Order No: 2011-27

ORDER
FIRE AND SMOKING RESTRICTIONS
MEDICINE BOW NATIONAL FOREST
AND THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551,and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within Thunder Basin National Grassland of the Medicine Bow National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland, within the state of Wyoming. The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or stove fire. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to charcoal grills, hibachis and coal or wood burning stoves (36 CFR § 261.52(a)).

   EXCEPTIONS: Petroleum fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices are allowed on all National Forest Service lands provided such devices meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety.

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR § 261.52(d).

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 prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or Local Officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety due to the high fire danger.

This Order becomes effective at 8:00 AM, September 29, 2011, and will remain in force until rescinded or until December 31, 2010, which event ever occurs first

Done at Laramie, Wyoming, this 29th day of September 2011.

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Thunder Basin National Grassland

Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than $5000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. 16 USC § 551, and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.