

FOREST ORDER

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MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS AND THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND

Off Road Vehicle Restrictions

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50 (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System Roads and Trails located within the Medicine Bow National Forest in Wyoming.

The Restricted Roads and the Restricted Trails include all designated roads and trails as shown on the Medicine Bow National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland Motor Vehicle Use Maps and applies to the Brush Creek-Hayden, Laramie, and Douglas Ranger Districts.

The purpose of this Order is to protect the health and safety of the public, to protect the natural resources, and to provide the public with consistent ORV (Off Road Vehicle) restrictions within the Medicine Bow National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Operating a vehicle on the Restricted Roads: 1) without a current valid and displayed license plate or Wyoming state ORV permit; 2) without a valid operator's license; or 3) without a helmet when under 18 years of age. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54 (d)
2. Operating a vehicle on the Restricted Trails: 1) without a current valid and displayed Wyoming state ORV permit; or 2) without a helmet when under 18 years of age. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55 (d)

EXEMPTIONS:

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

- (1) Persons with a Forest Service 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This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded or **until June 30th, 2025**, whichever event occurs first.

Executed in Laramie, Wyoming, this **19th day of June, 2020**.

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Violations of this prohibition are 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