

FOREST ORDER
USDA-FOREST SERVICE
Bighorn National Forest
Cloud Peak Wilderness

Wilderness Occupancy and Use Restrictions

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited in the Cloud Peak Wilderness on the Bighorn National Forest in Big Horn, Johnson, and Sheridan counties in Wyoming (the Restricted Area) and all National Forest System (NFS) trails in the Restricted Area (the Restricted Trails).

The purpose of this Order is to provide recreational opportunities while protecting water and wilderness resources.

Prohibitions

1. Entering or being in the Restricted Area without a current, self-issued, and signed registration for that visit in possession of the person or group. 36 CFR § 261.57(a)
2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a wood burning stove, campfire, or fire of any type, except in a self-contained chemical, gas or liquid fueled stove, above 9,200 feet in elevation. 36 CFR § 261.52(a)
3. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire, except if it is in a fire blanket, fire pan, or enclosed stove so the fire is confined and not directly on the ground, below 9,200 feet in elevation. 36 CFR § 261.52(a)
4. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire, a fire, or a wood-burning stove within 300 feet of any lake, stream, pond, river, or similar body of water or any NFS trail. 36 CFR § 261.52(a)
5. Possessing, storing, or transporting any part of a tree, including branches, limbs, or trunk, above 9,200 feet in elevation. 36 CFR § 261.58(t)
6. Camping within 100 feet of any body of water. 36 CFR 261.58(e)
7. Hitching, tethering, restraining, or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal to a live tree in violation of posted instructions, except while loading or unloading. 36 CFR § 261.58(aa)
8. Hitching, tethering, restraining, or hobbling a horse or other pack animal within 100 feet of any body of water in violation of posted instructions, except when loading or unloading. 36 CFR § 261.58(aa)
9. Disposing of debris, garbage, or other waste, including camping equipment such as hitching racks, tent frames, and pegs. 36 CFR § 261.57(g)
10. Entering or being in the Restricted Area with a group of more than 10 people or with more than 15 head of pack or saddle animals per group. Groups of 12 people are permitted if a member of the group is trained in Leave No Trace outdoor skills and ethics and has a copy of the training certification in their possession. (NOTE: Larger groups than permitted must have separate self-issued registrations for each group and be split into smaller groups that meet the group size limits if those groups are at least ½ mile apart when travelling or camping.) 36 CFR § 261.58(f)
11. Short cutting a switchback in a trail. 36 CFR § 261.55(e)

12. Disposing human solid waste in the West and Middle Tensleep drainages within the Restricted Area shown on Exhibit A, except into a leak-proof portable toilet or other self-contained receptacle that is removed from the Restricted Area and disposed of in an approved facility off NFS lands. 36 CFR § 261.57(g)
13. Possessing or using a wagon, cart, wheelbarrow, bicycle, game cart, or other motorized or non-motorized vehicle. 36 CFR § 261.57(h)
14. Camping in violation of posted instructions. 36 CFR § 261.58(e)

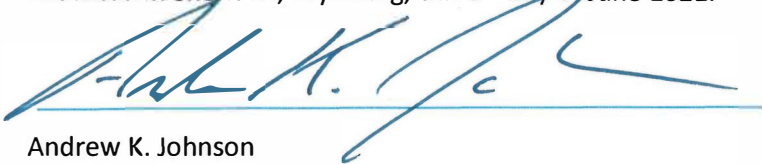
Exemptions

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service special use authorization or other authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
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 is in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2025, whichever occurs first.

Executed in Sheridan, Wyoming, this 9th day of June 2021.



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A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, 3581.