

United States Department of Agriculture

Forest Service

Thunder Basin National Grassland

Douglas Ranger District

SPECIAL CLOSURE ORDER

ORDER No. MBRTB-2019-DGLS-101

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following prohibitions are in effect on the Thunder Basin National Grassland

When Provided in an order, it is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of: PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY (36 CFR 261.53 (e)).

When Provided by an order, the following are prohibited: BEING ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS AND TRAILS WITHIN THE CLOSURE AREA AS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT A AND DESCRIBED BELOW. (36 CFR 261.54(e))

This order is for the protection of the public due to safety hazards of mine operations at Black Thunder Mine. This order supplements the motor vehicle use map (MVUM) and travel plan for the Thunder Basin National Grassland. The area closure includes roads as shown in Exhibit A. This Closure Order will go into effect on April 11, 2019 and remain in effect until April 11, 2024

DESCRIPTION OF AREA closed to motorized traffic and human presence: These National Grassland areas are located in Campbell County, Wyoming, 6th Principal Meridian as shown in Exhibit A and described as:

T42N, R71W, Section 1: S ½ NW ¼

T42N, R71W, Section 2: NW ¼, S ½ NE ¼, NW ¼ NE ¼

This area is situated east of County Road 52 (Hilight Road) and north of County Road 83 (Reno Road).

All roads and trails defining the closure area as well as those within the closure area are closed. This order applies to the following National Forest System Roads: 1119, 1119.H, 1119.HA, and 1119.I.

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

- (1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- (2) Any Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR part 261, Subpart A.

Executed in Laramie, Wyoming this 11th day of April, 2019.



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Violation of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).