

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-2016-265 (9/22/2016) and establishes MBRTB-2016-280 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 trails located within the Restricted Areas (the "Restricted Trails"). This revised order changes the area covered by the Closure to reflect reductions in fire activity and identified resource impacts from the fire. The Restricted Areas and the Restricted Trails are depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A.

The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests have assumed incident command for the Beaver Creek Fire, which is now in patrol and monitor status. Decreased fire activity, fall weather and resource impacts in the Fire Area have been reviewed to see if conditions warrant reopening any areas for public use. With this Order, the Restricted Area and Restricted Roads are changed to open NFSR 408 (aka Middle Fork Road), NFSR 660 (aka Helena Road) and the east side of Big Creek Lakes Recreation Area for public use. Other Restricted Areas and Trails will remain closed to public use as described below. The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources and provide for public safety as the fire reaches full suppression and while resource evaluation and fire rehabilitation activities are completed.

The Restricted Trails are defined as including 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 Trails; the Beaver Creek and Seven Lakes trailheads and those areas within 100 feet of the Beaver Creek and Seven Lakes trailheads. 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, reached from NFSR 660 and NFST 1126 (aka Grizzly-Helena Trail), is 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 October 6, 2016, and remains in effect until rescinded, or through June 30, 2017, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Laramie, Wyoming this 6th day of October, 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