Order Number R02-2015-02

REGIONAL CLOSURE ORDER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OFAGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

Explosives and Exploding Targets

Pursuant to 16 United State 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 administered as National Forests or National Grasslands within the Rocky Mountain Region (Region 2) of the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service in the states of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming (the "Restricted Areas") and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Areas (the "Restricted Roads and Trails").

This Regional Order is supplemental to and does not rescind or replace those restrictions at 36 C.F.R. §261 Subpart A and/or any Forest Supervisor Order issued under 36 C.F.R. §261 Subpart B.

RESTRICTED AREAS: The Restricted Areas includes the following National Forests ("NF") and National Grasslands ("NGL"):

COLORADO
Arapaho & Roosevelt NF
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison NF
Routt NF
Pike & San Isabel NF
Rio Grande NF
San Juan NF
White River NF
Comanche NGL
Pawnee NGL

KANSAS
Cimarron NGL

SOUTH DAKOTA
Black Hills NF
Buffalo Gap NGL
Fort Pierre NGL

NEBRASKA
Nebraska & Samuel R. McKelvie NF
Oglala NGL

WYOMING
Bighorn NF
Medicine Bow NF
Shoshone NF
Thunder Basin NGL
Black Hills NF

This Regional Order is necessary to protect public health and safety and to provide the public with consistent public health and safety restrictions in the Rocky Mountain Region.

PROHIBITION:

1. Using an explosive; including exploding targets. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(b)

   An explosive is defined as any chemical compound, mixture, or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion.

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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.
3. Any person engaged in the use of black powder or other muzzleloader propellant, and the use of its associated ignition source, for legal hunting or recreational shooting with a muzzleloader. This exemption does not include the firing at or use of exploding targets.

The Regional Order shall be in effect from August 2, 2015 until August 2, 2016, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Golden, Colorado this 24, day of July, 2015.

for Maribeth Gustafson

DANIEL J. JIRON
Regional Forester
Rocky Mountain Region

Violations of 36 Code of Federal Regulations (36 C.F.R.) are punishable as a class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. 16 U.S.C. §551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571