

FOREST ORDER**USDA FOREST SERVICE
BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST****Medicine Wheel Restriction Areas**

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551, and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System lands located on the Medicine Wheel / Paintrock Ranger District of the Bighorn National Forest, Big Horn County, State of Wyoming, and identified as the Medicine Wheel Recreation Area, Medicine Wheel Area, and Medicine Wheel Snowmobile Area (the "Restricted Areas") as shown on the attached maps, Exhibits A, B, and C, hereby incorporated into this Order.

PROHIBITIONS

1. Camping within the Medicine Wheel Recreation Area (Exhibit A). 36 CFR 261.58(e)
2. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest System roads within the Medicine Wheel Recreation Area (Exhibit A). 36 CFR 261.56
3. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire within the Medicine Wheel Recreation Area (Exhibit A). 36 CFR 261.52(a)
4. Going into or being upon the fenced enclosure of the Medicine Wheel Area (Exhibit B). 36 CFR 261.53(c)
5. Bringing into or possessing a dog in the Medicine Wheel Recreation Area (Exhibit A). 36 CFR 261.58(s)
6. Bringing into or possessing a dog in the fenced enclosure of the Medicine Wheel Area or on the footpath immediately outside the rope fence that surrounds the Medicine Wheel Area (Exhibit B). The legal location is T56N, R92W, Section 16.
36 CFR 261.58(s)
7. Parking or leaving a vehicle in violation of posted instructions in the Medicine Wheel Recreation Area (Exhibit A). 36 CFR 261.58(g)
8. Possessing or using an over-snow vehicle within the Medicine Wheel Snowmobile Area (Exhibit C). 36 CFR 261.53(c) and 36 CFR 261.56

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.
3. Persons who are traditional Indian religious practitioners or traditional Indian peoples, meaning those Native Americans who practice a religion whose origin and interpretation are from within a traditional American Indian culture or community are exempt from Prohibitions 1, 3, 4, and 7.

4. Persons using a guide or service animal or persons bringing in or possessing a dog upon a leash that is not longer than six feet are exempt from Prohibition 5.
5. Persons using a guide or service animal are exempt from bringing a dog onto the footpath immediately outside the rope fence that surrounds the Medicine Wheel Area but are subject to the rest of Prohibition 6.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Order, the following definitions apply: 36 CFR § 261.2

Camping: The temporary use of National Forest System lands for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently-fixed structure.

Campfire: Any charcoal or wood burning fire including in an enclosed stove.

Motor Vehicle: means any vehicle which is self-propelled, other than any wheelchair or mobility device, including one that is battery-powered, that is designed solely for the use by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion, and is suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area.

National Forest System road: A road wholly or partly within, or adjacent to, and serving the National Forest System, that the Forest Service determines is necessary for the protection, administration, and utilization of the National Forest System and the use and development of its resources. Roads are motor vehicle routes over 50 inches wide, unless identified and managed as a trail.

Over-snow vehicles: means a motor vehicle that runs on a track or tracks and/or ski or skis, while in use over snow.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

This Order shall be in effect until December 31, 2019, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

DONE AT SHERIDAN, WYOMING THIS 27TH DAY OF April 2015



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Violation of these prohibitions are 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 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571