

FOREST ORDER
USDA FOREST SERVICE
ROUTT NATIONAL FOREST
Hahn's Peak-Bear's Ears Ranger District

Occupancy and Use Restrictions

Elk Winter Range (Spring Creek)
Area Closure and Trail

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on those National Forest Service lands described as the Elk Winter Range Area Closure (the "Restricted Area") within the project area of the Buffalo Pass Trails Project Decision Notice and on all National Forest System roads and trails within the Restricted Area (the "Restricted Trail") all within the Hahn's Peak-Bear's Ears Ranger District, Routt National Forest. The Restricted Area and Restricted Trails are depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

The Restricted Area is further described as Residential/Forest Interface (Routt NF Management Area 7.1) on National Forest System Lands located in Township 7 N in Range 84 W encompassing approximately 390 acres and extending along Spring Creek Trail from the City of Steamboat Springs Parcel to 0.8 miles before the parking lot at the upper Spring Creek Trailhead. The Restricted Trail is further described as NFST # 1160 or Spring Creek Trail.

The purpose of this Order is to protect big game winter range.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Being on a Restricted Trail, between December 1 and April 15 of each year. 36 C.F.R. 261.55(a).
2. Being in the Restricted Area, between December 1 and April 15. 36 C.F.R. 261.53(b).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order.

1. Any person with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This Order will remain in effect until December 1, 2022, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Laramie, Wyoming, the 21st day of November 2017.



Russell Bacon
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Forests and Thunder Basin
National Grassland

Violations of this prohibition are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6), or both.

16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.