
ORDER NO. MBRTB-2018-177, Revision 1
9/28/2018

FOREST ORDER

STAGE I FIRE AND SMOKING RESTRICTIONS
ROUTT NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a), and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the **Routt** National Forest located in **Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Routt and Rio Blanco** Counties, in the state of Colorado (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 to protect public health and safety due to fire danger.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).

Definitions:

- a. **Fire** includes, but is not limited to, charcoal grills and stoves, wood or other combustible material fire stoves, and/or campfires.
 - b. **Campfire** means a fire, not within any building, mobile home or living accommodation mounted on a motor vehicle, which is used for cooking, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or esthetic purposes.
 - c. **Stove fire** means a campfire built inside an enclosed stove or grill, a portable brazier, or a stove, including a space-heating device, whether fueled by wood, charcoal, pressurized liquid or gas, or other combustible material.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(d).
 3. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(i).
 4. Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either:
 - a. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or
 - b. Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a). 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(j).

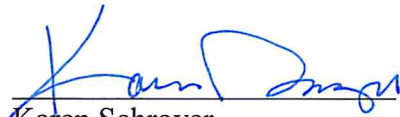
EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service issued permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission;
2. Any Federal, State or Local Officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty;
3. Persons who are in the act of building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire in a Forest Service provided metal fire ring or grille in a designated site within a developed Forest Service campground, recreation area, or picnic ground, are exempt from prohibition number 1 above;
4. Persons who are in the act of building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire on National Forest System lands provided the fire, campfire, or stove fire is fitted with a spark arrestor or screen, and that the spark arrestor or screen is used at all times, are exempt from prohibition number 1 above;
5. Persons who are in the act of using petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices which meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety, are exempt from prohibition number 1 above; and
6. Resident owners and lessees of land, and holders of Forest Service Special Use authorizations for recreation residences, lodges and resorts, within the restricted area are exempt from Prohibition No. 1, provided such fires are within a permanently constructed residence or building.

This Order supersedes previous version of Order No. MBRTB-2018-177 dated June 26th 2018. This Order shall be in effect at 12:01 a.m. on September 29, 2018 and will remain in force until rescinded, or October 31, 2018, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Laramie Wyoming, this 28th day of September, 2018.


Karen Schroyer
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Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests
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Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.