

**FOREST ORDER**

**USDA FOREST SERVICE  
MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS  
Brush Creek/Hayden District**

**REVISED FIRE CLOSURE  
Snake Fire Area**

Pursuant to 16 United States 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 within the Snake Fire Area on the Medicine Bow National Forest, Carbon County, Wyoming (the "Restricted Area") and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Area (the "Restricted Roads and Trails"). The Restricted Area and the Restricted Roads and Trails are depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A.

This Revision removes NFSR 807 (aka the Battle Creek Road) from the Restricted Roads and the area within 300 feet of NFSR 807 from the Restricted Area. All other Restricted Areas, Roads and Trails remain in place. Although full suppression efforts continue for the Snake Fire, seasonal weather patterns including lower temperatures and higher humidity have reduced fire activity and growth throughout much of the Fire Area. This Closure Order reflects assessment of hazards associated with current and anticipated fire activity. The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources, public safety, and firefighter safety due to the impacts of the wildland fire and associated fire suppression activities.

The Restricted Area is defined as follows: NFS lands within the area from the Colorado-Wyoming state line at NFSR 807.1K near the Focus Ranch; north and west along the national forest boundary to NFSR 807.1E; then north and west along NFSR 807.1E to its junction with NFSR 807 (aka Battle Creek Road); then east on NFSR 807 to its junction with NFSR 807.1B; then north and west along NFSR 807.1B to its junction with NFSR 879; then northeast on NFSR 879 to its junction with NFSR 807 near Cottonwood Park; then northwest along NFSR 807 to its crossing of Battle Creek; then upstream along Battle Creek to the Huston Park Wilderness boundary; then east along the Wilderness boundary to NFST 860 (aka Roaring Fork Trail); then northeast along NFST 860 to the Continental Divide at Standard Park; then east and south along the Continental Divide to NFST 412 (aka Continental Divide National Scenic Trail) near Huston Park; then along NFST 412 to its junction with NFST 858 (aka Verde Mine Trail) near Huston Park; then south along NFST 858 to the Wilderness boundary; then east along the Wilderness boundary to Deadman Creek; then downstream along Deadman Creek to its confluence with the North Fork Little Snake River; then downstream along the North Fork Little Snake River to its confluence with Rose Creek; then upstream along Rose Creek to the Colorado-Wyoming state line; the west along the Colorado-Wyoming state line (excluding private lands within the national forest boundary) to NFSR 807.1K.

The Restricted Roads and Trails include all County and National Forest System roads and all National Forest System trails within the Restricted Area, including those portions of roads used as the boundary of the Restricted Area, except that portion of NFST 412 (aka Continental Divide National Scenic Trail) near Huston Park, which will remain open for public travel.

**PROHIBITIONS:**

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e) and 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e)

2. Being on the Restricted Roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e)
3. Being on the Restricted Trails. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a)

**EXEMPTIONS:**

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

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

This revised order becomes effective on September 23, 2016, and remains in effect until rescinded, or through October 21, 2016, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Laramie, Wyoming this 23rd day of September, 2016



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Violations of these prohibitions 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 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571