

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST**

Occupancy and Use

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) the following acts are prohibited within the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

1. Possessing, storing or transporting any aquatic invasive species (animals), as defined by Wyoming Rules, Chapter 62-4 (Aquatic Invasive Species). **36CFR 261.58(s)**
2. Possessing, storing, or transporting any aquatic invasive species (plants), as defined by Wyoming Rules, Chapter 62-4 (Aquatic Invasive Species). **36 CFR 261.58(t)**

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The area within the Boundaries of the Bridger Teton-National Forest.

DEFINITION:

"Aquatic invasive species" means exotic or non-native aquatic organisms that have been determined by the commission to pose a significant threat to the aquatic resources, water supplies, or water infrastructure of the state. Wyoming Rules 62-4

PURPOSE:

The purpose for this closure is to protect the National Forest System from damage caused by aquatic invasive species, and to cooperate with Wyoming Department of Game and Fish (Forest Service Manual 2900).

Aquatic invasive species such as quagga/zebra mussels and Eurasian water milfoil, are major threats to natural systems and human infrastructure. These jeopardize power and water facilities, damage ecosystems, and impair recreation.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until April 30, 2029 or rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals, and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
3. Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Jackson, Wyoming this 18 ^{October} day of ~~September~~, 2019.



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