

**REGIONAL CLOSURE ORDER  
Occupancy and Use Restrictions**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION**

Pursuant to 16 United State 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 roads and all National Forest System lands administered as National Forests or National Grasslands within the Rocky Mountain Region (Region 2) of the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service in the states of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

This Regional Order is supplemental to and does not rescind or replace those restrictions at 36 C.F.R. §261 Subpart A, and/or any Forest Supervisor Order issued under 36 C.F.R. §261 Subpart B. This Regional Order is necessary to protect the public health and safety and to provide the public with consistent public health and safety restrictions in the Rocky Mountain Region.

**National Forests ("NF") and National Grasslands ("NGL"):**

COLORADO

Arapaho & Roosevelt NF  
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre,  
and Gunnison NF  
Routt NF  
Pike & San Isabel NF  
Rio Grande NF  
San Juan NF  
White River NF  
Comanche NGL  
Pawnee NGL

KANSAS

Cimarron NGL

SOUTH DAKOTA

Black Hills NF  
Buffalo Gap NGL  
Fort Pierre NGL

NEBRASKA

Nebraska & Samuel R. McKelvie NF  
Oglala NGL

WYOMING

Bighorn NF  
Medicine Bow NF  
Shoshone NF  
Thunder Basin NGL  
Black Hills NF

**PROHIBITION:**

1. Operating any motor vehicle on National Forest System roads in violation of applicable state, county, or local government law, regulation and/or ordinance relating to the operation, use, or possession of motor vehicles. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(d)
2. Operating a vehicle carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the rights or safety of other persons or in a manner or at a speed that would endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property on National Forest System roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(f)
3. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(g)
4. Using a National Forest System road for commercial hauling without a permit or written authorization from the Forest Service. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(c)
5. Possessing an open container, containing a beverage, or consuming a beverage which is defined as an alcoholic beverage by applicable state law on National Forest System (NFS) roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(bb)

6. Possessing or consuming a beverage which is defined as an alcoholic beverage by applicable state law by persons under 21 years of age. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(bb)
7. Possessing, storing or transporting Cannabis plant/s or part thereof or any controlled substance derived from the manufacture of Cannabis plant/s as defined or classified under Title 21 § 802(16) as Marijuana. C.F.R. § 261.58(t)
8. Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or pyrotechnic device. C.F.R. § 261.52(f)
9. Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order, meeting either; (1) Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a (as amended); or (2) Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a). 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(j).

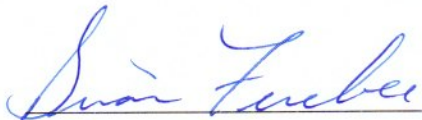
**EXEMPTIONS:**

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. Persons utilizing motorized vehicles to provide incidental services for holders of National Forest System in-holdings, for holders of Forest Service recreational special use authorizations, and/or for authorized public services are exempt from Prohibition 4.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

The Regional Order shall be in effect from January \_\_\_\_, 2017 until December 31, 2020, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Golden, Colorado this 24 day of January, 2017.



BRIAN FEREBEE  
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Rocky Mountain Region

Violations of 36 Code of Federal Regulations (36 C.F.R.) 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 six (6) months, or both. 16 U.S.C. §§ 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.