

**SPECIAL ORDER
GREATER YELLOWSTONE AREA WILDERNESS RESTRICTIONS**

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION	-BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST: Bridger, Teton and Gros Ventre Wildernesses -CARIBOU-TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST: Winegar Hole and Jedediah Smith Wildernesses
NORTHERN REGION	-BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST: Lee Metcalf Wilderness -CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST: Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness -GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST: Absaroka- Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION	-SHOSHONE NATIONAL FOREST: Absaroka-Beartooth, North Absaroka, Washakie, Fitzpatrick, and Popo Agie Wildernesses

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations Section 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited as described below, within the designated Wilderness boundaries of the Greater Yellowstone Area National Forests listed above. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and become effective when signed and will remain in effect until rescinded.

- (1) Shortcutting a switchback in a trail. 36 CFR 261.55(e)
- (2) Allowing free trailing of pack or saddle stock on Forest Service System Trails. 36 CFR 261.55(c)
- (3) Weed-free forage is required. Refer to the Regional Order that applies to the local Forest.
 - Bridger-Teton and Caribou-Targhee National Forests: refer to Order Number 04-00-097 dated February 11, 2003, or more recent version.
 - Beaverhead-Deerlodge, Custer and Gallatin National Forests: refer to Special Order for Occupancy and Use on National Forest System Lands in the State of Montana dated 10/09/1997, or more recent version.
 - Shoshone National Forest: refer to Order Number R2-2005-01 dated June 20, 2005, or more recent version.
- (4) Hitching, tethering, or picketing horses or other livestock in violation of posted trailhead instructions, within 200 feet of a lake or 100 feet of a stream or other free-flowing water. 36 CFR 261.58(aa)
- (5) Camping in a single location for a period longer than 16 consecutive days. The term 'location' means the occupied undeveloped campsite and the lands within a five mile radius of the campsite. After leaving a location, a minimum of seven days is required before any group or person(s) from that group may reoccupy their original location. More restrictive stay limits may apply in some areas, check with the local district office. 36 CFR 261.58(a)
- (6) Entering or being in a designated Wilderness in possession of or for the purpose of placement of salt for attracting wildlife. 36 CFR 261.58(cc)

The following are exempt from this prohibition:

- (1) Persons with salt used for culinary purposes within camps or residences.
 - (2) Persons with salt packaged and enroute to or from a camp or residence.
 - (3) Persons providing salt to pack and saddle stock in approved corrals or other approved livestock feeding locations in the immediate vicinity of a camp.
- (7) Possessing or using a wagon, cart or other vehicle (including 'game carts'). 36 CFR 261.57(h)
- Persons using a wheelchair as a necessary medical appliance are exempt from this prohibition.
- (8) Storing equipment, personal property or supplies. 36 CFR 261.57 (f)
- (9) Disposing of debris, garbage, or other waste. 36 CFR 261.57(g)

(10) Traveling or using a campsite or other area in a group larger than the number identified below. Larger groups must split into two or more smaller groups and remain a minimum of 1/2 mile apart. 36 CFR 261.58(f)

15 Person Group Size Limitation: Lee Metcalf, Absaroka-Beartooth, Bridger and the Gros Ventre.

20 Person Group Size Limitation: Teton, Winegar Hole, Jedediah Smith, North Absaroka, Washakie, Fitzpatrick, and the Popo Agie.

(11) Using more than the following number of horses or packstock in any group to the following Wildernesses. 36 CFR 261.55(c)

15 Stock Limitation: Spanish Peaks Unit of the Lee Metcalf and the East Unit of the Absaroka-Beartooth.

20 Stock Limitation: Winegar Hole, Jedediah Smith, Taylor Hilgard and Monument Mountain Units of the Lee Metcalf.

25 Stock Limitation: Bridger, Gros Ventre, Teton, and the West Unit of the Absaroka-Beartooth.

30 Stock Limitation: North Absaroka, Washakie, Fitzpatrick, Popo Agie.

Exemptions:

Pursuant to 36 CFR Section 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fighting force, in the performance of an official duty.

McGill Stewart 16 Apr 09
Acting Forest Supervisor Date
Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Log Trenchel 4-15-09
Forest Supervisor Date
Caribou-Targhee National Forest

Mary Eubank 4/15/09
Forest Supervisor Date
Gallatin National Forest

Krissy Hamilton 4/15/09
Forest Supervisor Date
Bridger-Teton National Forest

Mary Eubank 4/15/09
Acting Forest Supervisor Date
Custer National Forest

Tanya A. Root 4/9/09
Acting Forest Supervisor Date
Shoshone National Forest

Penalty:

Violations of these Prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. [16 U.S.C. 551, and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571]

Notification: A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.