

**FOREST ORDER**  
**USDA – FOREST SERVICE**  
**NEBRASKA NATIONAL FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS**  
**Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest**

**EMERGENCY Closure**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.54 (a), the following acts as described in this order and depicted on the attached map are prohibited on the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest, Cherry County, State of Nebraska. The closure area for this Order (the “Restricted Area”) is depicted on the attached map, which is incorporated in this order as Exhibit A.

This Order is necessary to protect human health and safety and soil, water, and vegetation resources due to remnant flooding and resultant impassability on portions of the Forest Service Road system. The hazardous areas are shown on the attached map and listed below.

**PROHIBITIONS**

1. Using any type of motorized vehicle on a Forest Service Road listed in the “restricted area” and shown on the attached map (36 CFR 261.54(a)).

**RESTRICTED AREA**

The restricted area covers portions of the Forest Service Road System on the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest in Nebraska. The roads are listed below and depicted on the attached map.

- a. Forest Service Road 601 (The portion of the road located in the Powderhorn A pasture)
- b. Forest Service Road 621 (From Merritt Dam Road (Forest Highway 5) westbound to FSR 626 Intersection)
- c. Forest Service Road 622 (Entire Road)
- d. Forest Service Road 623 (Entire Road)
- e. Forest Service Road 627 (The portion of the road located in the Powderhorn A pasture)
- f. Forest Service Road 628 (The easternmost portion)

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty.

This order shall remain in effect until September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

Done at Chadron, Nebraska this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2021.

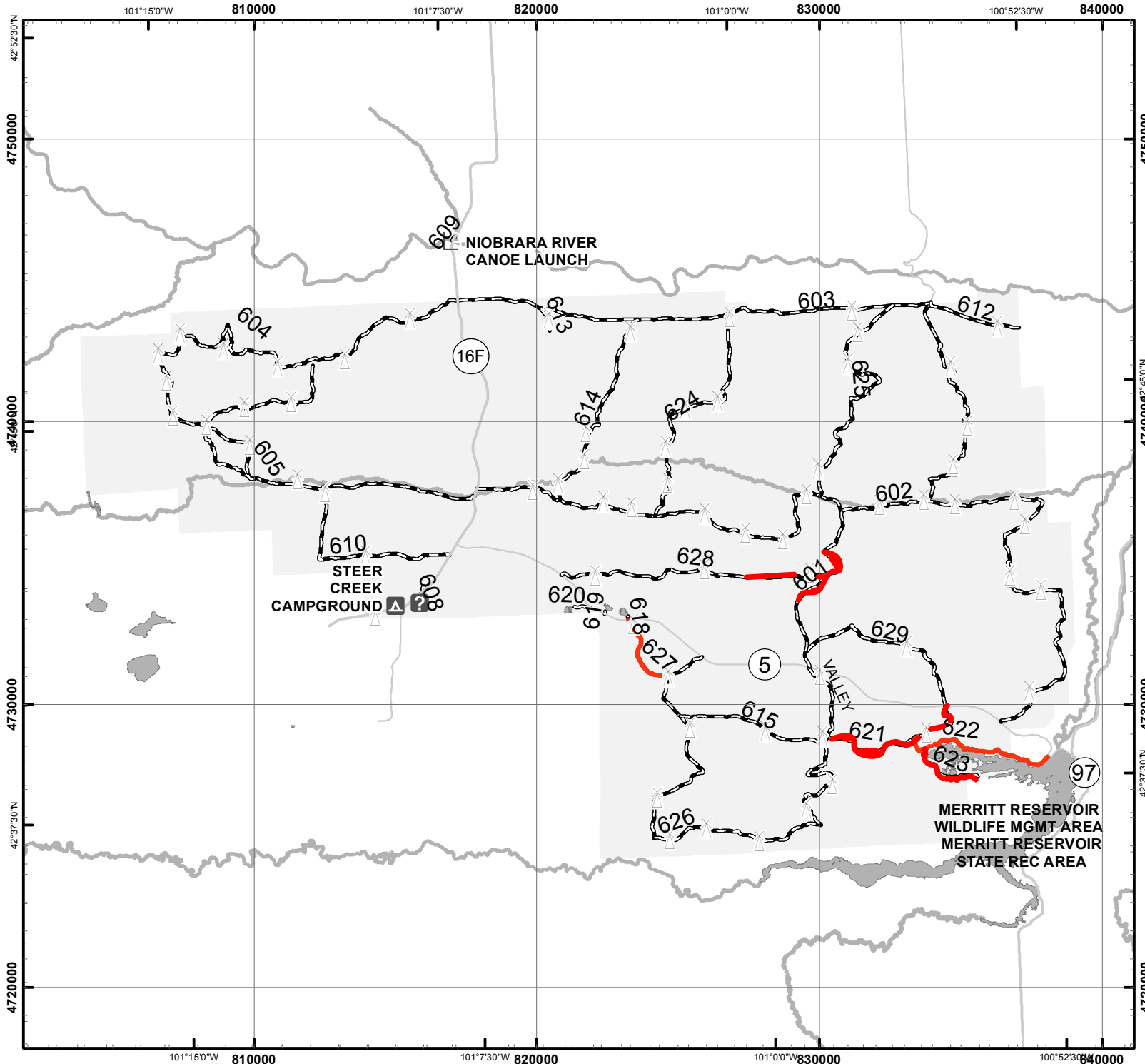
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Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. *Title 16, United States Code, Section 551, Title 18, United States Code, Section 3571.*

# Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest

## High Water Road Closures 2021-2022

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### Legend

- Windmill
- Ranger District Office
- Niobrara River Canoe Launch
- Campground
- Closed roads 2021
- Roads Open to All Vehicles, Yearlong
- Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Yearlong
- State or US Highway
- Other Public Roads
- Lakes
- Rivers
- National Forest System Lands

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