Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) & (b) the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System Lands in the Hyalite Porcupine Buffalo Horn (HPBH) Wilderness Study Area (WSA) as described in Public Law 95-150 and depicted on the attached map (Attachment A).

PROHIBITIONS

1. 36 CFR 261.56 – Use of Vehicles off National Forest System Roads:

   It is prohibited to use or possess any vehicle off of National Forest Systems roads within HPBH WSA

2. 36 CFR 261.55 – Use of Vehicles on National Forest System Trails:

   It is prohibited to use or possess any vehicle on National Forest System trails within the HPBH WSA

For the purposes of these prohibitions a vehicle is defined as a snowmobile, ATV/UTV, tracked ATV/UTV, or any other over-snow vehicle.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A and Order No. 01-11-00-20-02, which further restrict motor vehicle and bicycle use in the HPBH Wilderness Study Area.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is for resource protection and to comply with a court order.

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons and or acts 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. Those vehicles defined and exempted in Order No. 01-11-00-20-02, as specified therein.

4. Snowmobiles are allowed in the area depicted as the WSA Snowmobile Open Area on Attachment A from December 2 – April 15.

5. Snowmobiles may be operated within 300’ of either side of the Big Sky Snowmobile Trail (NFST #900) from December 2 – April 15.

6. Snowmobiles may be operated on the Big Sky Snowmobile Trail (NFST #900) from December 2- April 15.
IMPLEMENTATION

This order will be in effect when signed and will remain in effect for one year from this date or until rescinded.

PENALTIES

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable 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 months, or both. [16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571].

INFORMATION

Further information regarding this order may be obtained by contacting the Bozeman Ranger District at 406-522-2520 and/or the Yellowstone Ranger District Office at 406-222-1892.

Done at Bozeman, Montana this 23rd day of November, 2021

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