ORDER No. MBRTB-2018-LAR-136

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

AREA RESTRICTION: Dispersed camping

Occupancy and Use Closure: Pursuant to Title 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) the following act is prohibited within the Pole Mountain Unit of the Laramie Ranger District, Medicine Bow National Forest in Albany County, State of Wyoming. The restricted area is specifically described as on or within one-quarter mile of the Vedauwoo Road (NFSR #700) and its spurs, located in T14N R71W Sections 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 hereinafter referred to as the restricted area. The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. This order is necessary, because increased dispersed camping has resulted in vegetative impacts and widespread surface disturbance that may lead to significant vegetation loss and soil erosion. Additionally, increased visitation and widespread camping have reduced the ability to provide a quality and conflict-free visitor experience.

Prohibitions in the restricted area:

1. Camping within the Restricted Areas unless in a developed campground or designated dispersed campsite provided by the Forest Service. 36CFR § 261.58 (e)

2. Use of a developed or designated dispersed campsite by more than (8) individuals, unless the camp site is designated for group gatherings. 36CFR § 261.58 (f)

3. Building, attending, maintaining, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire within the Restricted Area except in campgrounds and dispersed campsites that are designated by the Forest Service. 36CFR § 261.52(a)

4. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions. 36CFR § 261.58 (g)

Exemptions:

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

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 organization rescue or fire fighting 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This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until May 15, 2023, whichever event occurs first. Done at Laramie, Wyoming, this 16th day of May, 2018.

Russell Bacon
Forest Supervisor

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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).