ORDER No. MBRTB-2017-054

FOREST ORDER
USDA FOREST SERVICE
MEDICINE BOW-ROUXTT NATIONAL FORESTS
Laramie Ranger District

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROAD and AREA RESTRICTION
Occupancy and Use Closure: Southeast Snowy Range Crucial Deer and Elk Winter Range

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 those National Forest Service lands described as the Southeast Snowy Range Crucial Deer and Elk Winter Range Closure Area (the "Restricted Area") as well as all roads within the Restricted Area and additional sections of further described roads (the "Restricted Roads") all located within the Laramie Ranger District of the Medicine Bow National Forest in Albany County, State of Wyoming.


The Restricted Area is defined as all of those National Forest System (NFS) lands within the area from the Wyoming-Colorado state line at Forest Service Road 526 (T13N R77W Sec. 18), East along the forest boundary until the easternmost forest boundary line, then North along the forest boundary to NFSR 311, then Northwest along the south side of NFSR 311 to the point where NFSR 311 meets the Northern forest boundary, then West and North along the Forest Boundary to the east side of T14N R77W Sec. 13, then South until reaching the Wyoming-Colorado state line. The westernmost boundary of this closure is located in sections 18, 19, 30, and 31 of T14N R77W, sections 5, 6, 7, 17, 21, 29, 32 of T13N R77W, Sections 12 and 13 of T12N R78W and Sections 6, 7, and 18 of T12N R77W.

The Restricted Roads and Restricted Areas are shown on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

The purpose of this order is to protect crucial deer and elk winter range in the Southeast side of the Snowy Range. This area has been identified by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department as crucial winter range and is identified as crucial winter range in the forest plan (management area 3.58). The order is necessary to protect wintering deer and elk from stress caused by motorized vehicles.

PROHIBITIONS:

1) Using a Motor Vehicle (including over-snow motor vehicle) on the Restricted Roads between October 1 and June 15 of each year. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54 (a)

2) Operating or possessing a Motor Vehicle (including over-snow motor vehicles) off National Forest System Roads in the Restricted area between October 1 and June 15. 36 C.F.R. § 261.56

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 firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until February 22, 2022, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Laramie, Wyoming, this 23rd day of February, 2017.

DENNIS JAEGER
Forest Supervisor
MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS

Violation 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