

ORDER NO. 2010-02
OCCUPANCY AND USE REGULATIONS
BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST
CLOUD PEAK WILDERNESS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited in the Cloud Peak Wilderness until this Order is rescinded or December 31, 2015 whichever event occurs first.

The purpose of this Order is to protect the Wilderness Resource.

1. *Entering or being in the Cloud Peak Wilderness. [36 C.F.R. § 261.57(a)]*
2. *Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire, other than a self-contained chemical stove above 9200 feet in elevation. [36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)]*
3. *Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire below 9200 feet in elevation without confining same in a fire blanket or within a fire pan or enclosed stove so as not to be directly on the ground. [36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)]*
4. *Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire within 300 feet of lakes, streams, or Forest Service designated trails below 9200 feet in elevation. [36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)]*
5. *Possessing, storing, or transporting any part of a tree including branches, limbs or trunk above 9200 feet in elevation. [36 C.F.R. § 261.58t)]*
6. *Camping within 100 feet of all lakes, streams or other free flowing waters. [36 CFR 261.58(e)]*
7. *Hitching, tethering, restraining or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal to a live tree, except while loading or unloading. [36 C.F.R. § 261.58(aa)]*
8. *Hitching, tethering, restraining or hobbling a horse or other pack animal within 100 feet of lakes or streams, except when loading or unloading. [36 C.F.R. § 261.58(aa)]*
9. *Failure to dispose of debris garbage, or other waste including camp structures such as hitching racks, tent frames, and pegs after the use period. [36 C.F.R. § 261.57(g)]*
10. *Using the Cloud Peak Wilderness with a group larger than 10 people and/or with more than 15 head of recreation stock in any group, larger groups than permitted must split into separate groups which meet the group size limits and must remain a minimum of 1/2 mile apart even at campsites. Groups may have an additional 2 people in their group over the 10 person maximum party size if a member of the group is trained in "Leave No Trace" outdoor skills and ethics and they have a copy of their certification with them. [36 C.F.R. § 261.58(f)]*
11. *Short cutting a switchback in a trail. [36 C.F.R. § 261.55(e)]*

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 except for prohibitions 6 , 7, and 8.*
- 3. Persons or groups with a self-issue registration signed and in possession of the person or group for each visit is exempt from Prohibition No. 1.*

For the purposes of this order, the following definitions apply:

"Camping" means the temporary use of National Forest Systems lands for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently-fixed structure.

"Campfire" means any wood burning fire including wood or charcoal burning enclosed stoves.

DONE AT SHERIDAN, WYOMING, THIS 15th DAY OF December, 2009.



WILLIAM T. BASS
FOREST SUPERVISOR

Violations of this prohibition is punishable as Class B misdemeanors, by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both, [16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571)