



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS & THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL
GRASSLAND
DOUGLAS RANGER DISTRICT**

Laramie Peak, Staging Area, Road, and Trail Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails in the Douglas Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, the “Described Area”:

1. To go into or be in any area which is closed or restricted for the protection of public health or safety. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e),
2. Being on the road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e),
3. Being on a trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a),

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service Permit No. DGL361 (US-WY-5004, Laramie Peak) authorized to decommission the Laramie Peak communication site.
2. Persons with Forest Service approved Notice to Proceed (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1).
3. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
4. Residents in the area.

DESCRIBED AREA

The Described location closed in their entirety are:

- NFS Bear Creek Road (NFS-671) from the North Entrance (42°16'17.99"N, 105°30'16.29"W) to the South entrance (42°15'4.28"N, 105°29'50.63"W), access to National Forest System lands. Closure of Bear Creek Road will close access to all public land opportunities to the East of the Road up to Laramie Peak Communication Site (42°16'4.16"N, 105°26'34.17"W).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety during the decommissioning of a communications site on Laramie Peak. The decommission process will include the staging area, aerial sling load operations, and the dismantling of decommissioned communication site equipment. Planned sling load operations will occur approximately between May 26 thru June 26, 2026.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from May 26, at **0600 hours** through June 26 at **1800 hours**, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is incorporated into this Order as Appendix A. For a digital version of this Order and Appendix A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r02/mbrtb/about-area/faqs/forest-orders>
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Douglas Ranger District Office in Douglas, Wyoming, 307-358-4690, and at the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland Supervisor's Office in Laramie, Wyoming, 307-745-2300.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Order Number: # 142

Signed in Laramie, Wyoming, and issued on May-23, 2026.

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