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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
Caribou-Targhee National Forest

Occupancy and Use

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR §261.50 (a) the following acts are prohibited within the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, until further notice:

1. Possessing, storing, or transporting any aquatic invasive species (animals), as defined by Wyoming Rules, Chapter 62-4 (Aquatic Invasive Species). [36 CFR §261.58(s)]

2. Possessing, storing, or transporting any aquatic invasive species (plants), as defined by Wyoming Rules, Chapter 62-4 (Aquatic Invasive Species). [36 CFR §261.58(t)]

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The area within the boundaries of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest

PURPOSE:

The purpose for this closure is to protect the National Forest System from damage caused by aquatic invasive species, and to cooperate with Wyoming Department of Game and Fish (Forest Service Manual 2900).

Aquatic invasive species, such as quagga /zebra mussels and Eurasian water milfoil, are major threats to natural systems and human infrastructure. These species jeopardize power and water facilities, damage ecosystems, and impair recreation.

DEFINITIONS:

"Aquatic invasive species" means exotic or non-native aquatic organisms that have been determined by the commission to pose a significant threat to the aquatic resources, water supplies or water infrastructure of the state. Wyoming Rules 62-4

Other terms are defined in accordance with 36 CFR §261.2.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000.00 for individuals and $10,000.00 for organizations 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)].
3. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Idaho Falls, ID, this _4th___day of ____June_____, 2012.

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