

Order Number: # MBRTB-2024-LAR-138



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Medicine Bow – Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin
National Grassland
Laramie Ranger District
Occupancy and Use**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to Title 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) the following act is prohibited within the Pole Mountain Unit of the Laramie Ranger District, Medicine Bow National Forest in Albany County, State of Wyoming. The restricted area is specifically described as on or within one-quarter mile of the Vedauwoo Road (NFSR #700) and its spurs, located in T14N R71W Sections 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 hereinafter referred to as the restricted area. The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. This order is part of the 2017 Pole Mountain Travel Management Decision and is necessary, because increased dispersed camping has resulted in vegetative impacts and widespread surface disturbance that may lead to significant vegetation loss and soil erosion.

Additionally, increased visitation and widespread camping have reduced the ability to provide a quality and conflict-free visitor experience.

1. Camping within the Restricted Areas unless in a developed campground or designated dispersed campsite provided by the Forest Service. 36CFR § 261.58 (e)
2. Use of a developed or designated dispersed campsite by more than (8) individuals, unless the camp site is designated for group gatherings. 36CFR § 261.58 (f)
3. Building, attending, maintaining, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire within the Restricted Area except in campgrounds and designated dispersed campsites provided by the Forest Service. 36CFR § 261.52(a)

4. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions. 36CFR § 261.58 (g)

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 resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED

The restricted area is specifically described as on or within one-quarter mile of the Vedauwoo Road (NFSR #700) and its spurs, located in T14N R71W Sections 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 hereinafter referred to as the restricted area. The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to limit the development of additional hardened sites along the corridor, improve visitor experience, and protect the visual and environmental integrity of this popular recreation area.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from May 17, 2024 at 0800 through May 17, 2029 at 0800, 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,

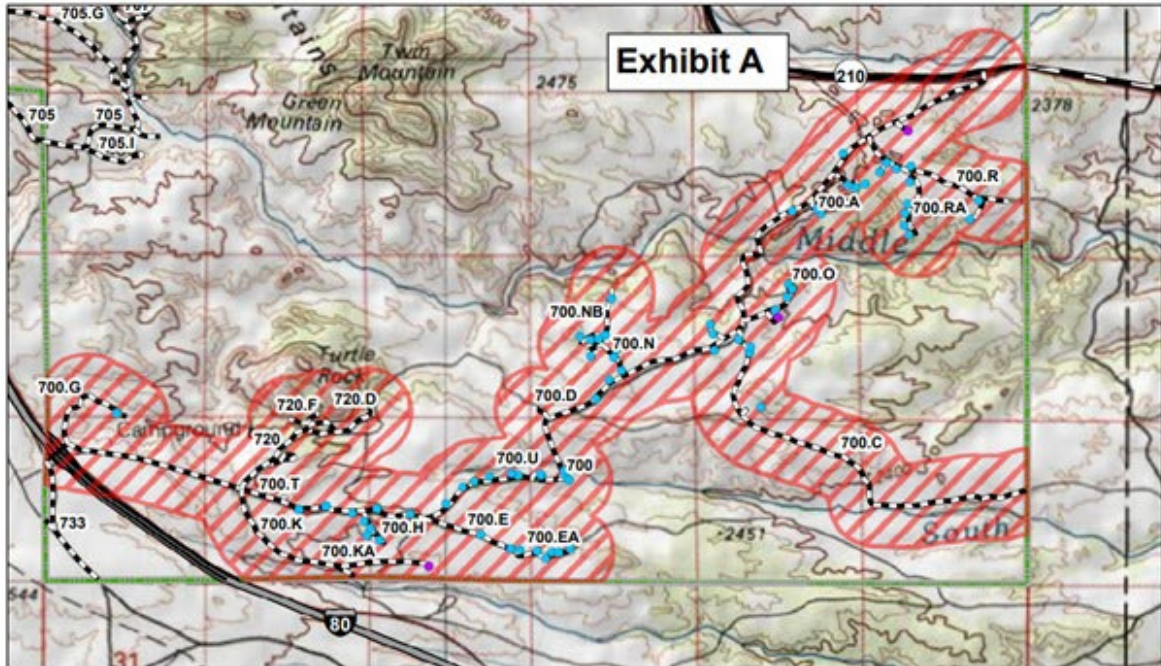
or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

5. Contact the Laramie Ranger District in Laramie WY, (307) 745-2300, and Medicine Bow Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland 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.

Signed and issued on May 17, 2024.

Forest Supervisor
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and Thunder Basin National Grassland

Exhibit A
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Pole Mountain Designated Dispersed Camping

- Dispersed camping restricted zone (1/4 mile from roads)
- Designated individual site
- Designated group site
- USFS Forest boundary
- Seasonally open Forest Service roads

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