

Appendix 21

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There are numerous rules and regulations governing the occupancy and use of National Forest System lands. They may be found at CFR Title 36, Part 261 - Prohibitions, are applicable to the National Forests and National Grasslands. Copies of Title 36 are on file at all Forest Supervisor and District Ranger offices. Additional rules may be enacted under the authority of the Forest Supervisor. These are called ‘forest orders’ or sometimes ‘closure orders.’ All state criminal and traffic laws apply to the National Forest System lands as well.

General Rules for Use of Federal Recreation Lands

Camping

- If you are staying at a campground, you must camp only in those places specifically provided or marked.
- All vehicles, RVs, and trailers must be parked on your campsite or driveway. Driving or parking off road is not permitted.
- Quiet hours are between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Please be considerate of others.
- Camping longer than 14 consecutive days is generally not allowed
- The number of camping units per campsite varies and is set locally.

Sanitation

- Help prevent pollution by keeping garbage, litter, and foreign substances out of lakes, streams, and other waters.
- All garbage and litter must either be deposited in containers provided, or taken with you when you leave.

Campfires

- Obey any restrictions on fires. Fires may be limited or prohibited at certain times.
- Within campgrounds and other recreation areas, fires may only be built in fire rings, stoves, grills, or fireplaces provided for that purpose.
- Be sure your fire is completely extinguished before leaving. Do not leave your fire unattended. You are responsible for keeping fires under control.

Vehicle Operation

- Drivers must obey all traffic signs and operate their vehicles in accordance with posted regulations, and applicable Federal, State and local laws.
- Vehicles must be parked in designated areas only.
- Use of vehicles within campgrounds and other recreation areas is limited to entering or leaving those areas.

Pets and Animals

- Pets must be restrained or on a leash at all times while in developed recreation areas.
- Pets (except guide dogs) are not allowed in swimming areas or sanitary facilities.
- Saddle or pack animals are only allowed where authorized by posted instructions.

Fireworks

- Use of fireworks or other explosives within campgrounds and other recreation areas is prohibited.

Public Property

- Preserve and protect your National Forests, National Parks, and Corps of Engineers Lake areas. Leave natural areas the way you find them.
- Do not carve, chop, cut and damage any live trees.

General Notice

- All visitors and users of Federal Recreation Lands are subject to Federal Regulations.
- The points of conduct listed here are included and enforceable through Federal Regulations.

Rules and Regulations Specific to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland

Specific rules and regulations can be found at: www.fs.usda.gov/arp. Click the link for Alerts & Notices. Then click on individual Ranger Districts show under Closures. This will link to “Orders” which are additional rules and regulations formulated by the Regional Forester or the Forest Supervisor. Some of these orders are long-term and on-going, while others are shorter term in nature. Also, of interest to outdoor users would be Motor Vehicle Use Maps, which show the open roads and motorized trails. This is found at the same internet site. Look for Motor Vehicle Use Maps on the right-hand side of the page(as of 11/2010).