Order Number: MBRTB-2023-LAR-307



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS LARAMIE RANGER DISTRICT POLE MOUNTAIN AREA

FINAL PERMANENT SEASONAL RECREATIONAL SHOOTING ORDER

PROHIBITION

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R § 261.50(a), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Pole Mountain Area of the Laramie Ranger District in the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, described in detail below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Appendix A, hereinafter referred to as the "Described Area":

1. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun annually from March 31 to September 10. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(m).**

EXEMPTIONS

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

- 1. Persons in possession of Forest Service form 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 (e)(2).
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. Persons in possession of a valid State of Wyoming hunting license who are hunting in compliance with Wyoming law.

DESCRIBED AREA

The Described Area is located in Albany County, Wyoming, and includes the following sections, townships, and ranges:

| Described Area by Township, Range, and Section | | |
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| | Range 71 West | Range 72 West |
| Township | All of Sections 1 - 25 | All of Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12 |
| 14 North | | |
| Township | All of Sections 1 - 36 | All of Section 1, except N1/2NE1/4, |
| 15 North | | N1/2NW1/4 |
| | | All of Section 2 |
| | | All of Section 3, except N1/2NE1/4, |
| | | N1/2NW1/4 |
| | | All of Sections 10 – 15 |
| | | All of Sections 22 – 27 |
| | | All of Sections 34 – 36 |

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. This Order will be effective on November 3rd at 12:00 AM and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded.
- 2. A map of the Described Area is incorporated into this Order as Appendix A.
- 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 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 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, 3581.
- 5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Laramie Ranger District Office in Laramie, Wyoming, (307) 745-2300, 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 3rd day of November, 2023.

RUSSELL BACON

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland