



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

Regional Occupancy and Use

PROHIBITIONS

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

1. Operating a motor vehicle on NFS roads in violation of applicable state or local law relating to the operation, use, or possession of motor vehicles. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(d)
2. Operating a motor vehicle on NFS roads carelessly, recklessly, without regard for the rights or safety of other persons, or in a manner or at a speed that would endanger or likely endanger any person or property. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(f)
3. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(g)
4. Using a NFS road for commercial hauling without a permit or written authorization from the Forest Service, except to provide authorized public services or incidental services for persons with NFS in-holdings or recreational special use authorizations. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(c)
5. Possessing an alcoholic beverage, as defined by applicable state law, while operating a motor vehicle on an NFS road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(bb)
6. Possessing or consuming an alcoholic beverage, as defined by applicable state law, if you are under 21 years old. 36 C.F.R.-§ 261.58(bb)
7. Possessing, storing, or transporting a cannabis plant, any part of a cannabis plant, or any substance derived from a cannabis plant. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(t)
8. Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or pyrotechnic device. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(f)
9. Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a properly installed and maintained spark arresting device that complies with either Forest Service Standard 5100-1a (as amended), or Society of Automotive Engineers recommended practices J335(b) and J350(a). 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(j).

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

The Described Areas are the following National Forests (“NF”) and National Grasslands (“NGL”) in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming:

COLORADO

Arapaho & Roosevelt NF
McKelvie NF
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre,
and Gunnison NF
Routt NF
Pike & San Isabel NF
Rio Grande NF
San Juan NF
White River NF
Comanche NGL
Pawnee NGL

KANSAS

Cimarron NGL

NEBRASKA

Nebraska & Samuel R.
Oglala NGL

SOUTH DAKOTA

Black Hills NF
Buffalo Gap NG
Fort Pierre NGL

WYOMING

Bighorn NF
Medicine Bow NF
Shoshone NF
Thunder Basin NGL
Black Hills NF

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect the public safety in the Rocky Mountain Region.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from May 18, 2024, at 12:00 a.m. through May 01, 2027, at 11:59 p.m., unless rescinded.
2. 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.
3. 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.

4. This Order supersedes Order No. R02-2024-01.

Signed and issued on _____.

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