

**REGIONAL CLOSURE ORDER**  
**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**FOREST SERVICE**  
**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION**

**Explosives and Exploding Targets**

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (USC) §551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) §261.50(a) and (b), the act listed below is prohibited on all National Forest System lands administered as National Forest 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 (the "Restricted Areas") and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Areas (the "Restricted Roads and Trails").

This Regional Order is necessary to protect public health and safety and to provide the public with consistent public health and safety restrictions in the Rocky Mountain Region.

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.

**RESTRICTED AREAS:** The Restricted Areas includes the following 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

Big Horn NF  
 Medicine Bow NF  
 Shoshone NF  
 Thunder Basin NGL  
 Black Hills NF

**PROHIBITED ACT:**

1. **Using an explosive.** 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(b)

An explosive is defined as any chemical compound, mixture, or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion. To include exploding targets.

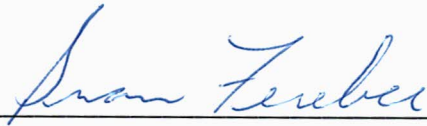
**EXEMPTIONS:**

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 fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any person engaged in the use of black powder or other muzzleloader propellant, and the use of its associated ignition source, for legal hunting or recreational shooting with a muzzleloader. This exemption does not include the firing at or use of exploding targets.

This Regional Order shall be in effect from August 2, 2018 until August 2, 2020, or until rescinded, which-ever event occurs first.

Signed at Lakewood, Colorado this 15<sup>th</sup>, day of August, 2018.



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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 \$5,000.00 for an Individual or \$10,000.00 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.