EMERGENCY ORDER
USDA FOREST SERVICE
MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS
PARKS, LARAMIE & BRUSH CREEK HAYDEN RANGER DISTRICTS
AREA CLOSURE – CAMPING ALONG NORTH PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR

ORDER No. MBR-2022-139

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50 (a), the following acts are prohibited on described National Forest System lands located on Parks (Jackson County, Colorado), Laramie (Carbon County, Wyoming), and Brush Creek-Hayden (Carbon County, Wyoming) Ranger Districts of Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests (“Restricted Area”).

The Restricted Area is defined as National Forest System lands for 1,000 feet on either side of the centerline of the North Platte River, from the point the North Platte River flows north across the Forest boundary immediately south of Routt Access (6th Principal Meridian, T11N, R80W, Section 2) to the point the North Platte River flows north across the Forest boundary near the confluence with Savage Run Creek (6th Principal Meridian, T14N, R81W, Section 26), as shown on as Exhibit A.

The Restricted area is shown in orange on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

The purpose of this Emergency Order is to minimize risk to human life and safety. Due to the Mullen fire there is increased potential for hazards along the river, including debris flows, flash floods and hazard trees. Long-duration activities in one location, such as camping, increase exposure time and therefore increase the risk associated with these activities.

PROHIBITIONS:

1) Camping or any type of overnight occupancy within the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53 (e)

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This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2022, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Laramie, Wyoming, this 19th day of May, 2022.

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Russell M. Bacon
Forest Supervisor
MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS

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).
Exhibit A

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM AREA EMERGENCY CLOSURE
CAMPING PROHIBITED

North Platte River – Routt Access to Confluence with Savage Run Creek
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