

**REGIONAL CLOSURE ORDER
Occupancy and Use Restrictions**

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. §551 and 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart B, the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Rocky Mountain Region (Region 2) of the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming (the "Restricted Area").

This Regional Order is supplemental to and does not rescind or replace those restrictions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A, or any Forest Supervisor Order issued under 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart B. This Regional Order is necessary to protect the public health and safety in the Rocky Mountain Region.

RESTRICTED AREAS: The Restricted Area 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

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

PROHIBITIONS: This Order prohibits the following acts in the Restricted Area:

1. Operating a motor vehicle on NFS roads in violation of applicable state, county, or local government law, regulation, or ordinance relating to the operation, use, or possession of motor vehicles. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(d) -
2. Operating a motor vehicle on NFS roads carelessly, recklessly, without regard for the rights or safety of other persons, or in a manner or at a speed that would endanger or likely endanger any person or property. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(f) -
3. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(g)
4. Using a NFS road for commercial hauling without a permit or written authorization from the Forest Service, except to provide authorized public services or incidental services for persons with NFS in-holdings or recreational special use authorizations. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(c)
5. Possessing an open container of an alcoholic beverage, as defined by applicable state law, on NFS roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(bb)

6. Possessing or consuming an alcoholic beverage, as defined by applicable state law, if you are under 21 years old. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(bb) -
7. Possessing, storing, or transporting marihuana, as defined in 21 U.S.C. § 802(16), or any controlled substance derived from marihuana. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(t)
8. Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or pyrotechnic device. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(f)
9. Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a properly installed and maintained spark arresting device that complies with either Forest Service Standard 5100-1a (as amended), or Society of Automotive Engineers recommended practices J335(b) and J350(a). 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(j). -

EXEMPTIONS:

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

- 1) Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order) specifically exempting them from 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.

This Order will be in effect from 12:01 am on January 1st, 2021 and will remain in effect until December 31, 2024 or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

Executed in Lakewood, Colorado this ____ day of December, 2020

Patricia O'Connor
Regional Forester (Acting)
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).