



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest and Thunder Basin National
Grassland
Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District and Parks Ranger District
Occupancy and Use Prohibitions**

PROHIBITIONS

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

1. Camping within 100 feet of any wilderness lake, stream, or NFS Trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e).
2. Camping within ¼ mile of Gilpin, Gold Creek, or Three Island lakes. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e).
3. 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).
4. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire within ¼ mile of Gilpin, Gold Creek, or Three Island lakes. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).
5. Hitching, tethering, or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal within 100 feet of any lake, stream, or NFS Trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(aa).
6. Grazing any saddle, pack, or draft animal within 100 feet of any lake, stream, or NFS Trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(e).
7. Entering or being in the Described Area 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. § 261.58(f).
8. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies within the Described Area for more than 14 days within a 30-day period, including the time period when the equipment, personal property, or supplies were occupied or used for day-use or camping. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(f).

9. Possessing or using a bicycle, wagon, cart, or other vehicle. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(h).
10. Possessing any animal which is not under sufficient physical control to prevent harassment or disturbance of wildlife or people or their property. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s).

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 in the Mount Zirkel Wilderness Area, which is located in Routt and Jackson Counties, Colorado.

PURPOSE

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

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from June 1, 2024 at [12:00am] through June 1, 2027 at [12:00am], 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.

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§§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

5. Contact the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District in Steamboat Springs, CO, (970) 870-2299, Parks Ranger District (970)723-2700 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 June 6, 2024.

Forest Supervisor

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland