

**BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST ORDER**  
**Limit Of Stay And Areas Of Camping Closure**

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System lands of the Bighorn National Forest. Specific Area Closures are depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A.

**PROHIBITIONS:**

1. No person or organization shall camp at, use, store equipment at, or otherwise occupy any single location for a period in excess of fourteen (14) consecutive days during the period from June 1 through September 10, on National Forest System Lands on the Bighorn National Forest. Any new location (campsite or area of occupancy) must be located at least five (5) air miles from the previous location. A location vacated after 14 days of use may not be returned to by the same party for the purpose of camping during the next consecutive 14 day period. From June 1 through September 10, unoccupied storage of camping equipment for longer than 14 days is allowed at locations approved by the Forest Service and signed on the ground as approved storage areas. (36 CFR § 261.58(a))
  
2. Camping is prohibited in the areas listed below during the period from June 1 through September 10, except at developed recreation sites and locations signed on the ground as being open to camping. (36 CFR § 261.58(e)) (See Exhibits A and B).
  - a) An area one half (1/2) mile on either side of Highways 14 and 14A.
  - b) An area one quarter (1/4) mile on either side of Forest System Road (FSR) 26 (Big Goose Road) from US Highway 14 to where FSR 26 crosses Sawmill Divide.
  - c) An area one quarter (1/4) mile on either side of FSR 16 (Black Mountain Road) from intersection with FSR 26 (Big Goose Road) east to the intersection with FSR 223 (Gloom Creek Road).
  - d) An area one quarter (1/4) mile on either side of FSR 125 (Littlehorn Road) from Half Ounce Creek, downstream to the first cattleguard. This includes the area known as Littlehorn Meadows.
  - e) An area one quarter (1/4) mile on either side of FSR 13 and FSR 137 (Porcupine Creek Road) from Porcupine Ranger Station northwest to the end of FSR 137.

**DEFINITIONS:**

“Day” means any single calendar day or portion thereof.

“Camping” means the temporary use of National Forest System land for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently fixed structure. This is interpreted to include the storing or leaving of any camping equipment or other personal property at a location.

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded, or until 12/31/2016, whichever occurs first.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of no more than \$5,000.00 for an individual, or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3571, 18 USC 3559].
3. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous Orders prohibiting the same, or similar, acts in the above-described areas.

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“Location” means the occupied campsite and the National Forest System lands in the immediate vicinity thereof.

**EXEMPTIONS**

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

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, when involved in the performance of an official duty, and with line officer approval.

The Purpose of this order is to establish limits of stay for camping, to protect resources and visual quality within the restricted areas, and to gain compliance with the Revised Bighorn National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

**DONE AT SHERIDAN, WYOMING, THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, \_\_\_\_\_ 2006**

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