

## TEMPORARY AREA CLOSURE

### USDA - FOREST SERVICE WHITE RIVER AND MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the Flat Tops Wilderness on the Blanco and Eagle-Holy Cross and of the White River National Forest, and the Yampa Ranger District of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, in Eagle, Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties, State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as the Restricted Area. The Restricted Area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. This Order is necessary to protect the wilderness resource and to manage recreational use within the Flat Tops Wilderness.

#### PROHIBITIONS:

1. Entering or being in the restricted area with more than 15 people per group, and a maximum combination of 25 people and pack or saddle animals in any one group. 36 C.F.R. §261.58(f).
2. Camping:
  - a) within one hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, National Forest System Trail, or any "No Camping" or "Wilderness Restoration Site" sign, or;
  - b) within ¼ mile of Trappers, Hooper, Keener or Smith lakes. 36 C.F.R. §261.58(e).
3. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire within one hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, or National Forest System Trail. 36 C.F.R. §261.52(a);
4. Possessing (except for watering or through travel), hitching, tethering, grazing, loose herding, picketing or hobbling any pack, saddle, or draft animal:
  - a) within one hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, or National Forest System Trail, or;
  - b) within ¼ mile of Trappers Lake. 36 C.F.R. §261.58(aa).
5. Possessing a dog or other animal that is uncontrolled, harassing wildlife, people, or damaging property. 36 C.F.R. §261.58(s).
6. Possessing, storing or transporting any plant material, such as hay or straw.

**NOTE:** Exceptions are allowed for livestock feed that has been processed through chemical or mechanical means in a manner that will destroy viable seeds. Examples of allowed material include: **pelletized feed and rolled grains.** 36 C.F.R. §261.58(t).
7. Possessing or using a bicycle, wagon, cart or other vehicle including a wheelbarrow or game cart. 36 C.F.R. §261.57(h).
8. Shortcutting a switchback in a trail. 36 C.F.R. §261.55(e).
9. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies within the wilderness area for more than 10 days. 36 C.F.R. §261.57(f).


EXEMPTIONS:

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

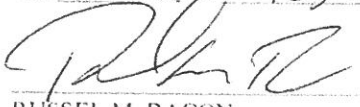
1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded, or until January 30, 2024, whichever event occurs first. This Order supersedes, replaces and rescinds Order No. 2014-02.

Done in Glenwood Springs, Colorado  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February

  
SCOTT FITZWILLIAMS  
Forest Supervisor  
White River National Forest

Done in Laramie, Wyoming  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February

  
RUSSEL M. BACON  
Forest Supervisor  
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest  
Thunder Basin National Grassland

Violations of these regulations 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 six (6) months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.

**WILDERNESS OCCUPANCY AND USE REGULATIONS  
FLAT TOPS WILDERNESS  
WHITE RIVER AND ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS**

**ORDER # 2019-01**

**EXHIBIT A**

