



**USDA FOREST SERVICE
MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS AND THUNDER BASIN
NATIONAL GRASSLAND
LARAMIE, BRUSH CREEK/HAYDEN, AND PARKS RANGER DISTRICTS
NORTH PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR OVERNIGHT OCCUPANCY
CLOSURE ORDER**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50 (a), the following acts are prohibited on described National Forest System lands located on the Parks, Laramie and Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger Districts of Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests in Jackson County, Colorado; Albany County, Wyoming; and Carbon County, Wyoming.

- (1) Camping or any type of overnight occupancy within the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e).

EXEMPTIONS

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

- (1) Persons with a Forest Service 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.

DESCRIBED

The "Restricted Area" is defined as National Forest System lands within 1,000 feet of the centerline of the North Platte River, from the point the North Platte River flows north across the Routt National Forest boundary immediately south of Routt Access trailhead and recreation site (Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, Township 11 North., Range. 80 West., Section 2) to the point the North Platte River flows north across the Medicine Bow National Forest boundary near the confluence with Savage Run Creek (Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Township 14 North., Range 81 West, Section 26), as shown on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to minimize risk to human life and safety. Due to the Mullen fire, there is increased potential for hazards along the river, including debris flows, flash floods and hazard trees. Long-duration activities in one location, such as camping, increase exposure time and therefore increase the risk associated with these activities.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall remain in effect from May 19, 2023 at 1200 am through December 31, 2023 at 1200 pm, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area 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/mbr/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 Laramie Ranger District in Laramie WY, (307) 745-2300, and Medicine Bow Routt National Forest Supervisor's Office in Laramie WY, (307) 745-2300, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Russell M. Bacon
Forest Supervisor

MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS AND 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).

Exhibit A
EMERGENCY ORDER
ORDER No. MBR-2023-139

NORTH PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR - CAMPING PROHIBITED

Routt Access to Confluence with Savage Run Creek

National Forest System lands within 1,000 feet of the centerline of the North Platte River, from the point the North Platte River flows north across the Routt National Forest boundary immediately south of Routt Access trailhead and recreation site (Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, T. 11 N., R. 80 W., Sec. 2) to the point the North Platte River flows north across the Medicine Bow National Forest boundary near the confluence with Savage Run Creek (Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, T. 14 N., R. 81 W., Sec. 26)

