

**FOREST ORDER**

**USDA FOREST SERVICE  
MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS  
Brush Creek/Hayden and Parks Ranger Districts**

**FIRE CLOSURE  
Beaver Creek Fire**

This Order rescinds MBRTB-2016-237-Revision 1 (9/1/2016) and establishes MBRTB-2016-265 for the Beaver Creek Fire Closure.

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 certain National Forest System lands within the Beaver Creek Fire Area on the Routt National Forest, Jackson County, Colorado and Medicine Bow National Forest, Carbon County, Wyoming (the "Restricted Areas") and on specified roads and trails located within the Restricted Areas (the "Restricted Roads and Trails"). This revised order changes the area covered by the Closure to reflect seasonal reductions in current and anticipated fire activity and growth. The Restricted Areas and the Restricted Roads and Trails are depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A.

The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests are assuming incident command for the Beaver Creek Fire. Fire activity, weather and fuels conditions have been reviewed to see if conditions warrant reopening any areas for public use. With this Order, the Restricted Area and Restricted Roads and Trails are changed to open many previously restricted NFS lands, roads and trails in the Beaver Creek Fire Area. Locations with current hazards associated with continued full suppression, fire impacts and fire monitoring will remain closed to public use as described for the Restricted Area, Roads and Trails. 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 incident management activities.

The Restricted Roads and Trails are further defined as including National Forest System Road (NFSR) 408 (aka Middle Fork Road) in Wyoming from its origin at NFSR 407 to its terminus in T12N, R82W, S17); and in Colorado, NFSR 660 (aka Helena Road) from its origin at NFSR 600 to its terminus near the Helena Trailhead in T11N, R82W, Section 26; National Forest System Trail (NFST) 1124 (aka Beaver Creek Trail) from its origin at the Beaver Creek Trailhead to its junction with NFST 1151 (aka Buffalo Ridge/Davis Peak Trail); and NFST 1125 (aka Seven Lakes Trail) from its origin at the Seven Lakes Trailhead in Big Creek Lakes Recreation Area to its junction with NFST 1151.

The Restricted Areas are further defined to include: those areas within 100 feet either side of the Restricted Roads and Trails; the Beaver Creek and Seven Lakes trailheads and those areas within 100 feet of the Beaver Creek and Seven Lakes trailheads; and the east side of the Big Creek Lakes Recreation Area (including campsites 46-54, the east boat launch, and east day use area). The west side of the Big Creek Lakes Recreation Area is not included in this Order and is open for public use except at the Seven Lakes Trailhead. The Helena Trailhead itself, as accessed from NFST 1126 (aka Grizzly-Helena Trail) is also open for public use.

**PROHIBITIONS:**

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Areas. 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; or
- 2) Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

This revised order becomes effective on September 22, 2016, and remains in effect until rescinded, or through October 21, 2016, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Laramie, Wyoming this 22nd day of September, 2016



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THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND

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