PROHIBITIONS:
Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the area and on the roads and trails described in this Order, all within the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, Routt Counties within the State of Colorado:

1. Going into or being upon the area described below that is closed for the protection of resources. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).

2. Using any motor vehicle on the road(s) described below. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).


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

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA AND ROADS DESCRIBED:
All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the exterior boundaries of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests as depicted on the attached map at Exhibit A. Beginning at the intersection of Forest Road 42 and County Road 80, encompassing 300 feet south of the Forest Road 42 heading southeast toward Meaden Peak including Forest Road 153, heading south including headwaters of Armstrong Creek and Forest Road 151, continuing east and then south to include headwaters of Second and First Creeks, heading west and just south of First Creek, continuing south to Forest boundary and excluding private parcel, headed west along Forest boundary excluding private land, heading north to base of Quaker Mountain, heading north and northwest along south end of private parcel, heading west and then southwest to private parcel south of Elkhead Creek, heading northwest and south of Elkhead Creek to northwest to Stukey Creek private parcel, including Forest Road 115 and 115.1A, excluding Colorado State Land Board parcel, heading north and west of Jokodowski Creek, north and including Forest Road 150.2E and
Trail 1144, north to base of Saddle Mountain, south 300 feet of Forest Road 117, and east to County Road 80.

Closed roads and trails include: National Forest System Road (NFSR) 115, 115.1A, 150.2E, 151, 153, and a portion of NFS Trail 1144 within the California Park Special Interest Area.

Open roads include: County Road 80 will remain open.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect the area from actual or potential damage due to public uses as described in the Routt National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Guideline for Management Area 2.1.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be effective on the 25th of June, 2022, at 0800, and will remain in effect until July 15th, 2022, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

2. A Map identifying the area closure is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. and at [http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/mbr/alerts-notices](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/mbr/alerts-notices)

3. Unless otherwise defined in this Order, the terms in this Order are defined in accordance with 36 C.F.R. § 261.2. If there are terms in this Order that are not defined in the Order or in Forest Service regulations, their meaning is determined by their plain language definition.

4. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for individuals and $10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months (see 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581 (b)(7)).

5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests Supervisors office located in Laramie, WY, telephone number 307-745-2300.

6. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in/on the same area, roads, and trail described by this Order.

Done at Laramie, Wyoming this 24th day of June, 2022

Russell M. Bacon  
Forest Supervisor  
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland
Assessment of Need (Justification), CRIS and Enforcement Plan

1. **Background:** The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests are proposing to temporarily close the described area (California Park Special Interest Area of the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District) from use by the public. The purpose of this order is to protect the area from actual or potential damage due to public use. The restricted area is shown on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. An Order is needed to be able to cite persons unwilling to comply with this special order.

2. **Intent of Subpart B order:** To assure the protection of and management of biological diversity, geological, historical, paleontological, and other values of the Special Interest Area for which it was identified. The purpose of this Order is to provide for restrictions or closures available under 36 CFR, Subpart B, when necessary, to protect the area from actual or potential damage due to public uses as described in the Routt National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Guideline for Management Area 2.1.

3. **NEPA Compliance:** This Order falls under FSH 1909.15, 31.12, (1): “Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261 - Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety”. This Order will not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and, therefore, is categorically excluded from documentation in an EIS or an EA. The only physical changes to the environment associated with this Order will be signs posted temporarily for the duration of the closure. No effects to extraordinary circumstances are anticipated.

4. **Civil Rights Impact Statement:** This Order does not constitute a “major action” as defined in FSH 1709.11, 31.1. It merely minimizes the impacts to resources; as such, no one group is expected to be displaced or experience a disproportionate burden as a result of this Order.

5. **Enforcement Plan:** The following activities will occur in order to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety: Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers, Forest Protection Officers, Sheriff Deputies, Fire Wardens, Fire Prevention Technicians, firefighting crews, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife Officers will patrol the affected area to enforce as well as educate the public on the closure area.

Potentially affected individuals and other Forest users will be notified of this Order with the issuance of a press release, which will be routed through appropriate media outlets. Furthermore, the Order will be posted on the Forest website, at the Forest Supervisor's Office, and at all ranger district offices on the Forest. When implemented, the prohibitions listed in the Order will be posted in reasonable locations including, but not limited to: electronic reader boards, day use areas, developed campgrounds, visitor centers, and some dispersed camping areas.

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<td>Approve proposed order</td>
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Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51
Volunteers, Forest Service LEOs and
FPOs, and all available staffs

Prepare news release for local media describing
the order and management objectives/post to website/notify
COIDC/copy to each receptionist/frontliners
Forest PAO

Notices will be used at access points advising of the closure
for implementation.
Appropriate Staff
Law Enforcement Officers
Forest Protection Officers
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests
and Thunder Basin National
Grassland Employees & Volunteers

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

RUSSELL M. BACON
FOREST SUPERVISOR

6/24/2022