UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
FLAMING GORGE-VERNAL RANGER DISTRICT

AREA CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the following act is prohibited in the areas described in this order, all within the Flaming Gorge Ranger District, Ashley National Forest until further notice.

1. To go into or be upon the area described below, which is closed for the protection of public health and safety. [Title 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 firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED:

Within 20 feet of the following waters: East Fork Carter Creek, as well as the associated unnamed tributaries of this creek. The Sheep Creek Irrigation Canal upstream of FS road 221 to confluence of the creek and the canal. The legal description for these waters is as follows: Township 1 North, Range 18 East and Range 19 East, sections; 2,3,11,13,14, 24, and 26 (Salt Lake City Baseline and Meridian). The above described area is within the proclaimed and administrative boundaries of the Ashley National Forest, within Daggett County, State of Utah. (See attached map)

PURPOSE:

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is in the process of a native cutthroat trout restoration project using the piscicide rotenone within the Carter and Sheep Creek drainages. This treatment will run August 17, 2021. The closure is necessary to allow ground crews to work safely in and around the aforementioned waters without harm or injury to the public. All use of the water (wading, fishing, swimming, etc.) within the project area will be prohibited. This rotenone treatment is to rid all species of fish in those streams, ponds and tributaries to restore native Colorado River cutthroat trout.
IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect beginning August 17, 2021 and shall remain in effect until August 18, 2021 or until rescinded whichever occurs first.
2. Violation of the above prohibition is punishable by fine of not more than $5,000.00 for an individual or $10,000.00 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)].
3. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Ashley National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Vernal, UT, telephone number (435) 789-1181.
4. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same, or similar acts prohibited by this Order in the areas covered by this Order.

Done at Vernal, Utah this 12th of August 2021.

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ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST