

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
FLAMING GORGE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**

***AREA CLOSURE***

**Stateline Cove, Swim Beach and Linwood Bay Dispersed Camping Areas and (Gravel Pit)  
Campsite**

***(For Public Safety)***

**PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following act is prohibited on the National Forest System Lands described in this Order, all within the administrative boundaries of the Ashley National Forest, Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect through **April 22, 2020**, unless rescinded earlier by the Forest Supervisor.

1. Going into or being upon the areas described in this order). **36 CFR 261.53(e)**

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
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. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

**STATELINE COVE AREA CLOSED TO PUBLIC ENTRY**

**Stateline Cove Area** - all National Forest System Lands within 500 feet on either side of the following (Roads are Closed): Forest Service Road (FSR 075, 150). This area is located approximately 4.5 miles north of Manila, Utah.

**SWIM BEACH DAY USE AREA**

**Swim Beach Day Use Area** – all National Forest System Lands within 500 feet on either side of the following (Roads are Closed): Forest Service Road (FSR 536). This area is located approximately 4.6 miles north of Manila, Utah.

**LINWOOD BAY DISPERSED CAMPING AREAS (GRAVEL PIT) AREAS**

**Linwood Bay Dispersed Camping Areas-** all National Forest System Lands within the following (Roads are Closed): Linwood Bay Dispersed Camping Areas (Gravel Pit) Areas. (Service Roads FSR's 071, 365, 801). This area is approximately 4.4 miles north of Manila, Utah.

**PURPOSE:**

To provide for public safety due to hazards associated with the COVID-19 virus and to mitigate aquatic invasive species (AIS) entry in high traffic areas known to not utilize state AIS inspection processes.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect through **April 22, 2020**, unless rescinded earlier by the Forest Supervisor.
2. A map identifying the above-described areas is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and is made part of this Order.
3. Violation of the above prohibition(s) is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual, or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571 (b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7).]
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Ashley National Forest Supervisor's office: telephone number (435) 789-1181.

**Done at Vernal, UT this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2020.**

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Forest Supervisor  
Ashley National Forest

**Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan**

Flaming Gorge Ranger District, Ashley National Forest

1. **Background.** The areas covered under this closure order provide access to recreational opportunities within the Ashley National Forest, Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area that create a high probability of congregating groups of 10 or more individuals and create concern about the ability of recreationist to practice social distancing at these sites. Given the amount of use at these areas and the draw for people outside of the local area, Forest Service Line Staff, County Commissioners, County Sheriff's Office, and other local representatives have recommended closing these areas to reduce the risk of community spread of the COVID-19 virus by discouraging discretionary travel and discouraging watercraft entry into Flaming Gorge in these areas to circumvent boat check stations at designated boat ramps.
2. **Intent of Subpart B order.** This temporary closure is for public access to the areas listed above in order to provide for public safety by discouraging discretionary travel to the area based on concerns related to the COVID-19 virus. This temporary closure restricts the use of motor vehicles, camp trailers, and watercraft entry into these areas. The intent is to utilize and maintain existing restroom facilities for the public, use of social distancing practices provided by the CDC and Tri-County Health Department, and provide education and enforcement efforts on social distancing guidelines for recreationalists fishing from the shorelines.
3. **Enforcement Plan.** Signing, barricades and electronic signs has been installed at the entrance to each area to advise the public of the closure. Ongoing maintenance of the signs will occur until the closure is rescinded. Signing will be placed appropriately to notify the public of the closure. Forest Service personnel will make compliance contacts as needed.

<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>Responsible Official</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate staff with LEI input	04/7/2020
Review proposed order	Supervisory LEO	04/7/2020
Review proposed order	RO LE&I / OGC	04/7/2020
News Release	District Ranger/PAO	As needed
Educational and compliance contacts	Appropriate staff/ LEO/FPOs	Ongoing

Plan approved for implementation:

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