



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

Area Closure and Occupancy and Use Prohibitions

Sarvis Creek Wilderness

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 within the Sarvis Creek Wilderness on the Yampa Ranger District of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, described further below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (“Described Area A”):

1. Camping within 100 feet of any wilderness lake, stream, or NFS Trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e).
2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire within 100 feet of any wilderness lake, stream, or NFS Trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).
3. Hitching, tethering, hobbling, or grazing any saddle, pack, or draft animal within 100 feet of any lake, stream, or NFS Trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(aa); 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(e).
4. Entering or being in Described Area A with more than a combination of 25 persons and/or saddle/ pack animals, with the maximum number of people being 15. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(a); 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(f).
5. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies within the wilderness area for more than 14 days within a 30-day period, including the time period when the equipment/area was occupied for day-use or camping. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(f).
6. Possessing or using a bicycle, wagon, cart, or other vehicle. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(h).
7. Possessing any animal that is not under physical control to prevent harassment or disturbance of wildlife, people, or their property. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s).

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a), the following is prohibited on the NFS lands within the Sarvis Creek Wilderness on the Yampa Ranger District of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, described further below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit B (“Described Area B”):

1. Entering or being in Described Area B from April 1 through July 31 each year. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(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 service in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREAS

Described Area A (depicted in Exhibit A) is the entirety of the Sarvis Creek Wilderness, including all NFS trails within the Described Area. Described Area A is located within the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, Routt and Grand Counties, Colorado.

Described Area B (depicted in Exhibit B) is all NFS lands within ¼ mile radius and covering the area known as “The Dome,” which is located in SE ¼ of Section 36, Township 4N, Range 83W, 6th PM.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources and wilderness character.

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. Maps identifying the Described Areas are attached and made part of this Order as Exhibits A and B. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibits A and B, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/mbr/alerts-notice/>.
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.

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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, 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 Areas.

Signed and issued on May 22, 2024.

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