



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin
National Grassland
Yampa Ranger District
Occupancy and Use
Bear River Corridor**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following are prohibited on National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Yampa Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Area”):

1. Camping outside designated and posted sites within the Described Area. 36 CFR § 261.58(e).
2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire in the Described Area except for at designated sites where a Forest Service fire grate is provided. 36 CFR § 261.52(a).

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 AREA

The Described Area is all NFS lands within 300 feet of NFS Road #900 (Bear River Road), beginning at the Forest Boundary until the road’s endpoint.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from May 22, 2024, at 12:00 am through May 22, 2029 at 12:00 pm unless rescinded.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/detailfull/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 Yampa Ranger District in Yampa CO, (970) 638-4635, or the 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 22, 2024.

Russell M. Bacon
Forest and Grassland Supervisor
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland