



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Routt National Forest**

Flat Water Use Restrictions

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) waters on the 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 Areas”):

1. Possessing or operating a motorboat with an internal combustion engine. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(n).
2. Water skiing or jet skiing within 75 yards of Big Creek Lakes’ shoreline. 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.58(o), (w).
3. Operating a motorboat in excess of 5 mph within 75 yards of Big Creek Lakes’ shoreline. 36 CFR § 261.58(q).

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

Lake or Reservoir Name	Legal Description
Bear Lake	Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 86 West, 6th P.M.
Chapman Reservoir	Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 86 West, 6th P.M.
Crosho Reservoir	Section 4 & 5, Township 2 North, Range 86 West, 6th P.M.
Dumont Lake	Section 8, Township 5 North, Range 82 West, 6th P.M.
Fish Creek Reservoir	Section 15, Township 6 North, Range 83 West, 6th P.M.
Gardner Park Reservoir	Section 15 & 22, Township 1 North, Range 86 West, 6th P.M.
Harper Reservoir	Section 25 & 26, Township 1 North, Range 86 West, 6th P.M.

Hidden Lakes	Section 9, Township 6 North, Range 82 West, 6th P.M.
Long Lake Reservoir	Section 23, Township 6 North, Range 83 West, 6th P.M.
Slack-Weiss Reservoir	Section 16, Township 5 North, Range 80 West, 6th P.M.
Stillwater Reservoir	Section. 26 & 27, Township 7 North, Range 82 West, 6th P.M.
Teal Lake	Section 16, Township 7 North, Range 82 West, 6th P.M.
Tiago Lake	Section 16, Township 7 North, Range 82 West, 6th P.M.
Vaughan Lake	Section 22, Township 2 N, R88W, 6th P.M.
Hahns Peak Lake	Sections 11 & 12, Township 1 North, Range 85 West, 6th P.M.
Red Dirt Reservoir	Sections 27, 28, & 34, Township 2 North, Range 82 West, 6th P.M.
Sheriff Reservoir	Sections 14 & 15, Township 2 North, Range 86 West, 6th P.M.
Summit Lake	Section 24, Township 6 North, Range 82 West, 6th P.M.
Aqua Fria Reservoir	Sections 29 & 30, Township 8 North, Range 82 West, 6th P.M.
Freeman Reservoir	Section 6, Township 9 North, Range 89 West, 6th P.M.
Two-Ledge Reservoir	Section 11, Township 5 North, Range 80 West, 6th P.M.
Big Creek Lakes	Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 82 West, 6th P.M.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public safety.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from June 7, 2024, at 12:00 am through June 7, 2029 at 12:00 pm unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Areas 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, the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District in Steamboat Springs CO, (970) 870-2299 the Parks Ranger District in Walden CO, (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 Areas.

Signed and issued on June 7, 2024.

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