

United States Department of Agriculture

Forest Service

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest

Laramie, Brush Creek-Hayden, and Parks Ranger Districts

EMERGENCY ORDER

ORDER No. MBR-2020-302

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following prohibitions are in effect on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest.

When Provided in an order, it is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of: PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY (36 CFR 261.53(e)).

When Provided by an order, the following are prohibited: BEING ON THE ROAD (36 CFR 261.54(e)) and BEING ON A TRAIL (36 CFR 261.55(a)).

This order is to ensure the protection of the public and fire personnel during operations and post-fire impacts related to the Mullen Fire. This emergency order supplements the Motor vehicle use map (MVUM) and travel plan for the Laramie, Brush Creek-Hayden, and Parks Ranger Districts. The area closure includes roads, trails (to include user created and system routes) and the area as shown in Exhibit A. Roads that are closed into the area are listed below. This closure order will go into effect on October 28, 2020 and remain in effect until rescinded.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA closed to motorized traffic and human presence:

Starting at T 15N R 81W, Sec. 34, the closure boundary follows the southern edge of Forest System Route (FSR) 500 until it intersects with FSR 206 and continues following the southern edge of FSR 206 east/northeast. In T 15N R 80W, Sec. 19, the closure boundary intersects and follows FSR 225 (South French Creek Road) until T 15N R 80W, Sec. 29 where the boundary intersects and then follows FSR 275 (Iron Creek Road) east. In T 15N R 79W, Sec. 5 the closure boundary follows FSR 275.5A to FSR 336.B and then continues south on FSR 336 (Libby Flats Road). The closure boundary cuts across Sections 9 and 16 in T 15N R 79W before continuing south on FSR 338 (Ehlin Road). In T 15N R 79W, Sec. 35, the closure intersects FSR 500 (French Creek Road) where it follows the south side of FSR 500 south and then east until the intersection of FSR 500 and FSR 500.B in T 14N R 78W, Sec. 15. The closure boundary follows FSR 500.B north and then follows an unnamed tributary of the Little Laramie River north to FSR 5001 (Albany Trail) and continues north until T 15N R 78W, Sec. 33 where the boundary cuts due-east to the eastern edge of the Medicine Bow National Forest (MBNF) boundary. The closure boundary follows the MBNF boundary to the top corners of Sections 32 and 33 in T 14N R 77W where the boundary then follows FSR 311 (Fox Creek Road) diagonally south/southeast until it again intersects with the MBNF boundary. The closure follows the MBNF to T 13N R 77W, Sec. 9 where the boundary intersects HWY 230 and continues along HWY 230 to the Wyoming/Colorado

state line. The closure boundary continues into Colorado, following Highway 127 to T 12N R 79W, Sec. 26 where the closure boundary follows the Routt National Forest boundary south, west, and then north back to the state line (T 12N R 80W, Sec. 23). The closure then continues north following the western MBNF boundary to T 12N R 80W, Sec. 16 where it then follows FSR 492.2A (Douglas Fir Road) to FSR 492 (Sixmile Gap Road). The boundary continues to the western MBNF boundary and follows the boundary north to T 13N R 80W, Sec. 6. At T 13N R 80W, Sec. 6 the closure follows the east side of the Platte River (FSR 512.Y) closing the Forest Service land to the east of the river. In T 14N R 81W, Sec. 25 the closure meets back up with the western MBNF boundary and follows that boundary north back to T 15N R 81W, Sec. 34.

The closure order includes all Forest System Routes, OHV routes, and trails except a section of FSR 500 between Albany and the private land boundary in T 15N R 79W, Sec. 33, FSR 206 and FSR 492.2A

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from the order:

- (1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- (2) Any Federal, State or Local Law Enforcement Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR part 261, Subpart A.

Executed in Laramie, Wyoming, this 28th day of October, 2020.

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Violation of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).