



## News Release

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests &  
Thunder Basin National Grassland  
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### **Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests Offer Mushroom Permits**

**(Laramie, WY. - June 11, 2013)** – Permits for harvesting wild mushrooms are now available at all six Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests (MBR) ranger district offices. Both personal and commercial-use permits are required for mushroom collection on lands managed by the MBR.

Personal-use permits, which are free-of-charge, allow permitted individuals to collect up to one gallon per day, or up to five gallons per calendar year. One gallon of non-dried mushrooms equals approximately five pounds. These are available on both the Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests.

Commercial permits cost \$20 each and allow permit holders to harvest up to 50 pounds (about 10 gallons) in one seven-day period. Individuals are allowed to purchase up to five commercial permits each calendar year. At this time, commercial permits are only available on the Medicine Bow National Forest.

Forest managers expect to see an increase in mushroom production in the nearly 49,000 acres of MBR-managed lands that were burned during the active 2012 wildland fire season. However, the public is reminded that there is increased risk of falling trees in burned areas. Even during non windy days, trees weakened by fire or beetles can fall in any direction and without warning. Another caution for collectors is that mushrooms need to be correctly identified to ensure they are safe for human consumption.

Restrictions on where mushrooms can be harvested apply to both personal and commercial-use permits. Most notably, harvesting mushrooms is prohibited in Wilderness Areas, Research Natural Areas and Special Interest Areas.

To obtain a permit or more information about mushroom harvesting on the MBR, please contact your local ranger district below.

#### **Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District Office**

*Hours:* Mon – Fri, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
2171 State Highway 130  
Saratoga, Wyo., (307-326-5258)

#### **Douglas Ranger District Office**

*Hours:* Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (closed 12-1 p.m.)  
2250 E. Richards St.  
Douglas, Wyo., (307-358-4690)

#### **Hahns Peak-Bears Ears District Office**

*Hours:* Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
925 Weiss Drive  
Steamboat Springs, Colo., (970-870-2299)

#### **Laramie Ranger District Office**

*Hours:* Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
2468 Jackson Street  
Laramie, Wyo., (307-745-2300)

#### **Parks District Office**

*Hours:* Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
100 Main Street  
Walden, Colo., (970-723-8204)

#### **Yampa District Office**

*Hours:* Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
300 Roselawn Street  
Yampa, Colo. (970-638-4516)

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