

**FOREST ORDER**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION—ALL NATIONAL FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS**

**Weed Free Forage Products Order**

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System lands within the Rocky Mountain Region, U.S. Forest Service, (the "Restricted Area") and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Area (the "Restricted Roads and Trails").

The Restricted Area is further described as: All National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the Rocky Mountain Region within the States of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to prevent the introduction and spread of noxious weeds on National Forest System lands.

**PROHIBITIONS**

Possessing, storing, or transporting any hay, hay cubes, straw, grain, or other forage or mulch product, without:

1. Original and current documentation which meets or exceeds the North American Weed Free Forage (NAWFF) standards, [http://www.naisma.org/images/NAISMA\\_WFF\\_Minimum\\_Standards\\_10\\_25\\_2017.pdf](http://www.naisma.org/images/NAISMA_WFF_Minimum_Standards_10_25_2017.pdf), or comparable certification standard issued through a State certification process.
2. Tags, twine, or other certification marking on all individual bales, containers, sacks, etc., as required or provided for by the product's State of origin [36 C.F.R. § 261.58(t)].

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following are exempt from the prohibitions in this Order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from this Order. [36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e)(1)]
2. Any member of an organized rescue force in the performance of an official duty under emergency conditions. [36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e)(4)]

3. Feed pellets one inch in diameter and smaller or steam-rolled feed grains. [36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e)(6)]
4. Persons transporting forage products across National Forest System lands without unloading or using the products on National Forest System lands, roads, or trails. [36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e)(6)]

#### IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2020 or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC §§ 3571 and 3581 (b)(7)]
3. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same, or similar, acts in the above-described areas.

Done at Lakewood, CO, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.



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