

REGIONAL CLOSURE ORDER

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION**

Explosives and Exploding Targets

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following prohibition applies to all National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the U.S. Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Region, which encompasses the following National Forests (NF) and National Grasslands (NGL) (collectively, "Region 2"):

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

NEBRASKA

Nebraska & Samuel R. McKelvie NF
Oglala NGL

SOUTH DAKOTA

Black Hills NF
Buffalo Gap NG
Fort Pierre NGL

WYOMING

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

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety in Region 2. It is supplemental to, and does not rescind or replace, any restrictions contained in 36 C.F.R. § 261 Subpart A or any order issued under 36 C.F.R. § 261 Subpart B.

PROHIBITIONS:

The following act is prohibited in Region 2:

- 1) Using an explosive, which is any chemical compound, mixture, or device that has the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion (including exploding targets). 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(b).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 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 firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3) Persons using black powder or other muzzleloader propellant, and its associated ignition source, for legal hunting or recreational shooting with a muzzleloader that does not include firing at or using exploding targets.

This Order shall be in effect from August 3rd, 2020 until December 31, 2022 or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

Executed in Lakewood, Colorado this 29th day of July, 2020

Jennifer Eberlien
Acting Regional Forester
Rocky Mountain Region

A violation of the prohibitions in this Order is 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).