FOREST ORDER

USDA FOREST SERVICE
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST
Maroon Bells Scenic Area/Maroon Valley

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Maroon Valley and Maroon Bells Scenic Area (the “Restricted Area”) and a portion of Maroon Creek Road (the “Restricted Road”), which are described further below and depicted on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

The Restricted Area and Restricted Road are in the Aspen Ranger District of the White River National Forest in Pitkin County, Colorado and are located in Sections 15, 21, 22, 28, 29,32, and 33, Township 10 South, and Range 85 West, 6th P.M. and Sections 12, 13 and 14, Township 11 South, Range 86 West, 6th P.M.

The Restricted Road is further identified as Maroon Creek Road (NFS Road 125 aka Pitkin County Road 13) from the Aspen Highlands Transportation Center to its terminus near Maroon Lake, excluding Stein Meadow and the East Maroon Trailhead.

The Restricted Area is further defined as Maroon Lake, the ½ mile from the edge of Maroon Lake, and ¼ mile on either side of Maroon Creek Road.

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety, natural resources, and the scenic values of the Maroon Valley and Maroon Bells Scenic Area.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Entering or being in Maroon Lake, including with any non-motor vehicle such as a kayak, canoe, raft, or fishing float tubes. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(k)

2. Possessing or operating a motorboat on Maroon Lake. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(n)

3. Camping in the Restricted Area except in developed recreation sites. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)

4. Using any motor vehicle on the Restricted Road between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from June 7, 2021 to October 24, 2021, unless a person meets one of the exemptions set forth below. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(b)

5. Parking or leaving any motor vehicle in the Restricted Area without a parking reservation from May 14, 2021 to October 24, 2021 or parking or leaving any vehicle in violation of posted instructions. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(g)
6. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire outside of a metal fire ring, stove, grill, or fireplace provided by the Forest Service in the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)

**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 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 fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

3. The following persons are exempt from Prohibition #4 above:
   - Persons driving a vehicle with a valid handicap placard or license plate.
   - Persons with children that require a restraining child seat per Colorado State law.
   - Persons who have paid overnight camping in Silver Bar, Silver Bell, or Silver Queen campgrounds.
   - Vehicles towing horse trailers that need access to the East or West Maroon parking lots.
   - Persons driving a vehicle with an occupancy of more than 11 passengers.
   - Persons leaving Maroon Lake and driving down Maroon Creek Road.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded, or until November 15, 2021, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado this 15th day of April, 2021.

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Forest Supervisor
White River National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for a corporation, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, 3581

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