

FOREST ORDER

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
Medicine Bow National Forest
Routt National Forest**

Winter Travel Management and Occupancy and Use

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 all National Forest System Lands located on the Medicine Bow National Forest, State of Wyoming, as described on the Forest Visitor Use Map (the "Restricted Area") and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Area (the "Restricted Roads and Trails"); and on designated portions of the Routt National Forest, State of Colorado, as described in Exhibit A.

The purpose of the Order is to provide for public safety and resource protection. Current copies of this order, Medicine Bow Forest Visitor Use Map, and of Exhibit A may be obtained from the forest website and from the nearest office of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests.

ORDER DEFINITIONS:

"Wheeled Motor Vehicle": Any vehicle that is self-propelled and does not utilize sled runners or skis and an endless belt tread and has any type of wheel on it.

"Over Snow Vehicle": Any motor vehicle which utilizes sled runners, skis or tracks and an endless belt tread designed for over the snow operation.

PROHIBITIONS:

Both the Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests:

1. Using or possessing a motorized vehicle including snowmobiles, on a designated ski trail or route. 36 CFR 261.55
2. Operating an OSV off of designated routes shown on the local Forest Service Motor Vehicle Use Map where snow depths are less than 12 inches. 36 CFR § 261.54(b)
3. Camping in a designated parking area or at a trailhead, unless otherwise posted. 36 CFR 261.58(e).

On the Medicine Bow National Forest only, all National Forest System lands:

4. Using any wheeled motor vehicle from December 15th-April 15th of each year on those designated and/or groomed snowmobile trails as indicated on the current State Trails map for the Medicine Bow National Forest. 36 CFR § 261.55 (b)

5. Operating or using any over the snow vehicle (OSV) off of designated routes shown on the local Forest Service Motor Vehicle Use Map between June 1st and November 15th. 36 CFR § 261.56

On the Routt National Forest only, as described in Exhibit A:

6. Using or possessing an over the snow vehicle greater than 50" in width. 36 CFR 261.54(a).
7. Going into or being upon the Buffalo Pass Winter Backcountry Permit Area unless in physical possession of a valid Forest Service backcountry permit between the inclusive dates of December 15 and March 31, each year. 36 CFR 261.53(e).
8. Going into or being upon the designated commercial/mix use areas while using or possessing a motorized vehicle, except on designated and marked trails, between December 15 and March 31, each year. 36 CFR 261.53(e).
9. Going into or being upon designated non-motorized areas while using or in possession of a motorized vehicle, except on designated and marked trails. 36 CFR 261.53(e).

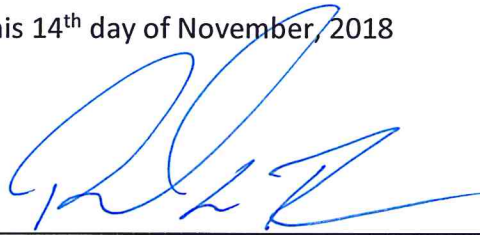
EXEMPTIONS:

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 firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This Order will become effective October 1, 2018 and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until October 1, 2024 whichever event occurs first.

Done at Laramie, Wyoming, this 14th day of November, 2018



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Violation of these prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571