.S. Forest Service, including campgrounds, trailheads, day-use sites and developed picnic sites, guard stations, and cabins, which are listed on Exhibit A.
- Within 300 feet of either side of the centerline of all open public roads as designated for motor vehicle use on the Motor Vehicle Use Map; and
- Within 500 feet of the perimeter of Lost Lake, Diamond Lake, and Jasper Lake.

The Described Roads and Trails are all NFS roads and trails within the Described Areas.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to reduce the risk of adverse interactions between bears and humans, protecting wildlife and public health and safety.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from May 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM through May 23, 2029 at 11:59 PM, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Areas, Roads, and Trails is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/arp/alerts-notices>.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Contact the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland Supervisor's Office at (970) 295-6600 for more information about this Order.

Signed and issued on May 23, 2024.

Monte Williams
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Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland